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HOUSE JOURNAL

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, January 13, 2025

First Legislative Day

The Representatives-elect of the General Assembly of Georgia for the years 2025-2026 met pursuant to law in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and were called to order by William L. Reilly, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The following communications were received:

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

May 7, 2024

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

Dear Speaker Burns:

Attached are veto messages for legislation which passed the General Assembly during the 2024 Regular Session. I have vetoed House Bills 228, 441, 866, 956, 1019, 1123, 1192, 1231, and 1479.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. House Bills 228, 441, 866, 956, 1019, 1123, 1192, 1231, and 1479, and the corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

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

State of Georgia
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May 7, 2024

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

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

Dear Lieutenant Governor Jones and Senator Kennedy:

Attached are veto messages for legislation which passed the General Assembly during the 2024 Regular Session. I have vetoed Senate Bills 198, 203, and 368.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. Senate Bills 198, 203, and 368, and the corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

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GOVERNOR BRIAN P. KEMP
2024 SESSION OF THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETO MESSAGES

VETO 1

House Bill 228 would expand Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Program, HOPE Scholarship, and Dual Enrollment Program eligibility for certain private for-profit institutions. Despite each of these programs having finite resources, the General Assembly proposed many *ad hoc* pieces of legislation to expand institution eligibility without additional funding or fiscal analysis addressing the impact of such expansion on current appropriations. While I recognize the utility of tuition equalization grants for particular educational needs, the diversion of taxpayer funds to private institutions should only be sought on a measured and consistent basis.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 228.**

VETO 2

House Bill 441 would create a statutory framework to regulate the practice of teledentistry in Georgia. The bill would also mandate that health insurers, including Georgia's State Health Benefit Plan and Medicaid care management organizations, provide coverage for teledentistry by January 1, 2024. Notwithstanding the date error, which mandates coverage for teledentistry before the bill would even take effect, the fiscal impact of this mandate was not analyzed or funded by the General Assembly. Adding teledentistry coverage without a full understanding of the fiscal impact risks financial harm to the State and affected employees. While I support expanding benefits to our state employees and access to dental services, I cannot do so without a clear understanding of the financial implications.

I appreciate that the growing practice of teledentistry in Georgia promotes expanded access to dental care, particularly for rural Georgians who may not have access to a local dentist. House Bill 441, however, may also inadvertently remove access to teledentistry services that are currently available, such as providing emergency advice to a patient. My hope is that we can continue to expand access to safe and affordable dental care through teledentistry, rather than limit its proven utility due to unintended legislative consequences. I look forward to working with the General Assembly next year to revisit this issue.
For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 441**.

VETO 3

House Bill 866 would create the Pike County Public Facilities Authority.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 866.**

VETO 4

House Bill 956 would allow the Superior Court judges of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit to vote annually to select their chief judge for a one-year term.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 956.**

VETO 5

House Bill 1019, as originally introduced, would have raised the state-wide homestead tax exemption from $2,000 to $4,000 upon voter approval through a referendum. After the Senate Finance Committee changed the exemption amount, the Senate adopted a floor amendment late on the final day of the legislative session to return the bill to its original form. This amendment, however, did not change the language of the constitutionally required voter referendum, which references a $10,000 exemption. Voters would therefore be approving a different exemption which the legislature did not pass, while the statutory language would never receive the voter approval needed for it to take effect. This conflict between the statutory language and the referendum language precludes implementation of House Bill 1019.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 1019.**

VETO 6

House Bill 1123 would establish an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary ("AANEM") Coordinator Program within the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council ("PAC") to provide a network of regional coordinators. Upon such program being funded by the General Assembly, the district attorney of each judicial circuit would be required to establish an AANEM Team, which would be overseen and managed by one of multiple regional coordinators employed by PAC. This bill would also create an elder justice coalition for various purposes related to elder abuse response and prevention, including creating a law enforcement training for responding to instances of disabled adult and elder abuse to be implemented by the Georgia Public Safety and Training Center ("GPSTC"). The coalition would be operated by a PAC-employed state-wide coordinator.

Fiscal estimates show that the proposals in this bill would require annual funding of at least $1,658,025 to PAC and $520,354 to GPSTC. Despite these substantial costs, the General Assembly failed to fund both the AANEM Program and the elder justice coalition.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 1123**.

VETO 7

House Bill 1192 would implement a two-year pause on the issuance of sales and use tax exemption certificates to high-technology data centers and data center customers. Only two years ago the legislature extended these tax exemptions for an additional three years, through 2031. The bill's language would prevent the issuance of exemption certificates

after an abrupt July 1, 2024 deadline for many customers of projects that are already in development—undermining the investments made by high-technology data center operators, customers, and other stakeholders in reliance on the recent extension, and inhibiting important infrastructure and job development.
For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 1192**.

VETO 8

House Bill 1231 would expand Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant ("TEG") Program, HOPE Scholarship, and Dual Enrollment Program eligibility for certain private, nonprofit institutions, allow HOPE Scholarship recipients to utilize unused credit hours to pursue a first professional degree, and remove the initial and first-year achievement standards of the HOPE Scholarship for former foster youths. None of these three proposals were accompanied by additional funding or fiscal analysis.

As addressed in my veto statement for House Bill 228, expansion of TEG, HOPE Scholarship, and Dual Enrollment eligibility should only be sought on a measured and consistent basis with a full understanding of the expansion's financial impact on such programs.

Further, the Georgia Student Finance Commission estimates that there are approximately 108,000 unused HOPE credit hours and, if fully utilized by their recipients to pursue professional degrees, House Bill 1231 could impose a cost in excess of $25,000,000 on HOPE funding.

I was proud to restore the promise made long ago to Georgia's students by fully funding the HOPE Scholarship in 2023. To maintain that promise, and the financial support upon which it stands, we must only consider expansion with a full understanding of the effect it will have on available funds.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 1231.**

VETO 9

House Bill 1479 would allow the Probate Court of Ware County to impose a technology fee of up to $5.00 on civil action filing fees and outstanding fines.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 1479.**

VETO 10

Senate Bill 198 would require the Department of Community Health's State Health Benefit Plan ("SHBP") pharmacy benefits manager(s) ("PBMs") to reimburse independent pharmacies filling plan member prescriptions in an amount not less than the average reimbursement provided to chain retail pharmacies for the same drug. The bill would also require compliance certification, records production, and cooperation from PBM(s). While

I support independent pharmacies and the need for PBM transparency, fiscal estimates show the proposals in this bill would cost the Department between $11,000,000 and $45,000,000 per plan year and the General Assembly failed to fund this initiative.

Despite the lack of funding for this bill, the State's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, House Bill 916, directs the Department to use existing funds for an actuarial study on SHBP independent pharmacy prescription drug reimbursements and PBM outpatient pharmacy benefit practices. House Bill 916 also provides SHBP one-time funding for a $3.00 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists and provides funds to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for independent low-volume pharmacies filling Medicaid prescriptions. These budget items provide an appropriate, fiscally sound approach to supporting independent pharmacists this year while obtaining necessary information to aid the Department in evaluating current and future management of the State's pharmacy plan and the General Assembly in examining PBM practices in future legislative sessions.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO SENATE BILL 198**.

VETO 11

Senate Bill 203 would require the Technical College System of Georgia to offer tuition-free commercial driver's license ("CDL") training programs to veterans, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. This proposal was previously included in House Bill 249, which I vetoed on the grounds that the General Assembly failed to fund the initiative. The General Assembly also failed to fund Senate Bill 203 this year. I remain in steadfast support of our veterans and would encourage those wishing to pursue CDL training to seek out currently funded resources to cover tuition costs such as the Hope Career Grant.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO SENATE BILL 203.**

VETO 12

Senate Bill 368 would prohibit foreign nationals from making political contributions, which is already prohibited by federal law, and impose additional state-level registration requirements on agents of foreign principals, some of which were unintended by the bill's sponsor.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO SENATE BILL 368.**

State of Georgia
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May 7, 2024

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

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

Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I have identified language to disregard for the following sections in House Bill 916:

Non-Binding Information Language to Disregard:

- Section 8, pertaining to the Prosecuting Attorneys, page 11, line 327.
- Section 8, pertaining to the Prosecuting Attorneys, page 11, line 328.
- Section 9, pertaining to Superior Courts, page 13, line 395.
- Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1184.
- Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 56, line 1799.
- Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 61, line 1955.
- Section 25, pertaining to the Employees' Retirement System, page 64, line 2045,
- Section 37, pertaining to the Georgia Public Defender Council, page 95, line 3089.
- Section 37, pertaining to the Georgia Public Defender Council, page 95, line 3091.
- Section 37, pertaining to the Georgia Public Defender Council, page 95, line 3095.
- Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission, page 123, line 4048.
- Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, page 141, line 4603.

The messages for the previously referenced items are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

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

HB 916 – FY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

INTENT LANGUAGE CONSIDERED NON-BINDING

Section 8, pertaining to the Prosecuting Attorneys, page 11, line 327:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $237,228 in state general funds to the Prosecuting Attorneys for the District Attorneys program to fund three assistant district attorneys for new judgeships in Douglas, Houston, and Tifton Judicial Circuits. Of these funds, $79,076 was added for SB 347 to provide for an additional judge in the Douglas Judicial Circuit. As SB 347 was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2024 Session, these funds are not needed in FY 2025, Therefore, the agency is instructed to disregard the language in Line 327 regarding the additional judgeship in the Douglas Judicial Circuit.

Section 8, pertaining to the Prosecuting Attorneys, page 11, line 328:
The General Assembly seeks to instruct the State Commission on Compensation to convene, research and provide recommendations on salary plans for the job titles of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders and report final recommendations by August 1, 2024, to include for consideration in the FY 2026 budget. The State Commission on Compensation is authorized under O.C.G.A. 45-7-90 to assist the General Assembly in setting the compensation of officers and other state positions whose compensation is set by Constitution, by law, or by Act of the General Assembly. As the salaries of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders are not set by state law, review of their salary plans is outside the scope provided for in O.C.G.A. 457-90, and therefore, associated recommendations from the Commission for these positions shall be considered unofficial recommendations.

Section 9, pertaining to Superior Courts, page 13, line 395:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $218,555 in state general funds to the Superior Courts for the Superior Court Judges program to fund one additional judgeship for the Douglas Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 347. As SB 347 was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2024 Session, these funds are not needed in FY 2025. Therefore, the agency is instructed to disregard the language in Line 395 regarding the Douglas Judicial Circuit judgeship.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 38, line 1184:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $6,200,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the State Health Benefit Plan program to provide one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists to be administered by a pharmacy benefits manager that has been in business for at least 10 years, agrees to act as a fiduciary for the State of Georgia, has experience administering pharmacy benefits for the State of Georgia or a Georgia municipality or county, and has no ownership directly or through a subsidiary or affiliate company in an insurer licensed under Title 33 or a retail, mail order, or specialty pharmacy licensed or holding a nonresident pharmacy permit under Title 26. The procurement process necessary to identify a provider able to meet the above requirements could result in a lengthy delay in administering the underlying $3 per prescription dispensing fee increase for independent pharmacists. Therefore, the agency is authorized to utilize existing resources to implement the interim dispensing fee increase for independent pharmacists.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 56, line 1799:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $6,111,300 in state general funds to the Department of Education in the Curriculum Development — Special Project program for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) for regional literacy coaches, with at least one at each RESA ($4,000,000); supplements for 950 school literacy leads upon the completion of an accredited training model ($1,022,675); and training for local coaches, teachers, and supplemental training for ESOL teachers, prioritizing training to schools identified by the RESA as needing additional literacy intervention ($1,088,625). In administering the Special Project, the Department shall also ensure that RESAs literacy initiatives funded through this program are aligned with the recommendations of the Georgia Literacy Council to maintain consistency statewide in addressing student literacy needs.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 61, line 1955:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $108,905,000 in state general funds to the Department of Education in the School Security Grants program to establish school security grants for safety infrastructure and POST certified personnel. In order to ensure that school systems have flexibility to meet the needs of both their system and individual schools, the Department shall implement the grant program to provide flexibility for local education agencies to utilize funds for school security needs including, but not limited to, safety infrastructure and POST certified personnel as well as training, equipment, planning, or other school safety needs as identified by the local education agency.

Section 25, pertaining to the Employees' Retirement System, page 64, line 2045:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $6,000 in state general funds to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia for the System Administration (ERS) program to implement HB 472. As HB 472 was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2024 Session,

these funds are not needed for FY 2025. Therefore, the agency is instructed to disregard the language in Line 2045 and withhold spending the associated appropriation.

Section 37, pertaining to the Georgia Public Defender Council, page 95, line 3089:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $211,169 in state general funds to the Georgia Public Defender Council for the Public Defenders program to fund three assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in Douglas, Houston, and Tifton Judicial Circuits. $61,188 was specifically added for SB 347 to provide for an additional judge in the Douglas Judicial Circuit. As SB 347 was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2024 Session, these funds are not needed in FY 2025. Therefore, the agency is instructed to disregard the language in Line 3089 regarding the Douglas Judicial Circuit judgeship.

Section 37, pertaining to the Georgia Public Defender Council, page 95, line 3091:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $431,795 in state general funds to the Georgia Public Defender Council for the Public Defenders program for seven attorney positions at the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. The funding as appropriated would not support seven additional positions on an annualized basis. Therefore, the agency is instructed to disregard the language in line 3091 specifying seven additional positions and instead shall hire only positions for which a full twelve months of expense is provided for in this appropriation.

Section 37, pertaining to the Georgia Public Defender Council, page 95, line 3095:
The General Assembly seeks to instruct the State Commission on Compensation to convene, research and provide recommendations on salary plans for the job titles of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders and report final recommendations by August 1, 2024, to include for consideration in the FY 2026 budget. The State Commission on Compensation is authorized under O. C.G.A. 45-7-90 to assist the General Assembly in setting the compensation of officers and other state positions whose compensation is set by Constitution, by law, or by Act of the General Assembly. As the salaries of assistant district attorneys and assistant public defenders are not set by state law, review of their salary plans is outside the scope provided for in O.C.G,A. 457-90, and therefore, associated recommendations from the Commission for these positions shall be considered unofficial recommendations.

Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission, page 123, line 4048:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,644,170 in state general funds to the Georgia Student Finance Commission for the Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant program to meet projected needs. The IPSE Grant program is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Authority, In accordance with the powers and duties granted to the Authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. 20-3-316 and 20-3-494, the Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to implementing the grant program, including but not limited to establishing maximum rates, eligible expenses, or per pupil maximum awards,

to ensure consistency and program access for the greatest possible number of qualifying participants.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, page 141, line 4603:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $8,750,000 in state general funds to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for the Capital Projects Fund program to construct the Treatment Mall at East Central Regional Hospital, Augusta, Richmond County ($8,000,000) and renovate the Boland Building, Milledgeville, Baldwin County ($750,000) for hurricane evacuations for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). GSFIC's construction division has performed a comprehensive review of DBHDD's facilities statewide to develop a prioritized list of urgent and significant facility needs, The projects in this line item were not identified as prioritized needs in the GSFIC assessment. Therefore, the agency is instructed to disregard the language included in Line 4603 and instead work with GSFIC to incorporate these projects into the existing prioritized list based on statewide facility needs,

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

I, Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that
the attached page is the result as shown on the certified returns for the Special Election, held on May 7, 2024, for State Representative, District 139, in Harris and Muscogee Counties; all as the same appearing on the official file and record of this office.

Having received the majority of votes cast, Carmen Rice was duly elected as State Representative, District 139.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

/s/ Brad Raffensperger
(SEAL) **Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State**

Georgia Secretary of State
Election Report

Special Election Runoff Official Results
May 7, 2024

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 139	HARRIS	Sean Knox	274	46.44%
		Carmen Rice	316	53.56%
		Votes For Seat in County:	**590**	
	MUSCOGEE	Sean Knox	644	43.37%
		Carmen Rice	841	56.63%
		Votes For Seat in County:	**1,485**	
	Total:	Sean Knox	918	44.24%
		Carmen Rice	1,157	55.76%
		Total Voters For Seat:	**2,075**	

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 139
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Carmen Rice
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 15th day of May, 2024.
/s/ Gil McBride
Judge, Superior Court
Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

June 4, 2024

Representative Carmen Rice
6011 Chrisbin Drive
Columbus, Georgia 31909

Dear Representative Rice,

Please be advised that you have been appointed to the following House Committees:

House Committee on Education
House Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Juvenile Justice

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jon Burns
Jon Burns, Speaker
Georgia House of Representatives

Cc: Mrs. Amy Bottoms, Legislative Fiscal Officer
Mr. Bill Reilly, Clerk of the House
Christine Murdock, Director, House Budget & Research Office
House Members
House Staff

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

MEMO

TO: All House Members

FROM: Speaker Jon Burns

DATE: November 22, 2024

RE: House Committee on Assignments

In accordance with House Rule 12, I hereby create and appoint the following members to a Committee on Assignments:

- Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones
- Majority Leader Chuck Efstration
- Majority Caucus Chairman Bruce Williamson
- Majority Whip James Burchett
- Representative Shaw Blackmon
- Representative Katie Dempsey
- Representative Matt Hatchett
- Representative Lynn Smith
- Representative Butch Parrish

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Suite 608-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

November 22, 2024

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

Re: Georgia House of Representatives Minority Caucus Officers

This comes to give official notice of the officers of the Georgia House of Representatives Minority Caucus as elected by the members:

REP. CAROLYN HUGHLEY, Minority Leader
REP. SAM PARK, Caucus Whip
REP. TANYA MILLER, Chairman
REP. PARK CANNON, Secretary
REP. SOLOMON ADEYSANA, Treasurer
REP. SAIRA DRAPER, Chief Deputy Whip

Sincerely,

/s/ Billy Mitchell

The following communication from the Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State, certifying the Representatives-elect for the years 2025-2026, was received and read:

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

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

the attached pages numbered 1 through 183 are the results as shown on the consolidated returns from the General Election, held on November 5th, 2024 for State Representative, Districts 1 through 180; all as the same appear on file and record of this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 22nd day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

/s/ Brad Raffensperger
(SEAL) Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State

I, Brad Raffensperger, do hereby certify that this summary containing the list of names was duly elected to the Georgia General Assembly as **State House Representatives** on the November 5, 2024 General Election.

District number	Office Holder Name
1	Mike Cameron
2	Thomas S. Tarvin
3	Mitchell Horner
4	Kasey Carpenter
5	Matt Barton
6	Jason Thomas Ridley
7	Johnny Chastain
8	Stan Gunter
9	William S. Wade
10	Victor Anderson
11	Rick Jasperse
12	Eddie Lumsden
13	Katie Dempsey
14	Mitchell L. Scoggins
15	Matthew Gambill
16	Othel Doyle Kelley III
17	Martin Momtahan
18	Tyler Paul Smith
19	Joseph Gullett
20	Charlice Byrd
21	Brad Thomas
22	Jordan Ridley
23	Mandi Ballinger
24	Carter Barrett
25	Robert Todd Jones
26	Lauren W. McDonald III
27	Lee Hawkins
28	Brent Cox
29	Matt Dubnik
30	Derrick McCollum
31	Emory West Dunahoo, Jr.
32	Christopher B. Erwin
33	Alan Powell
34	Devan Seabaugh
35	Lisa Gayle Campbell

Ginny Ehrhart
Mary Frances Williams
David Lawrence Wilkerson
Terry Alexis Cummings
Kimberly R. New
Michael Smith
Gabriel Sanchez
Solomon Adesanya
Donald L. Parsons
Sharon Cooper
John K. Carson, Jr.
Jan Jones
Scott Hilton
Charles E. Martin, Jr.
Michelle Au
Esther Panitch
Shea Roberts
Deborah Donaldson Silcox
Betsy Holland
Inga Willis
Bryce Vernon Berry
Stacey Evans
Park Cannon
Phil Olaleye
Sheila Jones
Mekyah McQueen
Tanya F. Miller
Kim Schofield
Sylvia Wayfer Baker
Robert Dawson
Kimberly Alexander
Lydia Glaize
Derrick L. Jackson
Debra Bazemore
Lynn Smith
Justin Howard
David Huddleston
Josh Bonner
Robert Flournoy, Jr.
Eric W. Bell II
Sandra Givens Scott
Rhonda Burnough
Demetrius M. Douglas

79	Yasmin Neal
80	Long Tran
81	Noelle Kahaian
82	Karen I. Mathiak
83	Karen Lupton
84	Mary Margaret Oliver
85	Karla L. Drenner
86	Imani Barnes
87	Viola Davis
88	Billy Mitchell
89	Omari Crawford
90	Saira Draper
91	Angela Moore
92	Rhonda S. Taylor
93	Doreen Carter
94	Karen L. Bennett
95	Dar'shun Kendrick
96	Arlene Beckles
97	Ruwa Romman
98	Marvin Lim
99	Matt Reeves
100	David Clark
101	Scott Holcomb
102	Gabe Okoye
103	Soo Hong
104	Charles Paul Efstration III
105	Sandra Lynn Donatucci
106	Shelly Hutchinson
107	Samuel L. Park
108	Jasmine Clark
109	Dewey L. McClain
110	Segun Adeyina
111	Reynaldo Martinez
112	Hugh B. Williamson III
113	Sharon Henderson
114	Tim Fleming
115	Regina Lewis-Ward
116	El-Mahdi Holly
117	Mary Ann Santos
118	Clint Crowe
119	Holt Persinger
120	Houston A. Gaines
121	Marcus A. Wiedower

Spencer R. Frye, Jr.
Robert F. Leverett
Trey Rhodes
Gary Richardson
L.C. Myles, Jr.
W. Mark Newton
Mack Jackson
Karlton L. Howard
Lynn Gladney
Rob Clifton
Brian L. Prince
Danny Mathis
Robert L. Dickey III
Elizabeth Camp
David Jenkins
Debbie G. Buckner
Vance C. Smith, Jr.
Carmen Rice
Tremaine Teddy Reese
Carolyn F. Hugley
Miriam Paris
Anissa Jones
Dale Washburn
Tangie Herring
Shaw Blackmon
Bethany Ballard
Noel Warren Williams, Jr.
Floyd L. Griffin, Jr.
Patty Marie Stinson
Mike Cheokas
William J. "Bill" Yearta
David Lee Sampson
Gerald E. Greene
Matt Hatchett
Leesa Hagan
Bill Werkheiser
Butch Parrish
Jon G. Burns
Lehman Franklin
Bill Hitchens
Carl W. Gilliard
Anne Allen Westbrook
Ron Stephens

165	Edna B. Jackson
166	Jesse L. Petrea
167	Homer M. DeLoach
168	Al Williams
169	Angie Osteen
170	Jaclyn Ford
171	Joseph Melton Campbell
172	Charles H. Cannon IV
173	Darlene K. Taylor
174	John Corbett
175	John LaHood
176	James Burchett
177	Dexter Sharper
178	Steven A. Meeks
179	Rick Townsend
180	Steven Sainz

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

Adesanya	Cooper	Hawkins	Mathiak	Romman
Adeyina	Corbett	Heffner	Mathis	Sainz
Alexander	Cox	Henderson	McClain	Sampson
Anderson	Crawford	Herring	McCollum	Sanchez
Au	Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Santos
Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McQueen	Schofield
Ballard	Davis	Holcomb	Meeks	Scoggins
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Miller	Scott
Barnes	DeLoach	Holly	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barrett	Dempsey	Hong	Momtahan	Sharper
Barton	Dickey	Horner	Moore	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Howard, J	Myles	Smith, L
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, M
Bell	Draper	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bennett	Drenner	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Dubnik	Hutchinson	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stinson
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Tarvin
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burchett	Erwin	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burnough	Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Thomas, B
Byrd	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Washburn
Campbell, L	Frye	Kahaian	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gambill	Kendrick	Prince	Wiedower
Carpenter	Gilliard	LaHood	Reese	Wilkerson
Carson	Glaize	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, A
Carter	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, MF

Chastain	Griffin	Lim	Rice	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Lumsden	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Clark, J	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Clifton	Hatchett	Martinez	Roberts	Burns, Speaker

The following oath of office was administered to the Representatives-elect by Justice Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

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

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

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

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

SO HELP ME GOD."

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker of the House for the 2025-2026 term, Representative Parrish of the 158th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Jon Burns of the 159th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Taylor of the 173rd.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the nominations be closed.

The motion prevailed.

The election of the Speaker was ordered on the roll call machine. Those voting for the Honorable Jon Burns of the 159th voted "aye," those opposed voted "nay."

The vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	Y Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the election of the Speaker, the Honorable Jon Burns of the 159th received 153 votes.

The Honorable Jon Burns of the 159th, having received the majority of the votes cast, was thereby declared elected Speaker of the House for the ensuing term.

The Chair appointed as a Committee to escort the Speaker to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, McDonald of the 26th, Clark of the 100th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Franklin

of the 160th, Hagan of the 156th, Evans of the 57th, Smith of the 41st, and Williams of the 168th.

The Honorable Jon Burns of the 159th was escorted to the Speaker's stand whereupon he assumed the Chair and thanked the members for having elected him Speaker.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives

State Capitol, Room 416
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 13, 2025

Clerk Bill Reilly
GA House of Representatives
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Clerk Reilly,

I am requesting that my absentee vote be changed in the journal as a YES vote for the Speaker.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gerald Greene
State Representative

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 511D
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 13, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing regarding the recent vote for the Speaker of the House that took place this morning. Unfortunately, I was unable to participate in this important process at the designated time. However, I would like to vote "Yes" on this matter.

I want to ensure that my position is accurately reflected in the official records. I kindly request that this letter serve as a formal indication of my vote. Please let me know if there are further steps I need to take to ensure that my vote is counted appropriately.

Thank you.

/s/ Segun Adeyina
District 110

Prayer was offered by Pastor Randy Nix, Hillcrest United Methodist Church, LaGrange, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tem for the House for the 2025-2026 term, Representative Blackmon of the 146th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th, which nomination was seconded by Representative Gunter of the 8th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the nominations be closed.

The motion prevailed.

The election of the Speaker Pro Tem was ordered on the roll call machine. Those voting for the Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th voted "aye," those opposed voted "nay."

The vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the election of the Speaker Pro Tem, the Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th received 158 votes.

The Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th, having received the majority of the votes cast, was thereby declared elected Speaker Pro Tem of the House for the ensuing term.

The Speaker appointed as a committee to escort the Speaker Pro Tem to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Parsons of the 44th, DeLoach of the 167th, Carpenter of the 4th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Meeks of the 178th, Washburn of the 144th, New of the 40th, Townsend of the 179th, Martin of the 49th, Cameron of the 1st, Ridley of the 22nd, Crawford of the 89th, and Neal of the 79th.

The Honorable Jan Jones of the 47th was escorted to the Speaker's stand where she addressed the House expressing her appreciation to the members for having elected her Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Representatives.

The next order of business being the election of the Clerk of the House for the 2025-2026 term, Representative Jasperse of the 11th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable William L. Reilly of Fannin County, which nomination was seconded by Representative Wilkerson of the 38th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the nominations be closed and that the Deputy Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the entire vote of the membership present for the nominee.

The motion prevailed.

On the election of the Clerk of the House, the Honorable William L. Reilly received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable William L. Reilly was thereby declared elected Clerk of the House for the ensuing term.

The Speaker appointed as a Committee to escort the Clerk to the Speaker's stand the following members:

Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Panitch of the 51st, Schofield of the 63rd, Smith of the 18th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hagan of the 156th, and Dempsey of the 13th.

The following oath of office was administered to the Honorable William L. Reilly, Clerk of the House, by Representative Jon Burns of the 159th, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I hereby swear that I will discharge the duties of the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, faithfully and to the best of my skill and knowledge. I further swear that I am not the holder of any public money due this State or any political subdivision or authority thereof, unaccounted for, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, nor of any one of the several states, nor of any foreign state, that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God.

The Clerk addressed the House expressing his appreciation to the members for having elected him Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The next order of business being the election of the Doorkeeper of the House for the 2025-2026 term, Representative Hilton of the 48th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Cory Mulkey of Newton County, which nomination was seconded by Representative McClain of the 109th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the entire vote of the membership present for the nominee.

The motion prevailed.

On the election of the Doorkeeper of the House, the Honorable Cory Mulkey received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable Cory Mulkey was thereby declared elected Doorkeeper of the House for the ensuing term.

The next order of business being the election of the Messenger of the House for the 2025-2026 term, Representative Jones of the 25th placed in nomination the name of the Honorable Betsy Theroux of Cobb County, which nomination was seconded by Representative Bazemore of the 69th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the entire vote of the membership present for the nominee.

The motion prevailed.

On the election of the Messenger of the House, the Honorable Betsy Theroux received the entire vote of the membership present.

The Honorable Betsy Theroux was escorted to the Speaker's stand where she expressed her appreciation to the members for having elected her as Messenger of the House of Representatives.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

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

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

HR 2. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

Relative to officials, employees, and committees in the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the following provisions shall be in effect during the 2025-2026 biennium of the General Assembly unless and until otherwise provided for by resolution of the House:

PART 1
SECTION 1-1.

(a) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ on behalf of the House of Representatives a sergeant-at-arms, a postmaster or postmistress, assistant postmasters or assistant postmistresses, assistant doorkeepers, pages, aides, secretaries, clerks, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary personnel; and the Speaker is authorized to provide offices for staff services for the House of Representatives and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and compensation of personnel so employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker; and any such personnel may be assigned to House officers, committees, committee officers, caucuses, and caucus officers as deemed appropriate by the Speaker, including without limitation assignment of aides to the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader.
(b) By agreement with the appropriate officer or officers of the Senate, the Speaker of the House may authorize the employment of joint staff and the establishment of joint offices of the General Assembly.

SECTION 1-2.
The Speaker is also authorized to secure the services of chaplains and interns and provide expense reimbursement allowances for them within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available.

SECTION 1-3.
The Doorkeeper of the House and the Messenger of the House, who are elected by the House, shall be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.

PART 2
SECTION 2-1.

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Clerk of the House's Office, the Clerk of the House is authorized to employ for the Clerk's office assistant clerks, reading clerks, calendar clerks, journal clerks, secretaries, copy readers, clerical assistants, document distributors, audio operators, personnel to distribute bills and

other materials for members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Clerk within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Clerk. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Clerk.

SECTION 2-2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the annual salary of the Clerk of the House shall be as determined by the Speaker. In addition to that amount, the Clerk shall also receive the same percentage salary increase provided in the General Appropriations Act when granted to other employees of the legislative branch of state government. During the Clerk's tenure of office, he or she may, at the discretion of the Speaker, also receive the same expense allowance and the same mileage allowance or travel allowance as received by members of the General Assembly for each day of service rendered by the Clerk.

PART 3
SECTION 3-1.

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office, the Speaker of the House is authorized to employ interns, aides, secretaries, consultants, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Speaker within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis as may be determined by the Speaker. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Speaker.

PART 4
SECTION 4-1.

During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session, including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special session, each of the following officers shall be a committee of one for each day spent on official business: the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, the Majority Whip, the Minority Leader, the Minority Whip, and the Administration Floor Leaders. For each such day spent on official business, each of such officers shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

SECTION 4-2.

(a) During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session, including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special session, each member of the House of Representatives is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties only within the State of Georgia. Subject to any limits established pursuant to Section 5-3 of this resolution, for each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

(b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting toward the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday which: (1) is a one-day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after Monday and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense and travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly round trip) for legislative members of interim legislative committees, if such member has engaged in legislative business on that day, but not otherwise.

(c) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting toward the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the House is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of attending or responding to any legal matter directly related to his or her legislative duties. For each such day of service or portion thereof, each member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to former members and former staff of the House who are attending or responding to any legal matter based on his or her service after the end of his or her term.

SECTION 4-3.

Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as members of the General Assembly, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader shall receive an amount of $2,400.00 per annum as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments beginning on the first day of the month following the certification by the caucus of any such election. The Administration Floor Leaders each shall receive an amount of $1,200.00 per annum as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments. Prior to serving as an Administration Floor Leader, a Representative must be certified as such by the Governor in writing to the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House.

PART 5

SECTION 5-1.

During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the Speaker is empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the House and such other committees as the Speaker might create to remain at the Capitol during any such period of

time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed legislation and other matters. Members of such committees as shall be designated by the Speaker to remain at the Capitol shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

SECTION 5-2.

The Speaker is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the House to serve as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve during the interim, and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The Speaker shall designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall prescribe the time for which any such committee is authorized to function. The Speaker is authorized to extend the time allowed for any committee, whether the committee is created by resolution or by the Speaker. The Speaker is authorized to designate standing committees or any subcommittee thereof to function during the interim for the purpose of performing such duties as the Speaker shall deem necessary. The members of any such committee or subcommittee shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

SECTION 5-3.

The Speaker shall be authorized to set limits on the number of days per year that a member shall receive the allowances authorized in Sections 4-2 (committee of one) and 5-2 (committee meetings during interim) of this resolution. For this purpose a year shall begin on the opening day of a regular session and end on the day prior to the opening day of the next regular session.

PART 6
SECTION 6-1.

The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the House of Representatives except that funds for any joint staff or joint offices under subsection (b) of Section 1-1 of this resolution shall come from ancillary funds of the General Assembly. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Clerk of the House's Office. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Speaker of the House's Office.

SECTION 6-2.

Any personnel employed pursuant to this resolution shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and any such personnel may be discharged by the appointing authority with or without cause.

SECTION 6-3.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the House of Representatives.

HR 3. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the attached document, titled "Rules, Ethics, and Decorum of the House of Representatives," is hereby incorporated in this resolution and made a part hereof; and upon adoption of this resolution shall constitute the rules of the House of Representatives for the regular 2025 session and for the duration of this General Assembly.

1/13/25

Mr. Clerk,

I would like for the Journal to reflect my intention to vote NAY on HR 3.

Signed,

/s/ Solomon Adesanya, 43rd
/s/ Kimberly Alexander 66th
/s/ Au 50
/s/ Sylvia Wayfer Baker District 64
/s/ Debra Bazemore
/s/ A. Beckles
/s/ Eric Bell 75
/s/ Karen L. Bennett 94
/s/ Bryce Berry 56
/s/ Lisa G. Campbell HD 35
/s/ Park Cannon 58
/s/ Doreen Carter HD 93
/s/ Jasmine Clark 108
/s/ Omari Crawford
/s/ Derrick Jackson 68
/s/ Edna Jackson
/s/ Sheila Jones Dist. 60
/s/ Karen Lupton
/s/ Dewey McClain HD 109
/s/ Mekyah McQueen 61
/s/ Tonya F. Miller H.D. 62
/s/ Angela Moore 91
/s/ Phil Olaleye 59
/s/ Esther Panitch HD 51
/s/ Tremaine Teddy Reese 140
/s/ Ruwa Romman (HD 97)
/s/ David Lee Sampson 153
/s/ Gabriel Sanchez HD 42

/s/ Terry Alexis Cummings
/s/ Saira Draper HD 90
/s/ Karla Drenner District 85
/s/ Stacey Evans 57
/s/ Robert Flournoy District 74
/s/ Spencer Frye HD 122
/s/ Floyd Griffin
/s/ El-Mahdi Holly 116
/s/ Karlton Howard 129
/s/ Carolyn F. Hugley HD 141
/s/ Mary Ann Santos District 117
/s/ Kim Schofield
/s/ Sandra Scott
/s/ Patty Marie Stinson 150
/s/ Rhonda Taylor (92)
/s/ Anne Allen Westbrook HD 163
/s/ David Wilkerson
/s/ Al Williams
/s/ Mary Frances Williams HD 37
/s/ Inga Willis 55th

HR 4. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

Calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that His Excellency, Governor Brian Kemp, is hereby invited to address a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, January 16, 2025, in the hall of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at 10:45 A.M. on the aforesaid date for the purpose of hearing an address from His Excellency, the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee of fourteen, seven from the House to be named by the Speaker and seven from the Senate to be named by the President of the Senate, be appointed to escort His Excellency, the Governor, to the hall of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals are hereby extended an invitation to be present at the joint session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, to each Justice of the Supreme Court, and to each Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Representative Campbell of the 35th moved that the House reconsider its action in adopting the following Resolution of the House:

HR 3. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SR 1. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

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

SR 2. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

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

The following Resolutions of the House and Senate were read and adopted:

SR 2. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and Jones II of the 22nd:

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

HR 5. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

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

Representative Burns of the 159th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 14. By Representative Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Thomas Elliot Butler.

HR 15. By Representative Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Howard "Sonny" Turner upon his induction into the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts' Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SR 6. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th and others

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

The following Resolution of the Senate was read and adopted:

SR 6. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dolezal of the 27th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th and others

A RESOLUTION

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

PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Monday, January 13, 2025, through Friday, April 4, 2025, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday, January 13 ..... convene for legislative day 1
Tuesday, January 14 ..... convene for legislative day 2
Wednesday, January 15 ..... convene for legislative day 3
Thursday, January 16 ..... convene for legislative day 4
Friday, January 17 ..... convene for legislative day 5

Monday, January 27 ..... convene for legislative day 6
Tuesday, January 28 ..... convene for legislative day 7
Wednesday, January 29 ..... convene for legislative day 8
Thursday, January 30 ..... convene for legislative day 9

Monday, February 3 ..... convene for legislative day 10
Tuesday, February 4 ..... convene for legislative day 11
Wednesday, February 5 ..... convene for legislative day 12
Thursday, February 6 ..... convene for legislative day 13

Monday, February 10 ..... convene for legislative day 14
Tuesday, February 11 ..... convene for legislative day 15
Wednesday, February 12 ..... convene for legislative day 16
Thursday, February 13 ..... convene for legislative day 17

Tuesday, February 18 ..... convene for legislative day 18
Wednesday, February 19 ..... convene for legislative day 19
Thursday, February 20 ..... convene for legislative day 20
Friday, February 21 ..... convene for legislative day 21

Monday, February 24 ..... convene for legislative day 22
Tuesday, February 25 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, February 26 ..... convene for legislative day 23
Thursday, February 27 ..... convene for legislative day 24
Friday, February 28 ..... convene for legislative day 25

Monday, March 3 ..... convene for legislative day 26
Tuesday, March 4 ..... convene for legislative day 27
Wednesday, March 5 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 6 ..... (Crossover) convene for legislative day 28

Monday, March 10 ..... convene for legislative day 29
Tuesday, March 11 ..... convene for legislative day 30
Wednesday, March 12 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 13 ..... convene for legislative day 31

Tuesday, March 18 ..... convene for legislative day 32
Wednesday, March 19 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 20 ..... convene for legislative day 33
Friday, March 21 ..... convene for legislative day 34

Tuesday, March 25 ..... convene for legislative day 35
Wednesday, March 26 ..... committee work day
Thursday, March 27 ..... convene for legislative day 36
Friday, March 28 ..... convene for legislative day 37

Monday, March 31 ..... convene for legislative day 38
Tuesday, April 1 ..... committee work day
Wednesday, April 2 ..... convene for legislative day 39
Thursday, April 3 ..... committee work day
Friday, April 4 .....(Sine Die) convene for legislative day 40

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

PART II

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

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

resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

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

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

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 11:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 11:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Second Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communications were received:

State House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Suite 608-B
Atlanta, GA 30334

January 13, 2025

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I would like the journal to reflect my intention to vote NAY on HR 3.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shea
State Representative Shea Roberts
House District 52

1/13/25

Mr. Clerk,

I would like for the Journal to reflect my intention to vote NAY on HR 3.

Signed,

/s/ Scott Holcomb
Representative, 101

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 14, 2025

To Clerk of the Georgia House,

I would like to go on record for a vote I was absent for on January 13, 2025 for the selection of Speaker Pro-Tempore. If I were in attendance, my intention was to vote YES for Jan Jones, current Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Thank you,

/s/ Carter Barrett
State Representative, District 24

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Hatchett	McClain	Romman
Adeyina	Cox	Hawkins	McCollum	Sainz
Alexander	Crawford	Henderson	McDonald	Sampson
Anderson	Crowe	Herring	McQueen	Sanchez
Baker	Cummings	Hilton	Meeks	Santos
Ballard	Davis	Hitchens	Miller	Schofield
Ballinger	Dawson	Holcomb	Mitchell	Scoggins
Barnes	DeLoach	Holland	Momtahan	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Holly	Moore	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Hong	Myles	Sharper
Bazemore	Donatucci	Horner	Neal	Silcox
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, J	New	Smith, L
Bennett	Draper	Howard, K	Newton	Smith, M
Berry	Drenner	Huddleston	Okoye	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Dubnik	Hugley	Olaleye	Smith, V
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Oliver	Stephens
Buckner	Efstration	E Jackson, M	O'Steen	Stinson
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jenkins	Panitch	Tarvin
Burnough	Erwin	Jones, A	Paris	Taylor, D
Byrd	Evans	Jones, J	Park	Taylor, R
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, S	Parrish	Thomas, B
Camp	Flournoy	Jones, T	Parsons	Townsend
Campbell, J	Ford	Kahaian	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, L	Franklin	Kelley	Petrea	Wade
Cannon, C	Frye	Kendrick	Powell	Washburn
Cannon, P	Gaines	E LaHood	Prince	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Gambill	Leverett	Reese	Westbrook
Carson	Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Wiedower
Carter	Glaize	Lumsden	Rhodes	Wilkerson
Chastain	Greene	Lupton	Rice	Williams, N
Cheokas	Griffin	Martin	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, D	Gullett	Martinez	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Clark, J	Gunter	Mathiak	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Clifton	Hagan	Mathis	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Cooper				

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

Representatives Bell of the 75th, Heffner of the 130th, Jackson of the 165th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, Williams of the 168th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Eric Geil, Pierce Chapel Methodist Church, Dalton, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

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

HB 1. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to establish the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions and affirmative defenses; to provide for criminal penalties; to require a notice by certain firearm dealers; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 2. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain eligible expenses incurred for firearm safe storage devices; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for tax credit preapproval by the department; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 3. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law Regulations, so as to require universal background checks in all manner of firearm transfers; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 4. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law Regulations, so as to require a three-day waiting period for the purchase or transfer of certain firearms; to provide for inspection; to provide for exceptions; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 5. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the board of commissioners of Decatur County, approved March 4, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 630), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3718), so as to change the district residency requirements for candidates for

the office of commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 6. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County, approved February 20, 1873 (Ga. L. 1873, p. 279), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3676), so as to revise provisions relating to filling vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 7. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for workforce-ready graduates employed in high-tech full-time jobs in rural counties in this state; to require the Department of Labor to establish certain criteria; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations and forms; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 8. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to renew and revise an income tax credit for certain investments in qualified businesses; to remove the requirement that the investment be made by a qualified investor; to provide for an aggregate cap; to allow such credit to be transferred; to provide a reporting requirement; to provide for definitions; to provide for sunset; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 9. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Drenner of the 85th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other safety inspections and regulations, so as to prohibit the use of certain chemical flame retardants in certain products; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice; to provide for the restriction of additional chemical flame retardants; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties and a limited waiver; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 10. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-1-19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the prohibition of disclosure of arrest booking photographs, so as to strengthen protections for individuals who have not been convicted of crimes; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for removal procedures for remove-for-pay publications and websites; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 11. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to provide for sufficient staff for carrying out food and nutrition services at a long-term care facility; to provide for definitions; to provide for the employment of a licensed dietitian; to provide for the designation and qualifications of a director of food and nutrition services; to provide for sufficient support personnel; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

HB 12. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the minimum required millage rate or effective millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills; to provide for a 25 percent reduction of equalization grant awards for local school systems whose millage rate or effective millage rate does not meet the minimum requirement; to require annual reporting by the Department of Education; to repeal a definition; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 13. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the Echols County Board of Education; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 14. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Crawford of the 89th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cornbread as the official state bread of Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 15. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th, Dickey of the 134th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, so as to update terminology; to revise procedures concerning incorporators of credit unions; to revise requirements of articles of incorporation of credit unions; to revise licensure requirements for money transmissions, cashing payment instruments, mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, foreign banking institutions, and installment loans; to provide for

revised auditing procedures for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to provide for corporate governance requirements for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to provide for liquidity requirements for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to revise requirements for applications to relocate for foreign banking institutions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 16. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, McClain of the 109th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide protections for warehouse distribution center workers; to require a covered employer to provide to a covered employee in a warehouse distribution center a written description of any quota or workplace surveillance; to prohibit unlawful quotas; to provide for paid break time for rest; to provide for appropriate training; to limit the collection and use of employee work speed data; to provide for record retention and cooperation with the Department of Labor; to provide for a right to request records; to provide for notice; to prohibit unlawful retaliation; to provide for a complaints process; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a private cause of action; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for assessments and appeals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 17. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Mitchell of the 88th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to authorize the Department of Public Health to implement projects to increase education, public awareness, and diagnosis of valvular heart disease and to reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death caused by valvular heart disease; to provide for the priority of projects targeting affected populations or addressing health disparities; to provide for coordination with other state agencies; to provide for the collection and publishing of data regarding best practices for healthcare providers; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 18. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Petrea of the 166th, Richardson of the 125th, Jasperse of the 11th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Dual Enrollment Act, purpose, dual credit courses, eligibility for participation, and eligibility for payment, so as to provide for a residency requirement for eligible students; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 19. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions related to examination and treatment for mental illness, so as to require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to create, operate, and maintain an electronic registry for inpatient psychiatric beds; to require the department to provide for registry data to the contractor or entity that operates the Georgia Crisis and Access Line; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 20. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. relating to the health of students generally, so as to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules requiring all certificated public school personnel to receive annual training in depression and suicide awareness and prevention; to provide for the establishment and purpose of the Student Mental Health Screenings Grant Program; to require the Department of Education to develop a model policy for student depression and suicide awareness, develop and approve training materials, assist local school systems in selecting research-based mental health screening tools, and develop guidance to assist local school systems in establishing certain healthcare related partnerships to conduct mental health screenings; to provide for related

matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 21. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits from income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for the construction, renovation, purchase, or lease of a property for taxpayers who place in service an eligible retailer that sells or offers for sale healthy foods in a less developed area; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 22. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 34 and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to require that employers provide veteran employees paid leave on Veterans Day; to provide employers who are required to provide such paid leave with an income tax credit for amounts paid to such veteran employees on account of such paid leave; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 23. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require schools to provide progress reports to parents or legal guardians of students in the early intervention program; to require the Department of Education to collaborate with the Professional Standards Commission to improve and update professional development opportunities for teachers that specifically relate to

supporting limited-English-proficient students; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 24. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities regarding the governing and regulation of mental health, so as to establish a school-linked behavioral health grant program; to provide a definition; to provide criteria for determining eligible applicants; to provide for allowable activities and related expenses; to provide for data collection and outcome measurement; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 25. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance generally, so as to provide for the submission of a waiver request by the Department of Human Services to permit the recipients of certain public assistance benefits to use such benefits for the purpose of purchasing diapers or menstrual hygiene products if the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service makes such waiver available to states; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities regarding the governing and regulation of mental health, so as to establish a school-linked behavioral health grant program; to provide a definition; to provide criteria for determining eligible applicants; to provide for allowable activities

and related expenses; to provide for data collection and outcome measurement; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 27. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for grants by the State Board of Education to local units of administration to support students living in poverty; to provide for definitions; to require the State Board of Education to develop rules and regulations; to provide for the calculation of grant amounts; to provide that a minimum required portion of grant funds must be used by local units of administration for direct program expenditures for the benefit of the students living in poverty; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 28. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Colquitt County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 29. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Colquitt County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions

of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 30. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 31. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Catoosa County, Georgia, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4258), as amended, so as to require such board to adopt a balanced budget; to provide that if the Quality Basic Education Formula is fully funded by state appropriations such budget shall be balanced without spending down fiscal reserves; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 32. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Cook County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 33. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Cook County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 6. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for more than one Seed-Capital Fund; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HR 7. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 8. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Mitchell of the 88th and Jackson of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION supporting the creation of a State Workgroup to Increase Chronic Disease Information and Screenings in Communities of Color; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 9. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that revenue derived from the regulation of safe drinking water and toxic enforcement may be dedicated for certain purposes and not deposited into the general fund; to authorize the General Assembly to

create the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HR 10. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Kendrick of the 95th, Taylor of the 92nd, Bennett of the 94th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to reaffirm its commitment to an extension of the rail system along the east side of Interstate 20 in South DeKalb County; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 11. By Representative Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the DeKalb County government to resolve sewage pollution and spills; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HR 12. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION designating the month of April as Community Activist Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 13. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 8, 2025, as Community Activist Day to acknowledge unsung heroic activists and their strength, selfless courage, and hopeful actions that create a positive and much improved future; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

Representative Reeves of the 99th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 16. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Cox of the 28th, Dubnik of the 29th, Chastain of the 7th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and honoring William Edwards; and for other purposes.

HR 17. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Williams of the 168th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing the veterans who were victims of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

HR 18. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending Ramielle Moorer, Clayton County Public Schools' 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 19. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the City of Cartersville upon its 175th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 20. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Jackson of the 165th, Cummings of the 39th, Burnough of the 77th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 112 years of service and recognizing January 13, 2025, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Founders Day; and for other purposes.

HR 21. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 60th, Jackson of the 165th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating Representative Rhonda Burnough on her 50th Anniversary as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and for other purposes.

HR 22. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Atlanta Football Host Committee for hosting the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 23. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Tran of the 80th, Lim of the 98th, Au of the 50th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.

HR 24. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION commending the Corporate Volunteer Council of Atlanta; and for other purposes

HR 25. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th, Barrett of the 24th and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 14, 2025, as Tamil Thai Pongal Day; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Efstration of the 104th et al., Alexander of the 66th et al., Dickey of the 134th, Cannon of the 172nd, Davis of the 87th et al., Panitch of the 51st et al., and Franklin of the 160th.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 4. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the

Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification/Escort the following Senators: Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st, Cowsert of the 46th, and Ginn of the 47th.

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

HR 5. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Third Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Cooper	Hawkins	Mathiak	Roberts
Adeyina	Corbett	Heffner	Mathis	Romman
Alexander	Cox	Henderson	McClain	Sainz
Anderson	Crawford	Herring	McCollum	Sampson
Au	Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Sanchez
Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McQueen	Santos
Ballard	Davis	Holcomb	Meeks	Schofield
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Miller	Scoggins
Barnes	DeLoach	Holly	Mitchell	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Hong	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Horner	Moore	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Howard, J	Myles	Smith, L
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, M
Bell	Draper	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bennett	Drenner	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Dubnik	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Stinson
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, M	Oliver	Tarvin
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jasperse	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burchett	Erwin	Jenkins	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burnough	Evans	Jones, A	Paris	Thomas, B
Byrd	Fleming	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Ford	Jones, T	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, J	Frye	Kahaian	Persinger	Washburn
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kelley	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kendrick	Powell	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gilliard	LaHood	Prince	Wiedower
Carson	Glaize	Leverett	Reese	Wilkerson
Carter	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	E Williams, A
Chastain	Griffin	Lim	Rhodes	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Lupton	Richardson	Willis
Clark, J	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Clifton	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker

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

Representatives Sharper of the 177th and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Jerry Akin, Pierce Chapel Methodist Church, Columbus, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

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

HB 34. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding professions and businesses, so as to establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 35. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Powell of the 33rd, Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appointment of substitute for absent or disqualified district attorney, so as to revise the compensation of private attorneys appointed to act as district attorney pro tempore; to provide for such attorneys to be compensated $250.00 per hour for each certified hour worked, subject to a cap; to provide for certification by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia of such hours worked by such attorneys; to provide for such attorneys to engage the services of private counsel, paralegals, and legal interns and to provide for their compensation; to provide for inflation adjustments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 36. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 37. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Ballard of the 147th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide notice to employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for inclusion in certain benefits, pension,

or retirement plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 38. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Reeves of the 99th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the needs based financial aid program, so as to revise the definition of "eligible student"; to extend an automatic repealer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 39. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment, collection, and distribution of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Habersham County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the maintenance of such technology fee funds; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 40. By Representatives Griffin of the 149th, Draper of the 90th, Mitchell of the 88th, Myles of the 126th and Park of the 107th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that the Secretary of State shall serve as chairperson of the State Election Board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 41. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditional discharge for possession of controlled substances as first offense and certain nonviolent property crimes, dismissal of charges, and restitution to victims, so as to authorize counties and municipal corporations to adopt ordinances governing and punishing the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana; to amend Code Section 36-1-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ordinances for governing and policing of unincorporated areas of county, so as to authorize counties to adopt ordinances governing and punishing the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 42. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to program weights and funding requirements under Quality Basic Education, so as to revise provisions for the calculation and distribution of funds by the State Board of Education to local units of administration for student transportation programs; to require the State Board of Education to distribute to each local unit of administration up to 100 percent of projected costs of such local unit of administration's student transportation program, subject to exception; to provide for the use of vehicles in addition to school buses in student transportation programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 43. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd, Taylor of the 92nd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of wells and drinking water, so as to establish the Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Assistance Program; to provide for purpose, requirements, restrictions, and priorities of the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 44. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to warehousemen, so as to establish specific protections for consumers using a self-service storage facility; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements for an owner of a self-service storage facility; to provide for rental agreement requirements; to provide for unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practices; to amend Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing in insurance, so as to provide for certain disclosures by a limited licensee offering coverage for personal property stored at a self-service storage facility; to provide for requirements for such licensee; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 45. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grand juries, so as to revise provisions regarding special grand jury impaneling procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 46. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the composition of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; to provide for causes for which members of the committee may be removed from office; to provide for reports to the General Assembly by the committee; to provide for the filling of vacancies on the committee; to provide for compliance with confidentiality laws; to provide for investigations and reports in response to unauthorized disclosures of confidential information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 47. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for QBE funding assistance to eligible public schools to improve school safety infrastructure; to provide for eligibility; to provide for allowable uses of such funding; to provide for policies, procedures, regulations, and requirements; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 48. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to establish the Refugee and International Students Equalization (RISE) program to provide for funding and wraparound services for eligible students; to provide for the definition of "international student"; to establish a program weight and teacher-student ratio for the RISE program in the QBE funding formula; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 49. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding public officers and employees, so as to revise provisions regarding whistleblowers; to broaden the scope of persons who may report information to public employers; to expand the definition of the term "retaliation"; to extend the statute of limitations regarding public employer retaliation; to provide for a misdemeanor offense for violations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 50. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Cummings of the 39th, Jackson of the 165th, Burnough of the 77th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 51. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Greene of the 154th, O'Steen of the 169th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 52. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Reeves of the 99th, Cannon of the 172nd and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veteran, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, persons eligible without application, and retroactive award, so as to extend a homestead exemption for unremarried surviving spouses or minor children of a disabled veteran to include any future homestead; to clarify language; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 53. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for definitions; to provide for fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 54. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 31, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, health, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services to patients of licensed home health agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for the approval of continuing education regarding death certificates for certain physician assistants by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and for certain advanced practice registered nurses by the Georgia Board of Nursing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 55. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 56. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hitchens of the 161st, Sainz of the 180th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, so as to provide for tuition grants to spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to revise legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 57. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Jones of the 47th, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incest, so as to include step-grandparent and step-grandchild relationship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 58. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Leverett of the 123rd, Thomas of the 21st, Clifton of the 131st and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

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

HB 1	HB 2
HB 3	HB 4
HB 5	HB 6
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The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Lim of the 98th, Efstration of the 104th et al., and Dickey of the 134th et al.

Pursuant to HR 22, the House commended the Atlanta Football Host Committee for hosting the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 26. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Parsons of the 44th and Williams of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Captain Matthew T. Brown upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 27. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Au of the 50th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 21, 2025, as Addiction Recovery Awareness Day; and for other purposes.

HR 28. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Sanchez of the 42nd and Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium as part of the Georgia Department of Public Health, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer Pathways, and The Susan Jolley Awareness Program for their

exceptional contributions to cervical cancer education and awareness in Georgia; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Jones of the 143rd et al., Berry of the 56th et al., Carter of the 93rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Parsons of the 44th, and Cannon of the 172nd et al.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Fourth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Heffner	Mathiak	Roberts
Adeyina	Cox	Henderson	Mathis	Sainz
Alexander	Crawford	Herring	McClain	Sampson
Anderson	Crowe	Hilton	McCollum	Sanchez
Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McDonald	Santos
Ballard	Davis	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Miller	Scoggins
Barnes	Dempsey	Holly	Mitchell	Scott
Barrett	Dickey	Hong	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barton	Donatucci	Horner	Moore	Silcox
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, J	Myles	Smith, L
Beckles	Draper	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, M
Bell	E Drenner	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bennett	Dubnik	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Stinson
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Buckner	Erwin	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burchett	Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Taylor, R
Burnough	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Thomas, B
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Townsend
Cameron	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Tran
Camp	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, J	Gaines	Kahaian	Petrea	Werkheiser
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, C	E Gilliard	Kendrick	Prince	Wiedower
Cannon, P	Glaize	LaHood	Reese	Wilkerson
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Cooper	Hawkins			

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

Representatives Au of the 50th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, DeLoach of the 167th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Lim of the 98th, Olaleye of the 59th, Romman of the 97th, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Tommy Leonard, New Hope First Baptist Church, Dallas, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

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

Representatives Bazemore of the 69th et al. and Williamson of the 112th et al.

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

HB 59. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Evans of the 57th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Paris of the 142nd and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights to reflect funds for payment of salaries and benefits, maximum class size, reporting requirements, and application to specific school years, so as to provide for state funding for one school counselor for every 250 full-time equivalent students; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 60. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Hugley of the 141st, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for school lunch and school breakfast programs for public school students in this state; to provide for such meals to be offered at no cost to students who qualify for reduced price meals under federal and state guidelines; to provide for school breakfast programs under the Quality Basic Education Act; to provide for funding; to require local school systems to maximize access to federal funding; to provide for participating in the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP); to provide for rules and regulations; to encourage the use of Georgia grown products in school breakfast and lunch programs; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 61. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald of the 26th, Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, so as to provide for the issuance of separate license plates for hearses and ambulances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 62. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Articles 3 and 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to condominium associations and property owners' associations, respectively, so as to provide requirements for board members for condominium associations and property owners' associations; to provide for allocation of votes; to provide for proxies; to provide for quorums; to provide for residency for board members; to provide for size requirements for boards; to provide for board elections, filing, and

certification; to provide for contests of election results; to provide for annual registration requirements for such associations; to provide for a short title; to provide for a purpose; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 63. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Park of the 107th, Tran of the 80th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to establish the offense of failure to adequately secure a loaded or unloaded firearm; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 64. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Draper of the 90th, Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16 and 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses and insurance, respectively, so as to require an owner of an assault weapon to procure and maintain sufficient liability insurance to protect against legal liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation, or use of such weapon; to provide for definitions; to provide for proof or evidence of such insurance; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for limitations on such liability insurance; to provide for notification of changes or termination of such liability insurance; to require insurers to submit certain information; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 65. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Carpenter of the 4th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Drenner of the 85th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to

designate collard greens as the official state greens, with "potlikka" as the official state dipping sauce of the official state bread; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 66. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to title ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to expand the definition of a rental motor vehicle with respect to the tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 29. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hatchett of the 155th, Burchett of the 176th, Gunter of the 8th, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; to revise the disposition of excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funding allocated to the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 30. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Stephens of the 164th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the permanent extension of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

HB 34	HB 35
HB 36	HB 37
HB 38	HB 39

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The Speaker announced the House in recess.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 4 having arrived, the Senate appeared upon the floor of the House, and the Joint Session, convened for the purpose of hearing an address from the Governor, was called to order by the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones.

The Resolution calling for the Joint Session was read.

Accompanied by the Committee of Escort and other distinguished guests, His Excellency, Governor Brian P. Kemp, appeared upon the floor of the House and delivered the following address:

Lt. Governor Jones, Speaker Burns, President Pro Tem Kennedy, Speaker Pro Tem Jones, members of the General Assembly, my fellow Constitutional Officers, members of the Public Service Commission, Mayor Dickens, members of the judiciary, members of the consular corps, and my fellow Georgians:

As we begin a new year with some new colleagues under this Gold Dome, and as we reflect on the past successes and challenges of prior years. I am reminded again and again that no matter what, Georgians outlast the tough times and achieve new heights of success.

In just the six years since I've taken office, we have faced the trials of Covid-19; a major recession as a result of that unprecedented pandemic, the effects of 11 hurricanes; some of them causing historic, generational damage; over 200 tornadoes that caused direct injuries; a summer of unrest and various threats to public safety, some of them ongoing; and other challenges that required - and received - the very best of our people.

And through it all, time and time again, Georgians have risen to the occasion. As the saying goes, tough times don't last, tough people do.

And if there is anything that I've learned in the six years I've been honored to serve as your governor, it's that hardworking Georgians are not only tough, they're also generous, proud, and love our great state.

Because that's who we are.

And that's why the state of our state is not only strong, it is resilient!

Marty and I have been especially reminded of that following the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene. With historic rainfall and mudslides in North Georgia, record flooding in Atlanta of over 11 inches in just two days, and a massive amount of damage across much of the Southeastern United States, hundreds of thousands of Georgians across the state were victims of that storm's fury in some way.

Georgia Power reported it was one of the worst storms they've ever seen, with over 11,800 power poles broken, over 5,800 transformers damaged, and over 20,000 people who worked around the clock to restore the power.

In total, 230 people across the country lost their lives, 34 of them right here in Georgia, including 4 children. Marty and I toured 16 of the hardest-hit counties in Helene's wake, and in every community, we saw utter devastation. But in the face of grief and unbearable loss, we also saw everyday heroes.

We saw neighbors helping neighbors, lending a hand or a chainsaw, even when their own homes and farms were in need of attention. We saw brand new church outreach programs feeding whole towns, and we saw first responders who put the lives of others above their own.

Will you please join me in applauding their bravery?

Courageous men and women like them had to cut people out of their homes and, sadly, had to recover the bodies of those killed by this storm. The heartbreaking loss of these lives is made even worse by the loss of livelihoods, especially for our farmers and timber growers who have endured over 5.5 billion dollars' worth of damage.

Our farmers needed relief, quickly and efficiently. That's why we repurposed 100 million dollars to the Georgia Development Authority last November to provide direct financial support for farmers and timber producers. It's also why – along with our congressional delegation, Lt. Governor Jones, Speaker Burns, Commissioner Harper,

and many others – I urged the U.S. congress and Biden administration to fast-track block grants to our state.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every member of Georgia's congressional delegation - both Republicans and Democrats - who voted to support that legislation, and I want to thank both President Biden and President-elect Trump for their support of the disaster relief package as well. Our people will receive the aid they desperately need and deserve - and for that, I am thankful.

But rest assured, the elected leaders under this Gold Dome will stand with them for as long as necessary to make sure Georgians recover and come back stronger than before!

And just as communities across our state need relief after Hurricane Helene, all Georgians need permanent relief from the historic storm of inflation. The past three years have drained family bank accounts, sapped the strength of our small businesses, and left too many Georgians struggling to make ends meet. From groceries and rent, to building supplies and everyday goods and services, the price of nearly everything Georgians purchase or consume has gone up - often faster than their take home pay. This happened because the federal government decided to spend your money like it was somebody else's, like a credit card with no limit that someone else would have to pay back, instead of reining in spending, cutting taxes, or even coming close to balancing a budget.

But in Georgia, we don't conduct the people's business with trillion-dollar deficits or endless continuing resolutions. Just because we take in more money, doesn't mean we need to create new big government programs to fund for eternity.

Instead, we budget conservatively, fund our priorities, keep government efficient, cut taxes, and then return your money back to you. Between multiple tax rebates, multiple suspensions of the state gas tax over the past two years, the homeowner tax relief grant you passed last year, and the largest state income tax cut in history that the members seated here helped us accelerate, we've committed to saving Georgia taxpayers over 7.6 billion dollars!

And because of our conservative approach to budgeting and this body's support in holding the line on state spending, along with the incredible economy we've bolstered, we're able to double down on that relief. The prior acceleration you passed last session brought down the Georgia income tax rate to 5.39 percent, down a full 36 basis points from where we started in 2022. Today, I'm proposing a further cut of 20 basis points, bringing us down to just 5.19 percent - saving Georgians another 7.5 billion dollars over the next 10 years!

Because, at the end of the day, that's your money - not the government's, and here in Georgia, we believe you should keep more of it!

Our conservative budgeting and balanced approach to taxes and spending are just some of the reasons we've been named the "top state for business" for 11 years in a row, which is absolutely unprecedented!

Like you, I'm proud of that distinction, because businesses – both large and small, and everything in between – are the lifeblood of our economy.

When your community can attract an automotive supplier that creates 30 new jobs, or help an existing tissue and paper manufacturer expand its operations by over 100 jobs, those are real lives and real families that are impacted. Those are hardworking Georgians who now have a chance to start a career, provide for their loved ones, and build a better future.

Georgia's success in attracting good-paying jobs and investment is widely known. Since I took office, together, we have attracted over 193,000 new, private sector jobs and over 90 billion dollars in investment! The majority of those jobs and investments are going to rural areas, and those numbers just cover projects where the state was involved, they don't include all the organic growth underway throughout the state.

Over the last twenty years, we have fought through economic headwinds, and a pandemic, while still remaining one of the best states for business and economic opportunity. Georgia prevailed because when a state welcomes job growth, innovation, and prosperity, everyone prospers – no matter their zip code. We're #1 for business because we listened to – and worked with – new and existing job creators. We didn't hand out government mandates or let partisan politics dictate state policy.

We let our people and our job creators lead the way. We trusted hardworking Georgians to use their God-given abilities to create and innovate - and our state is better off for it.

But Georgia's economic success is a lot like football. To quote Kirby Smart, "humility is only a week away," and there are storm clouds on the horizon.

As we look ahead, I believe one of the biggest threats to Georgia's future, is our state's legal environment.

Last year, my office worked with the General Assembly and Insurance Commissioner John King's office to pass House Bill 1114. This legislation allowed Commissioner King to gather data and information on Georgia's insurance industry, identify reforms that could be made to stabilize insurance costs, expand choices for consumers when

they need coverage, and prevent more insurance carriers from leaving Georgia altogether.

Additionally, over the last few months, my office hosted three roundtables throughout the state, listening to small businesses across a wide range of industries, healthcare providers from Albany to Toccoa, and some of our state's largest employers. Even though each person at those roundtables came from a different part of our state, represented a different industry or business, told a unique story or had a different perspective, the call for action was unanimous. It's abundantly clear that the status quo isn't working and a failure to act on meaningful tort reform will continue to put Georgians and their livelihoods in serious jeopardy.

For some that I met, the cost of insurance is threatening their ability to operate. Small business owners reported insurance premiums up anywhere from 30 percent to over 100 percent over the last few years, costing them hundreds of thousands or millions more just to get basic coverage. For too many of them, that meant holding back on hiring more employees, waiting to grow their business, or making difficult decisions about whether or not they could even keep the lights on. For others, the biggest problem was a complete lack of insurance options or the threat of paying thousands - or millions - to fend off excessive lawsuits.

And at the end of the day, the increased cost of doing business is simply passed on to the consumer, hardworking Georgians who are already struggling to make ends meet. As a small business owner for over 35 years, I know that if you can't get insurance, you can't run a business, and you can't pay your employees. And nobody can afford to spend years – and millions – in the courtroom battling to keep the doors open in their small business.

It's unsustainable, and widespread.

At our first roundtable, we spoke to leaders of a childcare company with multiple locations in metro Atlanta. They have experienced a 100 percent increase in insurance costs since just 2018. We heard from a South Georgia grocer, who lost coverage completely after frivolous lawsuits were filed. One business owner's statement stuck out to me. He said, "At this point, I don't feel like I'm able to run my business. I'm just trying not to lose it."

That sentiment carried into our second roundtable with healthcare providers in Macon, where we heard firsthand the challenges our legal environment poses to critical services, our healthcare workforce, and the ability for hospitals and clinics to operate. One hospital system that serves much of rural Georgia had liability premiums go up 115 percent in just one year. Another hospital, in northeast Georgia, actually had their premiums decrease 13 percent from 2022 to 2024, but only because the facility

closed their labor and delivery unit in 2021. This was due to workforce challenges and soaring liability insurance costs.

We were told story after story of hospitals struggling to recruit and retain doctors - especially O-B-G-Y-Ns and other specialty disciplines because other states offer stronger protections for healthcare providers, lower insurance rates, and a more level playing field in their courtrooms. And we heard from multiple doctors who wondered how much longer they would practice, for fear of being targeted by baseless or excessive lawsuits.

These stories highlight a legal environment that leads to fewer options for Georgians seeking care, higher costs, and ultimately worse health outcomes for our people.

And at the third roundtable, some of Georgia's favorite brands - and biggest job creators - shared the challenges confronting their businesses and employees. The roundtable was hosted by Waffle House, and I think everyone here will agree that no matter your politics, there's nothing more Georgian than ordering hashbrowns smothered and covered at one of their 440 locations across our state.

Whether it's an emergency family trip on Thanksgiving because the turkey ended up burnt, a midnight meal during an all-night study session in college, or the celebration of a big win by your son or daughter's rec team, Waffle House - and great Georgia Grown brands like them - create unforgettable memories for all of us. They also create opportunity and a great career for their employees - over 10,000 of them in Georgia alone. Waffle House is open on July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter and everything in between, in case one of us needs a cup of coffee, an All Star Special, or a friendly smile.

In fact, they're only closed when disaster strikes, or, unfortunately when they can't afford to remain open because of a legal environment that forces them to limit hours, hold back on hiring, or change their business model. Georgia accounts for roughly 22 percent of all Waffle House locations in the country, but almost 37 percent of their litigation costs. Their liability insurance premiums have gone up 235 percent since 2018, and their average cost for a negligent security lawsuit in Georgia is 5 times higher than in Florida, 9 times higher than Texas, 21 times higher than South Carolina, and 27 times the average cost of similar lawsuits in Alabama.

When we talk about how to continue Georgia's success as the top state for business for the next 11 years, and how to keep our state's best and brightest days ahead, it starts here. Stories like Waffle House, stories like those small-town grocers and childcare facilities, the mom and pop restaurants that make our local communities special, the healthcare providers who are there for us when we need it the most; without them, our state is not the same, and Georgia will never realize its full potential.

The tort reform legislation my office will introduce in the coming days will be comprehensive - but fair. Because in Georgia, we believe those who do wrong should be held accountable. And if you have been wronged, you deserve justice!

I also believe the legislation we will be introducing can - and should - have bipartisan support. Making sure your neighborhood has a grocery store with fresh food available to a young single mom, or an elderly couple on a fixed income isn't a Republican or Democratic issue. Recruiting an OBGYN or a GI doctor to your hometown doesn't depend on what lever you pull in the voting booth. Stabilizing the cost of car insurance and ensuring families have access to affordable housing is not partisan - it's common sense. And giving working people and small business owners a chance at the American Dream is about who we are as a state - not what political party we support.

To my Democratic friends, there is no reason we can't tackle tort reform together. Passing anti-hate crimes legislation, repealing the citizens arrest statute, and supporting the victims of human trafficking, those are tough issues. But Republicans and Democrats accomplished them together because it was the right thing to do for all Georgians, not just the ones who voted for us. As a former legislator myself, I can promise you, that a vote to support the hardworking men and women of our state, a vote to put them first ahead of the status quo, that is never a bad vote.

But I know this issue is complicated and will not be easy to fix. There are many different stakeholders, with competing ideas about how to move forward. However, doing nothing is no longer an option.

We will do what is right by the people of our state. We will be fair to all involved in this important debate, and we will work together to pass legislation that strikes the right balance and puts hardworking Georgians first. But I also want to be very clear: there is always room for compromise, but there will be no room for excuses, half-measures, or failure.

Whether it's this legislative session, or a second one later this year, we will achieve meaningful, impactful tort reform.

Because if we take seriously our mission to keep Georgia the best place to live, work, and raise a family for the next generation, we have to get off the sidelines and get to work!

Keeping our state moving in the right direction also means proudly supporting our law enforcement and honoring those who bravely run into the face of danger to protect and defend us all.

Last year, when a deranged gunman attacked one of our schools, a place that should be safe for everyone, two on-site officers confronted and arrested him within two minutes, while numerous local and state law enforcement rushed to the scene, including Sheriff Jud Smith.

Those two School Resource Officers saved many lives at Apalachee High School on that horrific day and have more than earned our enduring gratitude. Sergeant Chase Boyd, Deputy Brandon King, and Sheriff Smith are here with us today. I would like to ask them to stand and let us thank them and their colleagues for their heroic efforts.

I also want to thank those members of the legislature who were here in 2019 and 2023, who supported two rounds of funding for direct campus security grants to every school in Georgia. And last year, with the support of Lt. Governor Jones, Speaker Burns, and the General Assembly, we made yearly funding to strengthen school safety a permanent part of our base budgets.

In total, we've allocated 294 million dollars for campus safety so far, and my budget proposal includes a further 159 million dollars for that purpose. And just as we're protecting Georgia's children in our classrooms, we're also going after those who target them outside of school, including gangs and human traffickers.

Thanks to the vital work by members of the GRACE Commission, law enforcement partners, including GBI's Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit, and prosecutors on the state and local levels, all championed by the nation's best first lady, Marty Kemp, the state has now investigated over 330 human trafficking cases, convicted 49 human traffickers, and saved roughly 200 victims!

I want to thank Attorney General Chris Carr and the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit – led by Hannah Palmquist – for all they have done to help make Georgia a safe place for victims and a hostile state for offenders! The Attorney General's Office has also investigated 140 gang related cases, secured 52 convictions, and charged more than 140 individuals. And that's just since that unit stood up less than two years ago! My budget includes just over 1.2 million dollars to expand the gang and human trafficking prosecution units in the Attorney General's Office to further this work,

Marty will spearhead passage of her tenth human trafficking bill that will reinforce the good work of the GRACE Commission. Their resilience in fighting this good fight is why Georgia is leading on this issue, and this latest measure will be yet another reminder that if you come after our children, we are coming after you!

Just as Marty has been instrumental in going after those who threaten our children and making Georgia a safe place for those seeking to rebuild their lives, she has also been a tireless champion for mental health services. For over a year now, as she has

promoted the 9-8-8 suicide and crisis hotline, she has carried this message forward: "It's ok, to not be ok." And as a result, more and more Georgians are finding the support they need to stay resilient in the face of difficulty.

Last year, you put more funding toward behavioral and mental health needs than ever before, over 1.6 billion dollars. I want to thank the First Lady, Commissioner Kevin Tanner, and the frontline caregivers who are helping Georgians process and overcome the challenges of mental distress.

Several of those caregivers have joined us today. They are true coaches of resiliency who help children and young adults deal with the unimaginable. Christina Lowe, Whitney Hardigre, Laura Ethridge, and Caron Hope were some of the first on the scene in the days following the tragedy at Apalachee High School. Their strength, knowledge, and skill have helped those who have witnessed evil to be able to move forward and continue on life's path, and for that, they have our deepest gratitude. Christina, Whitney, Laura and Caron, please stand and let us recognize and thank you for your service.

Mental health services like this are improving the quality of healthcare and access in our state, as is the newly launched State-Based Exchange, which is the latest milestone on the plan we laid out in the Patients First Act of 2019. These ongoing efforts are lowering the cost of premiums and increasing the number of those insured in Georgia.

In fact, since I took office, the combined work of Georgia Access and Georgia Pathways is covering over 1.5 million people across our state. And I'm going to keep repeating this until I'm blue in the face, even though many on the other side or in the media don't want to hear it: we're covering well over 200,000 more Georgians than traditional Medicaid expansion would cover. And those Georgians are on better plans, that deliver better coverage, and lead to better healthcare outcomes for them and their families.

In fact, since I took office, we've seen over 93 provider rate increases through traditional Medicaid, and costs to the state have grown by more than a 250 million dollars per year. So, when you hear someone say that fully expanding traditional Medicaid is "fiscally responsible," know that they are selling you a bill of goods – because the numbers simply don't match the rhetoric. In total, Georgia spends over 4.2 billion dollars for Medicaid in our state, and there are those who say the program only needs more money to succeed.

Well, I respectfully disagree!

With a new administration coming to Washington, I'm looking forward to furthering our innovative approach to healthcare access, which is making Georgia a leader in this

field. And as I announced yesterday alongside Lt. Governor Jones and Speaker Burns, we are making it even easier to sign up for the Georgia Pathways program that helps Georgians start a rewarding career, get their degree, attain real-world skills, and ultimately receive better healthcare coverage.

My high school football coach had a saying, "Winning is contagious."

He knew that when you have the momentum, when the entire team buys into the same mission, the same vision, and when they play for each other, good things happen. Much like winning in football, I believe Georgia's success can be contagious.

In spite of unprecedented challenges and many hard days, Georgia has enjoyed historic success. From jobs and investment, growth and opportunity, to freedom and prosperity, it is a great time to be a Georgian. We achieved more than many thought we would, we proved that big things can get done, we showed that the Georgia Way is indeed the better way.

So, let's keep playing hard for the people who sent us here. Let's keep putting hardworking Georgians and our state's success first. Let's avoid distractions and line up together to secure victory. I believe Georgia's success, its prosperity, and its promise of opportunity for all, are indeed contagious. And it's our job to keep it that way.

So, let's get to work!

May God Bless you all and May God continue to bless the great state of Georgia!

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly be now dissolved and the motion prevailed.

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones, announced the Joint Session dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

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

Representatives Kendrick of the 95th and Cummings of the 39th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 33. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gordon L. Gilley; and for other purposes.

HR 34. By Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. David L. Stallion Sr. on the occasion of his ninth pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 35. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Metropolitan Sevastianos; and for other purposes.

HR 36. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation; and for other purposes.

HR 37. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, Romman of the 97th, Au of the 50th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Intuitive for its contributions to patient care and for business achievements and growth in Gwinnett County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 38. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Beckles of the 96th, Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Martinez of the 111th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Mary Kay Murphy for a lifetime of distinguished service to education and community; and for other purposes.

HR 39. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of William G. Fallin; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, January 17, 2025

Fifth Legislative Day

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

The following communication was received:

Georgia State House

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square, SW, Suite 611-G
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 16, 2025

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I would like to request that I be marked as present on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, the second day of the 2025 Legislative Session.

As I announced in the chamber on Monday, January 13th, Tuesday was the first of our two yearly blood drives at the Capitol.

At the time of rollcall, I was in the Life South Bloodmobile, parked on Mitchell Street between CLOB and the Capitol, donating blood. As soon as I was done in the Bloodmobile, I immediately went to the House chamber, but did not sign in on the clipboard.

I am requesting to be marked as present because I was physically at the Capitol and the reason that I was absent from roll call was documented in the chamber on Monday and on social media during and after the blood drive.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michelle Au
Representative Michelle Au
Michelle Au, MD, MPH
Georgia House of Representatives
District 50

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Henderson	McClain	E Sainz
Adeyina	Cox	Herring	McCollum	Sampson
Alexander	Crawford	Hilton	McDonald	Sanchez
Au	Crowe	Hitchens	McQueen	Schofield
Baker	Davis	Holland	Miller	Scoggins
Ballard	Dawson	Holly	Mitchell	Scott
E Ballinger	DeLoach	Hong	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barnes	Dempsey	Howard, J	Moore	Sharper
Barrett	E Dickey	Howard, K	Myles	Silcox
Barton	Donatucci	Huddleston	New	Smith, L
Bazemore	Douglas	Hugley	Newton	Smith, M
Beckles	Draper	Jackson, D	Okoye	E Smith, TP
Bell	Drenner	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Smith, V
Bennett	Dunahoo	Jackson, M	Oliver	Stephens
Berry	Efstration	Jasperse	O'Steen	E Stinson
E Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jones, A	Paris	Tarvin
Bonner	Erwin	Jones, J	Park	E Taylor, D
Buckner	Evans	E Jones, S	Parrish	Taylor, R
Burchett	Fleming	Jones, T	Parsons	Townsend
Burnough	Flournoy	Kahaian	Persinger	Tran
Byrd	Franklin	Kelley	Petrea	Wade
Cameron	Frye	Kendrick	Powell	Washburn
Camp	Gaines	LaHood	Prince	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gambill	Leverett	Reese	Westbrook
Cannon, P	E Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Wiedower
Carpenter	Greene	Lim	Rhodes	Williams, A
Carter	Griffin	Lumsden	Rice	Williams, N
Chastain	Gullett	Lupton	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Willis
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Clifton	E Hatchett	Mathiak	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Cooper	Hawkins	E Mathis		

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The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 73. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Seminole County, approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3994), as amended, so as to provide that future elections for members of the board of

education shall be nonpartisan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

HB 74. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Jasperse of the 11th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to correct a reference; to provide for the application of the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act to certain provisions of the Code relating to bona fide coin operated amusement machines; to provide for exemptions from the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act regarding the Georgia Lottery Corporation for certain matters not related to bona fide coin operated amusement machines; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 75. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to animal protection, so as to revise certain provisions relating to the impounding of domesticated animals by a government agency and the care of such impounded domesticated animals; to require a court order prior to the euthanasia of any impounded domesticated animal; to provide for state or local liability in cases of the death of, loss of, or injury to an impounded domesticated animal under certain circumstances; to provide for notice and hearings; to provide a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 76. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Smith of the 138th and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 32-2-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development of transportation plans, public hearings, approval of plans by board, and promulgation of rules and

regulations by the Department of Transportation, so as to require public hearings for local transportation projects of significant impact; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 77. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cameron of the 1st, Richardson of the 125th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right of way for operators of motor vehicles, so as to revise responsibilities of motor vehicle operators when encountering a funeral procession on a two-lane highway; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 78. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Richardson of the 125th, Yearta of the 152nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 79. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Cooper of the 45th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain eligible expenses incurred for firearm safe handling instructional courses and firearm secure storage devices; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval by the department; to prohibit the creation of certain lists or databases; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 80. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Oliver of the 84th, Crawford of the 89th, Paris of the 142nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of property seized, so as to provide law enforcement agencies the option to destroy or sell certain firearms; to revise procedures for the disposition of certain firearms in custody of law enforcement agencies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 81. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Persinger of the 119th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education compacts, so as to enter into the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provisions of the compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 82. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd, Werkheiser of the 157th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for a state administered guest worker program under the Commissioner of Labor; to provide for the purpose of such program; to provide definitions; to provide for the procedures for such program and the requirements to participate in such program; to provide for authorizations to participate in such program, identification cards, and renewals of authorizations; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 83. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to increase the rate of the tax on each pack of cigarettes; to provide that the proceeds derived from such increase are intended to be appropriated for healthcare purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 84. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to increase the rate of the tax on consumable vapor products; to provide that the proceeds derived from such increase are intended to be appropriated for healthcare purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 85. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of superior court judges; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 86. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia State Tax Court; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 87. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Wiedower of the 121st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Williams of the 148th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 88. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Drenner of the 85th, Clark of the 108th, Frye of the 122nd, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for biomedical technicians to be eligible for the state student loan forgiveness program; to provide for a definition; to provide for conditions and eligibility; to provide for terms of the loan purchase agreement; to provide for cancellation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 89. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th and Hong of the 103rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the department of public health, so as to require healthcare

providers, healthcare facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric or other clinical records; to amend Code Section 37-3-166 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to treatment of clinical records, when release permitted, scope of privileged communications, liability for disclosure, and notice to sheriff of discharge, so as to permit the release of clinical records of a deceased patient to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to remove the requirement that a medical examiner's inquiry for pregnant female deaths be done through a regional perinatal center; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 90. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 91. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dickey of the 134th and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing, so as to provide for licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 92. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Erwin of the 32nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-44.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to base year homestead exemption, so as to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 93. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 31. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd and Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. R. George Strickland, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

HB 59	HB 60
HB 61	HB 62
HB 63	HB 64
HB 65	HB 66
HR 29	HR 30

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

Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd et al. and Cannon of the 58th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 43. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Yearta of the 152nd, O'Steen of the 169th, Ballard of the 147th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bryce Alan Johnson; and for other purposes.

HR 44. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Barry A. Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 45. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Au of the 50th, Williamson of the 112th, Neal of the 79th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 51st anniversary of the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 46. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Sheriff Ron Freeman; and for other purposes.

HR 47. By Representatives New of the 40th, Alexander of the 66th and Baker of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION commending Travis Strickland, the 2024 West Georgia Soil and Water Conservationist of the Year; and for other purposes

HR 48. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Westbrook of the 163rd, Petrea of the 166th and Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Great Dane upon the 125th anniversary of its founding; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Carter of the 93rd, Hutchinson of the 106th, Adeyina of the 110th, Byrd of the 20th et al., Wiedower of the 121st, and Burchett of the 176th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, January 27, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, January 27, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, January 27, 2025

Sixth Legislative Day

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

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

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Alexander	Corbett	Hilton	McCollum	Sanchez
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Ballard	Cummings	Holly	Miller	Scott
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Barton	Dickey	Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Bazemore	Donatucci	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Beckles	Douglas	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Bell	Draper	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Stephens
Bennett	Drenner	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stinson
Berry	Dunahoo	Jackson, M	Oliver	Tarvin
Blackmon	Efstration	Jasperse	O'Steen	Taylor, D
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Buckner	Erwin	Jones, A	Paris	Thomas
Burchett	Evans	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Burnough	Fleming	Jones, S	Parrish	Tran
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, T	Parsons	Wade
Cameron	Ford	Kahaian	Persinger	E Washburn
Camp	Franklin	Kelley	Petrea	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Frye	Kendrick	Powell	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gaines	LaHood	Prince	Wilkerson
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Carpenter	Greene	Lim	Rice	Williams, N
Carter	Griffin	Lumsden	Richardson	Williamson
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Clark, J	Hawkins	Mathiak	Romman	

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They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Billy Smith, Christ Chapel Zebulon, Zebulon, Georgia.

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HB 94. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require coverage for certain expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; to allow for certain cost-sharing requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 95. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jackson of the 128th, Griffin of the 149th, Herring of the 145th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for an income tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 96. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Au of the 50th, Griffin of the 149th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco and vaping products, so as to increase the rate of the tax on each pack of cigarettes; to set the rate of the tax on each pack of cigarettes to the national average tax on cigarettes, as determined by the commissioner, in future tax years; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 97. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Griffin of the 149th, Jackson of the 128th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the expansion of Medicaid; to provide for definitions; to authorize the Department of Community Health to utilize appropriations for the purposes of funding Medicaid expansion; to provide for the submission of requests for waivers, amendments to waivers, and state plan amendments; to authorize the office of the Commissioner of Insurance to certify qualified health plans; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative notification and approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 98. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Herring of the 145th, Clark of the 108th, Griffin of the 149th, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a state income tax credit equal to 10 percent of the federal child tax credit; to

provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 99. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Bennett of the 94th, Buckner of the 137th, Herring of the 145th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a state income tax credit based upon the federal qualified child and dependent care tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 100. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Hawkins of the 27th, Au of the 50th, Prince of the 132nd, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all prescription drug rebates to enrollees that such insurer receives from third parties with regard to such enrollee's prescription drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 101. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Hawkins of the 27th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide for an annual public report on the amount of prescription drug rebates and other price concessions applied to premium reductions for state health plan participants; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 102. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Quality Reporting Project; to provide for definitions; to provide for the purposes of the project; to provide for a working group; to provide for submission of clinical data; to provide for processing of clinical data with claims data; to provide for penalties; to amend Code Section 33-6-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enumeration of unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices and penalty, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 103. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Troup County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $22,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3844), as amended; so as to increase the existing homestead exemption; to increase the income cap; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 104. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Cannon of the 172nd and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to enact the "Equal Athletic Opportunities Act"; to provide generally for student participation in interscholastic athletic activities and events; to generally prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in such activities and events; to promote fair and safe competition; to provide for the use of student eligibility rules, standards, and classifications; to provide for exceptions to

general provisions; to provide for specific designations; to prohibit male students from participating in athletic activities and events designated for female students and vice versa; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 105. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-9-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability generally, designation of method of payment, and procedure for making payments, so as to increase the indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 106. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Alexander of the 66th, McClain of the 109th, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to authorize local boards of education and other public school governing bodies to offer a driver education training course as an elective; to provide for funding from local funds, student fees, and state funding subject to appropriations; to provide for rules and regulations for the allocation of state funds; to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 107. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 25th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of professions and businesses, so as to provide for the issuance of digitally verifiable licenses for spouses of military service members, spouses of transitioning service members, and transitioning military service members; to provide definitions; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for the issuance

of physical licenses upon request; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 108. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Prince of the 132nd, Cannon of the 172nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide certain protections for veterans and other eligible persons applying for benefits; to provide for limitations; to provide for violations; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 109. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for a five-year pilot program for the purpose of creating emergency psychiatric assessment, treatment, and healing units or EmPATH units in hospitals; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for the administration of such program; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for the certification of EmPATH units; to provide for an appropriations contingency; to provide for funding or gifts in-kind; to provide for exclusions; to provide for termination of such program and automatic repeal of the article; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 110. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Ballard of the 147th, Gullett of the 19th, Clark of the 100th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pawnbrokers, so as to provide certain protections for current military members and related persons; to prohibit pawnbrokers from making title pawns with covered borrowers; to provide a penalty for violations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs.

HB 111. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the rate of the tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 112. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2023 and 2024 taxable years; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 113. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities; to provide for a list of such goods; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to repeal provisions related to contracting with China; to provide for powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 114. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers,

commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 115. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for certain notice upon registration of a vessel with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for performance of unattended vessel checks; to authorize restitution to the Department of Natural Resources for the cost of removal, storage, and disposal of abandoned vessels; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 116. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to change the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; to require law enforcement officers within such division be trained, sworn, and certified; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 117. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Williams of the 168th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require notification of the country of origin of seafood

items; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 118. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Kelley of the 16th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to revise the requirements of child care learning centers and family child care learning homes; to require that such centers and homes maintain at least one portable airway clearance device; to require that certain employees of such centers and homes be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 40. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Williams of the 148th, Holcomb of the 101st, Taylor of the 173rd, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Reinsurance for Essential Industries; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 41. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jackson of the 68th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to reduce the waiting period for determination and approval of disability benefits for individuals living with lupus; to ensure equitable access to essential disability benefits for such individuals; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HR 42. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A RESOLUTION ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 10.01.24.02, 10.08.24.01, and 10.15.24.01 suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 49. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Cannon of the 58th, Romman of the 97th, Bell of the 75th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 18, 2025, as Manuel Estevan Paez Teran Day; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

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

Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd et al., Bell of the 75th, Campbell of the 35th et al., Jones of the 143rd et al., and Carpenter of the 4th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 50. By Representative Silcox of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and for other purposes.

HR 51. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Buckner of the 137th and Jenkins of the 136th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kia's vehicle manufacturing and impact on the state and recognizing January 28, 2025, as Kia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 52. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Scoggins of the 14th, Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Marvin Gary Simmons; and for other purposes.

HR 53. By Representative Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Emily L. Milner; and for other purposes.

HR 54. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ballard of the 147th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring several cities upon their designation as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and for other purposes.

HR 55. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Christen Rippe and Gavin Haslett, the 2024 Literary State Champions in Dramatic Interpretation; and for other purposes.

HR 56. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 28, 2025, as Bryan Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 57. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2025, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 58. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Efstration of the 104th, Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 28, 2025, as Gwinnett Chamber Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 59. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hong of the 103rd, Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Korean American Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 60. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 4, 2025, as Firefighters Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 61. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Park of the 107th, Lim of the 98th and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION commending AHIMSA-End Gun Violence; and for other purposes.

HR 62. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Park of the 107th, Lim of the 98th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Mary D'Souza Sequeira; and for other purposes.

HR 63. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Park of the 107th, Lim of the 98th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Chinese-American Business Association of Atlanta upon its 32nd anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 64. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Park of the 107th, Lim of the 98th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Chien Hong School of Kong Fu; and for other purposes.

HR 65. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Dickey of the 134th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hagan of the 156th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of Georgia 4-H Program, Kingston Ryals, Melanie Biersmith, and the 2024-2025 4-H Leadership Teams and recognizing February 25, 2025, as 4-H Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Dickey of the 134th et al., Kelley of the 16th, Martin of the 49th et al., and Reese of the 140th et al.

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

MEMO

TO: Members of the Georgia House of Representatives

FROM: The House Committee on Assignments

DATE: January 14, 2025

After thoughtful deliberation, the Committee on Assignments today unanimously adopted the attached slate of committee members for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session.

/s/ Jon Burns
Speaker Jon Burns

/s/ Jan Jones
Speaker Pro Tem Jan Jones

/s/ Chuck Efstration
Majority Leader Chuck Efstration

/s/ James Burchett
Majority Caucus Whip James Burchett

/s/ Bruce Williamson
Majority Caucus Chairman
Bruce Williamson

/s/ Shaw Blackmon
Chairman Shaw Blackmon

/s/ Katie Dempsey
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/s/ Matt Hatchett
Chairman Matt Hatchett

/s/ Butch Parrish
Chairman Butch Parrish

/s/ Lynn Smith
Chairman Lynn Smith

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	Camp, Beth	
	Cannon, Chas	
	Carter, Doreen	
	Corbett, John	
	Cox, Brent	
	Dawson, Robert	
	Dubnik, Matt	
	Dunahoo, Emory	
	Ford, Jaclyn	
	Gunter, Stan	
	Hagan, Leesa	
	Howard, Jutt	
	Jasperse, Rick	
	Jenkins, David	
	Leverett, Rob	
	Lewis-Ward, Regina	
	Lim, Marvin	
	Martinez, Rey	
	Mathis, Danny	
	Meeks, Steven	
	O'Steen, Angie	
	Reese, Tremaine "Teddy"	
	Sampson, David	
	Smith, Tyler Paul	
	Stinson, Patty Marie	
	Taylor, Darlene	
	Taylor, Rhonda	
	Willis, Inga	
	Yearta, Bill	

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Appropriations	Hatchett, Matt	Chairman
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	Barton, Matt	Secretary
	Blackmon, Shaw	Ex-Officio
	Kelley, Trey	Ex-Officio

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	Carpenter, Kasey	
	Gambill, Matthew	
	Gilliard, Carl	
	Jackson, Mack	
	Lumsden, Eddie	

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Education	Dubnik, Matt	Chairman
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	Dickey, Robert	
	Erwin, Chris	
	Hagan, Leesa	
	Jackson, Edna	
	Jones, Jan	
	Jones, Todd	

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General Government	Wiedower, Marcus	Chairman
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	Prince, Brian	
	Reeves, Matt	
	Ridley, Jason	
	Smith, Lynn	
	Tarvin, Steve	

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Health	Taylor, Darlene	Chairman
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	Buckner, Debbie	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Hugley, Carolyn	
	Parrish, Butch	
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	Washburn, Dale	

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	Martin, Chuck	
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	Oliver, Mary Margaret	
	Sainz, Steven	

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	Evans, Stacey	
	Gunter, Stan	
	Holcomb, Scott	
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	Dunahoo, Emory	
	Gullett, Joseph	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Henderson, Sharon	
	Hugley, Carolyn	
	Lewis-Ward, Regina	
	Mitchell, Billy	
	Parrish, Butch	
	Rhodes, Trey	
	Ridley, Jason	
	Scott, Sandra	
	Sharper, Dexter	
	Washburn, Dale	
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	Gambill, Matthew	
	Henderson, Sharon	
	Jackson, Derrick	
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	Ridley, Jason	
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	Scoggins, Mitchell	
	Smith, Vance	
	Wilkerson, David	

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	Miller, Tanya F.	
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	Santos, Mary Ann	
	Scoggins, Mitchell	
	Silcox, Deborah	
	Wayfer Baker, Sylvia	

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	Holland, Betsy	
	Hutchinson, Shelly	
	Martin, Chuck	
	McQueen, Mekyah	
	Meeks, Steven	
	Momtahan, Martin	
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	Smith, Lynn	
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	Holcomb, Scott	
	Jackson, Derrick	
	Jenkins, David	
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	Lumsden, Eddie	
	Martinez, Rey	
	McCollum, Derrick	
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	Sainz, Steven	
	Scott, Sandra	
	Tarvin, Steve	
	Wayfer Baker, Sylvia	
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	Berry, Bryce	
	Bonner, Josh	
	Burnough, Rhonda	
	Byrd, Charlice	
	Carter, Doreen	
	Clark, David	
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	Dempsey, Katie	
	Franklin, Lehman	
	Greene, Gerald	
	Gunter, Stan	

	Hatchett, Matt	
	Heffner, Lynn	
	Herring, Tangie	
	Hitchens, Bill	
	Jackson, Edna	
	Jones, Anissa	
	Kendrick, Dar'shun	
	Neal, Yasmin	
	Paris, Miriam	
	Parrish, Butch	
	Persinger, Holt	
	Reese, Tremaine "Teddy"	
	Rhodes, Trey	
	Smith, Lynn	
	Smith, Michael	
	Smith, Vance	
	Townsend, Rick	
	Westbrook, Anne Allen	
	Williams, Al	
	Willis, Inga	
	Yearta, Bill	

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	Carter, Doreen	
	Cheokas, Mike	
	Clark, David	
	Cox, Brent	
	Donatucci, Sandy	
	Dubnik, Matt	
	Glaize, Lydia	
	Howard, Karlton	
	Jasperse, Rick	
	Jones, Jan	
	Jones, Todd	
	Lupton, Karen	
	Olaleye, Phil	
	Paris, Miriam	
	Townsend, Rick	
	Wade, Will	
	Wilkerson, David	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications	Parsons, Don	Chairman
	Barton, Matt	Vice Chairman
	Ridley, Jordan	Secretary
	Anderson, Victor	
	Camp, Beth	
	Carson, John	
	Dempsey, Katie	
	Dickey, Robert	
	Drenner, Karla	
	Flournoy Jr., Robert	
	Hatchett, Matt	
	Huddleston, David	
	Hutchinson, Shelly	
	Jones, Todd	
	Kahaian, Noelle	
	Kelley, Trey	
	Lewis-Ward, Regina	
	Lupton, Karen	
	Martin, Chuck	
	Meeks, Steven	
	Momtahan, Martin	
	Moore, Angela	
	Okoye, Gabe	
	Paris, Miriam	
	Romman, Ruwa	
	Seabaugh, Devan	
	Thomas, Brad	
	Werkheiser, Bill	
	Williams, Mary Francis	
	Williamson, Bruce	
	Yearta, Bill	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Ethics	DeLoach, Buddy	Chairman
	Burchett, James	
	Cannon, Park	
	Efstration, Chuck	
	Gaines, Houston	
	Gunter, Stan	
	Hugley, Carolyn	
	Jones, Jan	
	Miller, Tanya F.	
	Park, Sam	
	Williamson, Bruce	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Game, Fish and Parks	Rhodes, Trey	Chairman
	Dunahoo, Emory	Vice Chairman
	Petrea, Jesse	Secretary
	Byrd, Charlice	
	Corbett, John	
	Dubnik, Matt	
	Frye, Spencer	
	Henderson, Sharon	
	LaHood, John	
	McClain, Dewey	
	McDonald, Lauren	
	Meeks, Steven	
	Ridley, Jason	
	Ridley, Jordan	
	Tarvin, Steve	
	Williams, Al	
	Williams, Jr., Noel	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Governmental Affairs	Anderson, Victor	Chairman
	Thomas, Brad	Vice Chairman
	Fleming, Tim	Secretary
	Adesanya, Solomon	
	Bazemore, Debra	
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Burnough, Rhonda	
	Gaines, Houston	
	Gullett, Joseph	
	Hitchens, Bill	
	LaHood, John	
	Leverett, Rob	
	Lumsden, Eddie	
	Momtahan, Martin	
	Olaleye, Phil	
	Oliver, Mary Margaret	
	Powell, Alan	
	Roberts, Shea	
	Sainz, Steven	
	Sanchez, Gabriel	
	Williams, Mary Frances	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Health	Hawkins, Lee	Chairman
	Kelley, Trey	Vice Chairman
	Mathiak, Karen	Secretary

	Barton, Matt	
	Bennett, Karen	
	Clark, David	
	Clark, Jasmine	
	Cooper, Sharon	Ex-Officio
	Davis, Viola	
	Douglas, Demetrius	
	Gunter, Stan	
	Hatchett, Matt	
	Jackson, Mack	
	Jasperse, Rick	
	Jones, Sheila	
	Jones, Todd	
	Lim, Marvin	
	Mitchell, Billy	
	Newton, Mark	
	Parrish, Butch	
	Parsons, Don	
	Petrea, Jesse	
	Schofield, Kim	
	Silcox, Deborah	
	Stinson, Patty Marie	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Higher Education	Martin, Chuck	Chairman
	Barrett, Carter	Vice Chairman
	Carpenter, Kasey	Secretary
	Barnes, Imani	
	Burnough, Rhonda	
	Clark, Jasmine	
	Dempsey, Katie	
	Dickey, Robert	
	Dubnik, Matt	
	Ehrhart, Ginny	
	Fleming, Tim	
	Gambill, Matthew	
	Glaize, Lydia	
	Holcomb, Scott	
	Holland, Betsy	
	Jackson, Edna	
	Kelley, Trey	
	Mathiak, Karen	
	Moore, Angela	
	Park, Sam	
	Scoggins, Mitchell	
	Stinson, Patty Marie	

	Washburn, Dale	
	Wiedower, Marcus	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Human Relations and Aging	Petrea, Jesse	Chairman
	Cameron, Mike	Vice Chairman
	Mathis, Danny	Secretary
	Bazemore, Debra	
	Bell, Eric	
	Bonner, Josh	
	Byrd, Charlice	
	Campbell, Lisa	
	Cannon, Park	
	Cooper, Sharon	
	Dunahoo, Emory	
	Frye, Spencer	
	Gambill, Matthew	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Jackson, Edna	
	LaHood, John	
	Lumsden, Eddie	
	Lupton, Karen	
	McDonald, Lauren	
	Okoye, Gabe	
	Parrish, Butch	
	Sampson, David	
	Scott, Sandra	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Industry and Labor	Werkheiser, Bill	Chairman
	Seabaugh, Devan	Vice Chairman
	Barton, Matt	Secretary
	Anderson, Victor	
	Bonner, Josh	
	Cameron, Mike	
	Carpenter, Kasey	
	Hagan, Leesa	
	Holly, El-Mahdi	
	McClain, Dewey	
	Park, Sam	
	Petrea, Jesse	
	Schofield, Kim	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Information and Audits	Hilton, Scott	Chairman
	Ehrhart, Ginny	Vice Chairman

	Fleming, Tim	Secretary
	Berry, Bryce	
	Cannon, Chas	
	Dawson, Robert	
	LaHood, John	
	Miller, Tanya F.	
	Olaleye, Phil	
	Romman, Ruwa	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Insurance	Lumsden, Eddie	Chairman
	DeLoach, Buddy	Vice Chairman
	Hugley, Carolyn	Secretary
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Cannon, Park	
	Carson, John	
	Crawford, Omari	
	Davis, Viola	
	Douglas, Demetrius	
	Efstration, Chuck	
	Erwin, Chris	
	Gaines, Houston	
	Gambill, Matthew	
	Gilliard, Carl	
	Gullett, Joseph	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Mathiak, Karen	
	Smith, Tyler Paul	
	Reeves, Matt	
	Sampson, David	
	Scott, Sandra	
	Tarvin, Steve	
	Taylor, Darlene	
	Williams Jr., Noel	
	Williamson, Bruce	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Interstate Cooperation	Sainz, Steven	Chairman
	Momtahan, Martin	Vice Chairman
	Cameron, Mike	Secretary
	Bonner, Josh	
	Campbell, Lisa	
	Clark, David	
	Clark, Jasmine	
	Clifton, Rob	
	Donatucci, Sandy	

	Ehrhart, Ginny	
	Franklin, Lehman	
	Howard, Jutt	
	Howard, Karlton	
	Huddleston, David	
	Jones, Anissa	
	Lewis-Ward, Regina	
	Mathiak, Karen	
	Myles Jr., L.C.	
	Romman, Ruwa	
	Sanchez, Gabriel	
	Smith, Michael	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Intragovernmental Coordination	Camp, Beth	Chairman
	Ehrhart, Ginny	Vice Chairman
	New, Kimberly	Secretary
	Anderson, Victor	
	Clark, David	
	Cooper, Sharon	
	Crawford, Omari	
	Dawson, Robert	
	Douglas, Demetrius	
	Erwin, Chris	
	Heffner, Lynn	
	Holland, Betsy	
	Martinez, Rey	
	Mathiak, Karen	
	Myles Jr., L.C.	
	Park, Sam	
	Parsons, Don	
	Thomas, Brad	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Judiciary	Gunter, Stan	Chairman
	Reeves, Matt	Vice Chairman
	Leverett, Rob	Secretary
	Burchett, James	
	Crawford, Omari	
	DeLoach, Buddy	Ex-Officio
	Efstration, Chuck	
	Evans, Stacey	
	Holcomb, Scott	
	Hong, Soo	
	Jones, Todd	
	Kelley, Trey	

	Oliver, Mary Margaret	
	Scoggins, Mitchell	
	Silcox, Deborah	
	Smith, Tyler Paul	Ex-Officio
	Westbrook, Anne Allen	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Judiciary – Juvenile	Ballinger, Mandi	Chairman
	Jenkins, David	Vice Chairman
	Jones, Sheila	Secretary
	Camp, Beth	
	DeLoach, Buddy	
	Draper, Saira	
	Dubnik, Matt	
	Efstration, Chuck	
	Gullett, Joseph	
	Hutchinson, Shelly	
	Kendrick, Dar'shun	
	Oliver, Mary Margaret	
	Panitch, Esther	
	Rice, Carmen	
	Santos, Mary Ann	
	Sharper, Dexter	
	Smith, Tyler Paul	
	Taylor, Rhonda	
	Townsend, Rick	
	Wade, Will	
	Werkheiser, Bill	
	Wilkerson, David	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Judiciary - Non-Civil	Smith, Tyler Paul	Chairman
	Silcox, Deborah	Vice Chairman
	Hong, Soo	Secretary
	Ballinger, Mandi	
	Byrd, Charlice	
	Burchett, James	
	Cooper, Sharon	
	Crowe, Clint	
	Efstration, Chuck	
	Gullett, Joseph	
	Gunter, Stan	Ex-Officio
	Holly, El-Mahdi	
	Kendrick, Dar'shun	
	Leverett, Rob	
	Neal, Yasmin	

	Panitch, Esther	
	Roberts, Shea	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
MARTOC	Silcox, Deborah	Chairman
	Blackmon, Shaw	Ex-Officio
	Mathiak, Karen	Ex-Officio
	Oliver, Mary Margaret	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Motor Vehicles	Corbett, John	Chairman
	Barton, Matt	Vice Chairman
	Mathis, Danny	Secretary
	Alexander, Kimberly	
	Douglas, Demetrius	
	McClain, Dewey	
	Momtahan, Martin	
	Powell, Alan	
	Prince, Brian	
	Ridley, Jason	
	Smith, Vance	
	Taylor, Rhonda	
	Wiedower, Marcus	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Natural Resources and Environment	Smith, Lynn	Chairman
	Smith, Vance	Vice Chairman
	Townsend, Rick	Secretary
	Bazemore, Debra	
	Buckner, Debbie	
	Campbell, Joe	
	Cannon, Chas	
	Chastain, Johnny	
	Corbett, John	
	Davis, Viola	
	DeLoach, Buddy	
	Dickey, Robert	
	Drenner, Karla	
	Ford, Jaclyn	
	Gambill, Matthew	
	Gilliard, Carl	
	Hagan, Leesa	
	Howard, Jutt	
	Huddleston, David	
	McCollum, Derrick	
	McDonald, Lauren	
	New, Kimberly	

	Persinger, Holt	
	Petrea, Jesse	
	Tran, Long	
	Wiedower, Marcus	
	Williams Jr., Noel	
	Williams, Mary Frances	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Public and Community Health	Cooper, Sharon	Chairman
	Richardson, Gary	Vice Chairman
	Oliver, Mary Margaret	Secretary
	Au, Michelle	
	Barnes, Imani	
	Burchett, James	
	Cannon, Park	
	Cheokas, Mike	
	Dempsey, Katie	
	Drenner, Karla	
	Frye, Spencer	
	Gaines, Houston	
	Hawkins, Lee	Ex-Officio
	Hilton, Scott	
	Howard, Karlton	
	Hutchinson, Shelly	
	LaHood, John	
	O'Steen, Angie	
	Parrish, Butch	
	Reese, Tremaine "Teddy"	
	Seabaugh, Devan	
	Sharper, Dexter	
	Taylor, Darlene	
	Washburn, Dale	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Public Safety and Homeland Security	Crowe, Clint	Chairman
	New, Kimberly	Vice Chairman
	Richardson, Gary	Secretary
	Anderson, Victor	
	Cummings, Terry	
	Greene, Gerald	
	Hitchens, Bill	
	Holcomb, Scott	
	Jackson, Mack	
	Jasperse, Rick	
	Jenkins, David	
	Lumsden, Eddie	

	Mathis, Danny	
	McCollum, Derrick	
	McDonald, Lauren	
	Myles, L.C.	
	Neal, Yasmin	
	Panitch, Esther	
	Petrea, Jesse	
	Powell, Alan	
	Ridley, Jordan	
	Sainz, Steven	
	Werkheiser, Bill	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Reapportionment and Redistricting	Leverett, Rob	Chairman
	Hong, Soo	Vice Chairman
	Reeves, Matt	Secretary
	Alexander, Kimberly	
	Ballinger, Mandi	
	DeLoach, Buddy	
	Efstration, Chuck	
	Gilliard, Carl	
	Jackson, Mack	
	Jones, Jan	
	Prince, Brian	
	Scoggins, Mitchell	
	Scott, Sandra	
	Smith, Lynn	
	Taylor, Darlene	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Regulated Industries	Powell, Alan	Chairman
	Washburn, Dale	Vice Chairman
	Ehrhart, Ginny	Secretary
	Bennett, Karen	
	Carpenter, Kasey	
	Cooper, Sharon	
	DeLoach, Buddy	
	Dubnik, Matt	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Hutchinson, Shelly	
	Jackson, Derrick	
	Jasperse, Rick	
	Jenkins, David	
	Jones, Jan	
	Martin, Chuck	
	McCollum, Derrick	

	McDonald, Lauren	
	Mitchell, Billy	
	Ridley, Jason	
	Smith, Michael	
	Williams, Al	
	Williamson, Bruce	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Retirement	Carson, John	Chairman
	Franklin, Lehman	Vice Chairman
	Jenkins, David	Secretary
	Buckner, Debbie	
	DeLoach, Buddy	
	Erwin, Chris	
	Evans, Stacey	
	Greene, Gerald	
	Henderson, Sharon	
	Horner, Mitchell	
	Lim, Marvin	
	Martin, Chuck	
	Tarvin, Steve	
	Thomas, Brad	
	Wilkerson, David	
	Williams, Mary Frances	
	Williams Jr., Noel	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Rules	Parrish, Butch	Chairman
	Leverett, Rob	Vice Chairman
	Ballinger, Mandi	Secretary
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Burchett, James	Ex-Officio
	Carson, John	
	Cooper, Sharon	
	Dempsey, Katie	
	Drenner, Karla	
	Efstration, Chuck	Ex-Officio
	Erwin, Chris	
	Evans, Stacey	
	Greene, Gerald	
	Gunter, Stan	
	Hatchett, Matt	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Hitchens, Bill	
	Holcomb, Scott	
	Hugley, Carolyn	Ex-Officio

	Jackson, Mack	
	Jasperse, Rick	
	Jones, Jan	
	Lumsden, Eddie	
	Martin, Chuck	
	Miller, Tanya F.	
	Newton, Mark	
	Park, Sam	Ex-Officio
	Powell, Alan	
	Smith, Lynn	
	Stephens, Ron	
	Taylor, Darlene	
	Williams, Al	
	Williamson, Bruce	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Rural Development	Hagan, Leesa	Chairman
	Campbell, Joe	Vice Chairman
	Buckner, Debbie	Secretary
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Burchett, James	
	Cameron, Mike	
	Chastain, Johnny	
	Corbett, John	
	Ford, Jaclyn	
	Greene, Gerald	
	Hatchett, Matt	
	Jackson, Mack	
	O'Steen, Angie	
	Stinson, Patty Marie	
	Williams, Al	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Small Business Development	Cheokas, Mike	Chairman
	Martinez, Rey	Vice Chairman
	Drenner, Karla	Secretary
	Adesanya, Solomon	
	Barton, Matt	
	Bazemore, Debra	
	Bell, Eric	
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Burnough, Rhonda	
	Carter, Doreen	
	Chastain, Johnny	
	Holland, Betsy	
	Holly, El-Mahdi	
	Horner, Mitchell	

	Kendrick, Dar'shun	
	Mathis, Danny	
	Meeks, Steven	
	Newton, Mark	
	Okoye, Gabe	
	Schofield, Kim	
	Sharper, Dexter	
	Smith, Lynn	
	Smith, Tyler Paul	
	Tarvin, Steve	
	Williams Jr., Noel	
	Willis, Inga	
	Yearta, Bill	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Special Committee on Healthcare	Parrish, Butch	Chairman
	Cooper, Sharon	
	Dempsey, Katie	
	Hawkins, Lee	
	Petrea, Jesse	
	Taylor, Darlene	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Special Committee on Resource Management	Thomas, Brad	Chairman
	Cannon, Chas	Vice Chairman
	Rice, Carmen	Secretary
	Anderson, Victor	
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Dickey, Robert	
	Drenner, Karla	
	Hatchett, Matt	
	Huddleston, David	
	Jones, Todd	
	Parsons, Don	
	Reese, Tremaine "Teddy"	
	Smith, Lynn	
	Stinson, Patty Marie	
	Stephens, Ron	
	Werkheiser, Bill	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Special Rules	Scoggins, Mitchell	Chairman
	Ballard, Bethany	Vice Chairman
	Momtahan, Martin	Secretary
	Au, Michelle	
	Beckles, Arlene	
	Campbell, Joe	

	Cheokas, Mike	
	Griffin, Floyd	
	McQueen, Mekyah	
	Rhodes, Trey	
	Taylor, Rhonda	
	Wayfer Baker, Sylvia	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
State Planning and Community Affairs	Mathiak, Karen	Chairman
	Stinson, Patty Marie	Vice Chairman
	Campbell, Joe	Secretary
	Berry, Bryce	
	Byrd, Charlice	
	Camp, Beth	
	Crowe, Clint	
	Erwin, Chris	
	Flournoy, Jr., Robert	
	Griffin, Floyd	
	Jackson, Derrick	
	Jones, Anissa	
	Kahaian, Noelle	
	McClain, Dewey	
	Rhodes, Trey	
	Roberts, Shea	
	Wade, Will	
	Westbrook, Anne Allen	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
State Properties	Greene, Gerald	Chairman
	Dunahoo, Emory	Vice Chairman
	Smith, Michael	Secretary
	Beckles, Arlene	
	Buckner, Debbie	
	Burchett, James	
	Cummings, Terry	
	Flournoy Jr., Robert	
	Hilton, Scott	
	Sainz, Steven	
	Santos, Mary Ann	
	Werkheiser, Bill	

COMMITTEE	NAME	TITLE
Technology and Infrastructure Innovation	Jones, Todd	Chairman
	Thomas, Brad	Vice Chairman
	Cox, Brent	Secretary
	Adeyina, Segun	

	Barnes, Imani	
	Beckles, Arlene	
	Blackmon, Shaw	
	Crowe, Clint	
	Ehrhart, Ginny	
	Evans, Stacey	
	Gullett, Joseph	
	Holcomb, Scott	
	Jones, Jan	
	Kendrick, Dar'shun	
	LaHood, John	
	Oliver, Mary Margaret	
	Park, Sam	
	Parsons, Don	
	Prince, Brian	
	Tran, Long	
	Wiedower, Marcus	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Transportation	Jasperse, Rick	Chairman
	McDonald, Lauren	Vice Chairman
	McCollum, Derrick	Secretary
	Ballinger, Mandi	
	Barton, Matt	
	Burchett, James	
	Byrd, Charlice	
	Campbell, Joe	
	Carpenter, Kasey	
	Carson, John	
	Clark, David	
	Clifton, Rob	
	Corbett, John	
	Cox, Brent	
	Dempsey, Katie	
	Donatucci, Sandy	
	Ehrhart, Ginny	
	Frye, Spencer	
	Gilliard, Carl	
	Hagan, Leesa	
	Hitchens, Bill	
	Holly, El-Mahdi	
	Horner, Mitchell	
	Jackson, Mack	
	Jenkins, David	
	Jones, Sheila	
	Mathis, Danny	

	Newton, Mark	
	Persinger, Holt	
	Powell, Alan	
	Prince, Brian	
	Rice, Carmen	
	Richardson, Gary	
	Scoggins, Mitchell	
	Seabaugh, Devan	
	Smith, Michael	
	Smith, Vance	
	Taylor, Darlene	
	Thomas, Brad	
	Wade, Will	
	Wiedower, Marcus	
	Williamson, Bruce	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Urban Affairs	Prince, Brian	Chairman
	Jackson, Edna	Vice Chairman
	Schofield, Kim	Secretary
	Cannon, Park	
	Davis, Viola	
	Draper, Saira	
	Drenner, Karla	
	Gaines, Houston	
	Herring, Tangle	
	Hugley, Carolyn	
	Mitchell, Billy	
	Newton, Mark	
	Paris, Miriam	
	Sharper, Dexter	
	Silcox, Deborah	
	Stephens, Ron	

COMMITTEE	**NAME**	**TITLE**
Ways and Means	Blackmon, Shaw	Chairman
	Kelley, Trey	Vice Chairman
	Rhodes, Trey	Secretary
	Barton, Matt	Ex-Officio
	Buckner, Debbie	
	Camp, Beth	
	Cannon, Chas	
	Carpenter, Kasey	
	Carson, John	
	Corbett, John	
	Crowe, Clint	

Dickey, Robert	
Efstration, Chuck	
Frye, Spencer	
Gaines, Houston	
Hatchett, Matt	Ex-Officio
Hilton, Scott	
Holcomb, Scott	
Hong, Soo	
Jones, Sheila	
Jones, Todd	
Martin, Chuck	
Neal, Yasmin	
Newton, Mark	
Parsons, Don	
Prince, Brian	
Ridley, Jason	
Smith, Vance	
Stephens, Ron	
Stinson, Patty Marie	
Washburn, Dale	
Wiedower, Marcus	
Williams Jr., Noel	
Williamson, Bruce	

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Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

January 24, 2025

Mr. Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
Georgia House of Representatives
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my selection of the Honorable Matthew Gambill, the Honorable Soo Hong, the Honorable Lauren W. McDonald, III, and the Honorable Will Wade as my Floor Leaders in the Georgia House of Representatives during the 2025 Session of the Georgia General Assembly. Please afford them all due rights and compensation in accordance with these positions, effective January 13, 2025.

If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

cc: Ms. Amy Bottoms, Legislative Fiscal Officer

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Seventh Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Hawkins	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Adeyina	Cox	Heffner	Mathiak	Roberts
Alexander	Crawford	Henderson	Mathis	Romman
Anderson	Crowe	Herring	McClain	Sainz
Au	Davis	Hilton	McCollum	Sampson
Baker	Dawson	Hitchens	McDonald	Sanchez
Ballard	DeLoach	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Ballinger	Dempsey	Holland	Meeks	Scoggins
Barnes	Dickey	Holly	Miller	Scott
Barrett	Donatucci	Hong	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barton	Douglas	Horner	Moore	Sharper
Bazemore	Draper	Howard, J	Myles	Silcox
Beckles	Drenner	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, L
Bell	Dubnik	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bennett	Dunahoo	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stinson
E Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, E	Oliver	Tarvin
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burchett	Fleming	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burnough	Flournoy	Jenkins	Paris	Thomas
Byrd	Ford	Jones, A	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, J	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Frye	Jones, S	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, J	Gaines	Jones, T	Persinger	E Washburn
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kahaian	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kelley	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Glaize	Kendrick	Prince	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Greene	LaHood	Reese	Williams, A
Carter	Griffin	Leverett	Reeves	E Williams, MF
Chastain	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williamson
Cheokas	Gunter	Lumsden	Rice	Willis
Clark, D	Hagan	Lupton	Richardson	Yearta
Clifton	Hatchett	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Cooper				

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

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Cummings of the 39th, Lim of the 98th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Santos of the 117th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Dr. Don Hattaway, First Baptist Church Douglas, Douglas, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

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

HB 119. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law regulations, so as to revise standards for bringing an action against the government for an unauthorized act relating to regulation of weapons; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 120. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-173 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preemption of local regulation and lawsuits relative to firearms, ammunition, and other weapons, so as to provide

for a definition; to prohibit the enforcement of federal and other extreme risk protection orders in this state; to prohibit the acceptance of federal funds relating to extreme risk protection orders; to provide for applicability; to provide for cause of action and venue; to provide for civil monetary penalty; to provide for hearings; to authorize action by the Attorney General; to waive sovereign immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 121. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to provide for protections against the infringements on the right to keep and bear arms; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to prohibit public officers or employees from enforcing or providing assistance for the enforcement of federal laws or actions relative to firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition; to provide for causes of action; to provide for hearings; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for attorney's fees and costs; to waive sovereign immunity; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 122. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Horner of the 3rd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Clark of the 100th, Kahaian of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons and their rights, so as to provide that life is valued and protected from the moment of conception and that each life, from that moment, is accorded the same rights and protections guaranteed to all persons; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 123. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has intellectual disability; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice of intent to claim intellectual disability; to provide for pretrial determination of intellectual disability; to provide for verdicts; to provide for capital case procedures; to provide for reports investigating reversible error; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 124. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, Clark of the 100th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 and Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance and the state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, respectively, so as to require coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines; to provide for definitions; to allow for deductibles; to prohibit special deductibles; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 125. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for the offense of online menacing of a peace officer; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 126. By Representative Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to provide for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages purchased from designated retail dealers by small businesses; to provide for the license and regulation of such small businesses; to provide for the designation of retail dealers by such small businesses; to provide for record keeping and reports; to provide for the transportation of alcoholic beverages purchased from designated retail dealers by small businesses; to provide requirements relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to small businesses; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 127. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Leverett of the 123rd, Rice of the 139th, Barrett of the 24th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, so as to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 128. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to prohibit motor vehicle rental companies from refusing to rent or lease motor vehicles to individuals over the age of 25 based solely on the age of such individuals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 129. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 130. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Evans of the 57th, Powell of the 33rd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide a short title; to provide for the establishment and administration of the Pay As You Earn Education Program; to provide for the calculation and repayment of such loans; to provide for eligibility and disqualifications; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income, so as to provide for a deduction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 131. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to revise the advertisement requirements before an owner of a self-service storage facility can enforce an owner's lien; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 132. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Oliver of the 84th, Gullett of the 19th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council of Municipal Court Judges, so as to provide for the office of senior municipal court judge; to provide for qualifications, application and approval procedures, and

amenities and privileges of such judges; to preserve local actions establishing senior judges for particular municipal courts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 133. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Hilton of the 48th, Burchett of the 176th, Jackson of the 128th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to provide for public school students to be permitted to attend courses in religious moral instruction provided by a person or organization independently of a public school, subject to certain conditions; to provide for such conditions; to provide for students to receive academic credit for such courses; to require local education agencies to adopt certain policies; to prohibit students who participate in such courses from being counted as absent from school; to provide for responsibilities of the Department of Education; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 134. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for definitions; to revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 135. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Burnough of the 77th, Davis of the 87th, Bell of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-3-201 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code

of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to fair housing, general provisions regarding education, general provisions regarding labor and industrial relations, and fair employment practices, respectively, so as to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles associated with race, color, or national origin; to provide for definitions; to provide for a civil cause of action; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 136. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Blackmon of the 146th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cox of the 28th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 137. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hawkins of the 27th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts for public works, so as to increase the dollar value of certain public works contracts exempt from provisions relating to retention of contractual payments; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts and purchases by public schools; to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public school property and facilities; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state, county, and municipal road systems; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general authority, duties, and procedure for state purchasing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 138. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Crowe of the 118th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, so as establish basic and in-service training courses on de-escalation techniques and methods; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 139. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cannon of the 172nd, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to prohibit drug manufacturers and wholesalers from preventing a licensed pharmacy from acquiring and dispensing drugs purchased from entities that participate in a particular federal drug discount program; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 66. By Representatives Smith of the 18th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Masen "Mase" Aubrey McIntyre II and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 67. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Stephens of the 164th, Davis of the 87th, Drenner of the 85th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION supporting Georgia's Clean Energy Transition, Workforce Development, and Green Job Creation by 2050; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 68. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Dawson of the 65th, Jackson of the 68th, Willis of the 55th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION supporting the revision of the Quality Basic Education and Full-Time Equivalent funding formulas; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 69. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Schofield of the 63rd, Clark of the 108th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing every third Thursday in April as Biomedical Research Day; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

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

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HR 49

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

Representatives Smith of the 138th et al., Reeves of the 99th et al., Petrea of the 166th et al., and Clark of the 100th.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The hour of convening the Joint Session pursuant to HR 5 having arrived, the Senate appeared upon the floor of the House and the Joint Session, convened for the purpose of hearing an address from the Honorable Michael P. Boggs, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Jon Burns.

The Resolution calling for the Joint Session was read.

The Honorable Michael P. Boggs appeared upon the floor of the House and addressed the Joint Session.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the Joint Session of the General Assembly be now dissolved, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker of the House, Jon Burns, announced the Joint Session dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 73. By Representatives Willis of the 55th and Sainz of the 180th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ann Elizabeth Harris Stoddard; and for other purposes.

HR 74. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Hugley of the 141st, Cannon of the 58th, Bazemore of the 69th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Evelyn Gibson Lowery; and for other purposes.

HR 75. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Herring of the 145th and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Phillip Benson Ham Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 76. By Representatives Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joey Gibbs; and for other purposes.

HR 77. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending the OneGeorgia Authority; and for other purposes.

HR 78. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Smith of the 18th, Williams of the 168th and Panitch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Venessa C. Harrison upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 79. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Leverett of the 123rd, Ford of the 170th, Howard of the 71st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2025, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 80. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Jasperse of the 11th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Ford of the 170th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation on 85 years of service and recognizing February 10, 2025, as Georgia EMC Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 81. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing International Literacy Day, honoring the contributions of Trinity International University of Ambassadors, and celebrating Dr. Jacqueline Mohair and Dr. Cheryl Polote-Williamson; and for other purposes.

HR 82. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2025 as Financial Literacy Month and commending Dr. Jacqueline Mohair, Dr. Sonya Hamm, and the Hamm Associates Financial Group; and for other purposes.

HR 83. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 14, 2025, as the International Tea at the United Nations Day in the State of Georgia and commending the work of Trinity Girls Network, Tea Party Socials, and Dr. Rhonda Anita; and for other purposes.

HR 84. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing October 17, 2025, as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 85. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Authors Expert Academy for its contributions on World Book and Copyright Day and recognizing April 23, 2025, as the Authors Expert Academy Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 86. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 15, 2025, as United Nations International Day for Families in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 87. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Townsend of the 179th, Gambill of the 15th, Chastain of the 7th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Keep Georgia Beautiful Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 88. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 89. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Dickey of the 134th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Meeks of the 178th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia FFA Association and recognizing February 18, 2025, as FFA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 90. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cheokas of the 151st, Taylor of the 173rd and Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION commending several churches for their work with Project Elevation; and for other purposes.

HR 91. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2025 as Blood Clot Awareness Month in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 92. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Dawson of the 65th, Jackson of the 68th, Willis of the 55th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Creekside High School's Career and Technical Student Organizations and recognizing February 5, 2025, as Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 93. By Representative O'Steen of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Citizens Christian Academy girls softball team for winning the 2024 GIAA Class A State Softball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 94. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Franklin of the 160th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2, 2025, as Georgia Arts Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 95. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Yearta of the 152nd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A RESOLUTION commending community health workers; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Carter of the 93rd and Smith of the 70th et al.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Eighth Legislative Day

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

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

Adeyina	Cooper	Hagan	Lumsden	Richardson
Alexander	Corbett	Hatchett	Lupton	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Cox	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jor
Au	Crowe	Heffner	Martinez	E Romman
Baker	Davis	Henderson	Mathiak	Sainz
Ballard	Dawson	Herring	Mathis	Sampson
Ballinger	DeLoach	Hilton	McClain	Schofield
Barrett	Dempsey	Hitchens	McCollum	Scoggins
E Barton	Dickey	Holland	McDonald	Scott
Bazemore	Donatucci	Holly	McQueen	Seabaugh
Beckles	Douglas	Hong	Meeks	Silcox
Bell	Draper	Horner	Mitchell	Smith, L
Bennett	Drenner	Howard, J	Momtahan	Smith, M
Berry	Dubnik	Howard, K	Myles	Smith, TP
Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Huddleston	New	Stephens
E Bonner	Efstration	Hugley	Newton	E Stinson
Buckner	Ehrhart	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Tarvin
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, D	Oliver	Taylor, D
Burnough	Evans	Jackson, E	Panitch	Taylor, R
Byrd	Fleming	Jackson, M	Paris	Thomas
Cameron	Flournoy	E Jasperse	Park	Tran
Camp	Ford	Jenkins	Parrish	Wade
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, A	Parsons	Werkheiser
Campbell, L	E Gaines	Jones, S	Persinger	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gambill	Jones, T	E Petrea	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Gilliard	Kahaian	Powell	Williams, A
Carter	Glaize	Kelley	Prince	E Williams, MF
Chastain	Greene	Kendrick	Reese	Williams, N
Cheokas	Griffin	LaHood	Reeves	Williamson
Clark, D	Gullett	Leverett	Rhodes	Willis
Clark, J	Gunter	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Yearta
Clifton				

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Barnes of the 86th, Cannon of the 58th, Cummings of the 39th, Frye of the 122nd, Holcomb of the 101st, Lim of the 98th, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, O'Steen of the 169th, Olaleye of the 59th,

Roberts of the 52nd, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, Townsend of the 179th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Julian Pace, Central Alliance Church, Mount Airy, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

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

HB 140. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Jenkins of the 136th, Barton of the 5th, Lumsden of the 12th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to cap the amount of funds derived from court fines or forfeiture action that local governments may use as part of their yearly budgets; to provide that any funds collected in excess of such cap shall escheat to the state; to supersede any conflicting home rule powers of local governments; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 141. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, so as to allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 142. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Dickey of the 134th, Williamson of the 112th, Ford of the 170th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for an extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 143. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Smith of the 70th, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, so as to revise provisions regarding water-measuring devices for farm use of surface and ground water; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 144. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a tax credit for certain medical preceptor rotations; to add dentistry; to increase the value

of the tax credit; to revise definitions; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to extend the sunset provision for such tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 145. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Stephens of the 164th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to change the state floral emblem to the sweetbay magnolia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 146. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Hugley of the 141st, Jackson of the 165th, McClain of the 109th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the month of April each year as "Black Women's History Month" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for ceremonies and programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 147. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th, Gullett of the 19th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to provide for an annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; to provide for annual reports of such; to provide for the authority to develop and establish certain policies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 148. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Williamson of the 112th, Powell of the 33rd and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to revise provisions relating to the education and experience requirements of certified public accountants; to revise provisions relating to licensure of firms practicing public accountancy; to revise provisions relating to reciprocity; to conform terminology; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budget and audits, so as to conform a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 149. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Hugley of the 141st, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for a three-year pilot program for a mobile health clinic to provide postpartum care in certain counties; to provide for definitions; to provide for reports; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 150. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Gaines of the 120th, Barrett of the 24th, Scoggins of the 14th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from individuals or entities related to China; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 151. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hagan of the 156th, Corbett of the 174th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a deduction from Georgia taxable income for casualty losses of timber in an

amount based on the diminution of value; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for an aggregate cap; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 152. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Anderson of the 10th, Thomas of the 21st, Okoye of the 102nd, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public works bidding, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to managerial control over acquisition of professional services, so as to expand such provisions to local governments; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 153. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Smith of the 138th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax exemptions for manufacturing equipment, industrial materials, packing supplies, and energy, so as to extend the sunset date for an exemption for maintenance and replacement parts for certain machinery or equipment used to mix or transport concrete; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 154. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Clifton of the 131st, Mathis of the 133rd, Anderson of the 10th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to

designate ambulance services as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 155. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 156. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Hilton of the 48th, LaHood of the 175th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to provide the Department of Transportation with authority over vertiports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 157. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Braselton, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4319), so as to annex certain properties into the town; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 158. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Smith of the 18th, Cheokas of the 151st and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of businesses using trade names, so as to provide for filing of registration statements with the office of the Secretary of State; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 159. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, Camp of the 135th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 160. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing a city court in the city of Carrollton, in the county of Carroll, approved December 21, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 438), as amended, so as to provide an additional judge for such court; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge of such court; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 161. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to provide for authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property; to provide for punishment for failure to obey certain subpoenas; to amend Title 16 and Code Sections 20-3-10, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, prohibition on immigration

sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, and definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to repeal the definition of 'domestic terrorism'; to establish the crime of domestic terrorism; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 162. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 163. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Hagan of the 156th, Carpenter of the 4th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require that certain food products be disclosed as containing cell cultured meat, plant based meat alternatives, or both; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HR 70. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Erwin of the 32nd, Burns of the 159th, Persinger of the 119th, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Christopher Lee Ruse and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 71. By Representative Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ms. Latasha R. Butts and dedicating a road in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 72. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Cancer Care Access; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

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

HB 119
HB 120
HB 121
HB 122
HB 123
HB 124
HB 125
HB 126
HB 127
HB 128
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HB 133
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HB 135
HB 136
HB 137
HB 138
HB 139
HR 66
HR 67
HR 68
HR 69

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 36 Do Pass
HB 55 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 89 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 92 Do Pass, by Substitute

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

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

Representatives Wade of the 9th et al., Hilton of the 48th et al., Stephens of the 164th et al., Au of the 50th et al., Mathiak of the 82nd and Burchett of the 176th et al.

Pursuant to HR 59, the House recognized and celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Korean American Day at the state capitol.

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

Representative Meeks of the 178th et al.

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

Representatives Dickey of the 134th et al., Williams of the 168th, and Tran of the 80th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 101. By Representative Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Kolton Teis Sargent; and for other purposes.

HR 102. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Sheriff Ron Freeman; and for other purposes.

HR 103. By Representative Williamson of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Melvin G. Dye III; and for other purposes.

HR 104. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Hebron Christian Academy football team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class Private A-3A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 105. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Captain Coleman A. Landers; and for other purposes.

HR 106. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Carson of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Trail Life USA; and for other purposes.

HR 107. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Carson of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending American Heritage Girls (AHG); and for other purposes.

HR 108. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Ridley of the 6th, Franklin of the 160th and LaHood of the 175th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2025, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 109. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Cheokas of the 151st, Greene of the 154th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Association of Broadcasters and their radio and television station members; and for other purposes.

HR 110. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Hugley of the 141st, Jackson of the 68th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 23, 2025, as Doula Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 111. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Rice of the 139th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Corbett of the 174th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the interfaith organizations and volunteers involved in disaster cleanup efforts; and for other purposes.

HR 112. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Darin McCoy on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 113. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Lupton of the 83rd, Roberts of the 52nd and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Asian American and Pacific Islander Hub; and for other purposes.

HR 114. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Mathis of the 133rd, Barrett of the 24th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 28, 2025, as Georgia Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 115. By Representative Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Juana P. Alzaga; and for other purposes.

HR 116. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dunahoo of the 31st and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carol H. Burrell; and for other purposes.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

415 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 28, 2025

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

Dear Clerk William Reilly,

This letter is to inform you that on November 9, 2024, the Georgia House Majority Caucus held elections for its new officers. Representative Jon Burns was elected Speaker nominee. Representative Jan Jones was elected Speaker Pro Tem nominee. Representative Chuck Efstration was elected Majority Leader. Representative James Burchett was elected Majority Whip. Representative Bruce Williamson was elected Chairman. Representative Houston Gaines was elected Vice Chairman. Representative Ginny Ehrhart was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce Williamson
Georgia House of Representatives
District 112

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem announced the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Ninth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

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

Adesanya	Cox	Henderson	McClain	Roberts
Adeyina	Crawford	Herring	McCollum	Romman
Alexander	Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Sainz
Anderson	Cummings	Hitchens	McQueen	Sampson
Au	Davis	Holcomb	Meeks	Schofield
E Baker	Dawson	Holland	Miller	Scoggins
Ballard	DeLoach	Holly	Mitchell	Scott
Ballinger	Dempsey	Hong	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barnes	Dickey	Horner	Moore	Sharper
Barrett	Donatucci	Howard, J	Myles	Silcox
E Barton	Douglas	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, L
Bazemore	Drenner	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Beckles	Dubnik	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Bell	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Stephens
Berry	Efstration	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Stinson
E Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Buckner	Evans	E Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burchett	Fleming	Jones, A	Paris	Taylor, R
Burnough	Flournoy	Jones, J	Park	Thomas
Byrd	Ford	Jones, S	Parrish	Townsend
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, T	Parsons	Tran
Camp	Frye	Kahaian	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, J	Gaines	Kelley	Petrea	Werkheiser
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kendrick	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gilliard	LaHood	Prince	Wiedower
Cannon, P	E Glaize	Leverett	Reese	Williams, A
Carpenter	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	E Williams, MF
Chastain	Griffin	Lumsden	Rhodes	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Lupton	Rice	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Martin	Richardson	Willis
Clifton	Hagan	Martinez	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Cooper	Hatchett	Mathiak	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hawkins	Mathis		

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

Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, Draper of the 90th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Heffner of the 130th, Jackson of the 68th, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Oliver of the 84th,

Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Smith of the 41st, Washburn of the 144th, and Wilkerson of the 38th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Ben Day, Christ Church Kennesaw, Kennesaw, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

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

HB 164. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Dickey of the 134th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads, so as to repeal automatic repeal provisions relating to an allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load hauling certain commodities within a certain range and areas of the state; to provide for the enforcement of such provisions by local law enforcement officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 165. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to repeal and reserve an income tax credit for business enterprises for leased motor vehicles; to exempt from sales and use taxation property used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by nonprofit organizations; to repeal sales and use tax exemptions for certain admissions to view film or videotapes and the sale of certain machinery and equipment used to improve air quality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 166. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Corbett of the 174th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 167. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dubnik of the 29th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, so as to authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 168. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd, Ridley of the 6th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), so as to require the enactment of

a local Act for the reimposition of such tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 169. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, O'Steen of the 169th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for ad valorem taxation of property, so as to limit exceptions to the breach of covenants for bona fide conservation use and forest land conservation use related to the solar generation of energy to existing contracts and to provide for applicability; to provide for sunsets; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 170. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Jones of the 143rd and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authorization and general requirements for transaction of insurance, so as to provide for a benefit provider to disclose certain payments to a treating healthcare provider; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 171. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Donatucci of the 105th, Hagan of the 156th, Carson of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to prohibit distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; to provide for a standard for obscenity; to provide for a penalty and probation; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for notices for enhanced sentencing, and enhanced

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 172. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Frye of the 122nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 173. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Greene of the 154th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require the Department of Education to provide to parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade information regarding recommended adolescent vaccinations in print or electronic form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 174. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Jones of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 175. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to revise

provisions regarding employee comprehensive background checks for early care and education programs and Head Start programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for revocation and nonissuance of licenses and commissions for early care and education programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 176. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to change provisions relating to cases requiring application of appeal; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to change provisions relating to amendments on motions for new trial; to amend Code Section 17-7-93 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reading of indictment or accusation, answer of accused to charge, recordation of "guilty" plea and pronouncement of judgment, withdrawn guilty pleas, and pleas by immigrants, so as to provide for a time frame regarding the withdrawal of a guilty plea; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 177. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Reeves of the 99th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide protection for household pets in both family violence and dating violence protective orders; to provide for a definition and an exclusion; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 178. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 173rd and Drenner of the 85th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to submit a Section 1115 waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a demonstration project to provide treatment services under Medicaid to persons in this state living with HIV; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 179. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 180. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts, so as to modify certain requirements for probate judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 181. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Camp of the 135th, Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records, so as to provide for the

issuance of a "Certificate of Foreign Birth" by the state registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; to provide for necessary forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 182. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 183. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to expand an innkeeper's liens to cover property removed from a room by an innkeeper upon the termination of a guest's contract; to provide procedures for innkeepers to eject persons under certain circumstances from inns; to provide for sheriffs, constables, marshals, and other certified peace officers to eject persons from such facilities under certain circumstances; to provide for the presumption of an innkeeper-guest relationship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 184. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th, Williamson of the 112th, Prince of the 132nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 40 and 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic and property, respectively, so as to establish the "Georgia Consumer Protection Towing Act"; to provide for applicability; to provide for consumer protections for emergency towing, owner requested towing, and private property towing; to provide for estimates and invoices; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for recording; to

provide for the release of towed motor vehicles; to provide for fees; to provide for towing company certificate requirements; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 185. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 186. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Ridley of the 6th, Ford of the 170th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, so as to eliminate the title ad valorem tax fee requirement for certain inherited vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 187. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Carpenter of the 4th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to change certain provisions relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 188. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Holcomb of the 101st and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17, Title 19, and Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, domestic relations, and property, respectively, so as to extend certain protections for victims of family violence and stalking with respect to residential leases; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 189. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Carpenter of the 4th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notaries public, so as to provide for limitations regarding certain notarial acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 190. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Davis of the 87th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to prohibit condominium associations and property owners' associations from retaliating against property owners for taking certain actions; to provide for circumstances that are not considered retaliation; to provide definitions; to provide for remedies; to provide for a defense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 191. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Cummings of the 39th, Crawford of the 89th, Park of the 107th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to family violence, so as to provide for substitute service when respondent is avoiding service to delay a hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 96. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 97. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bryan County, Colquitt County, Fulton County, Glynn County, Habersham County, Hall County, and Henry County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Cherokee County, Effingham County, Hall County, Miller County, Sumter County, and Tattnall County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property located in Clarke County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HR 98. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Barrow, Bryan, Chatham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Haralson, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HR 99. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Davis of the 87th, Cannon of the 58th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by law to expend or authorize the expenditure of public funds for baby bond savings programs without the need for benefit in return; to authorize the creation of the

Baby Bond Savings Plan Trust Fund; to provide for the redesignation of a current subparagraph of the Constitution; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 100. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Tran of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Cumulative Impact of Pollution on Economic Development and Growth; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

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

HB 140
HB 141
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HR 72

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 38 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

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

Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd et al., New of the 40th et al., Hawkins of the 27th, and Fleming of the 114th et al.

Representative Gunter of the 8th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 55. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 122. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Smith of the 138th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Homer Lee Mitchell Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 123. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Burnough of the 77th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2025, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol and commending Girl Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the world to American girls; and for other purposes.

HR 124. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Council of Negro Women; and for other purposes.

HR 125. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION commending the George Walton & James Oglethorpe Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution's 2024-2025 Good Citizens; and for other purposes.

HR 126. By Representatives Park of the 107th, McClain of the 109th, Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sirish Subash, the winner of the 3M Young Scientist Challenge; and for other purposes.

HR 127. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 26 to February 1, 2025, as Physician Anesthesiologists Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives McDonald III of the 26th et al., Schofield of the 63rd, Moore of the 91st et al., and Griffin of the 149th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 3, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 3, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tenth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Clifton	Hagan	Martin	Sainz
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Alexander	Corbett	Hawkins	Mathiak	Sanchez
Anderson	Cox	E Heffner	Mathis	Schofield
Au	Crawford	Henderson	McClain	Scoggins
Baker	Crowe	Herring	McCollum	Scott
Ballard	Cummings	Hilton	McDonald	Seabaugh
Ballinger	Davis	Hitchens	Meeks	Silcox
Barnes	Dawson	Holland	Miller	Smith, L
Barrett	DeLoach	Holly	Mitchell	Smith, M
Barton	Dempsey	Hong	Momtahan	Smith, TP
Bazemore	Dickey	Horner	Neal	Smith, V
Beckles	Donatucci	Howard, J	New	Stephens
Bennett	Draper	Huddleston	Newton	E Stinson
Berry	Drenner	Hugley	Okoye	Tarvin
Blackmon	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Panitch	Taylor, R
Buckner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Park	Thomas
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Parrish	Townsend
E Burnough	Erwin	Jasperse	Parsons	Tran
Byrd	Evans	Jenkins	Persinger	Wade
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, J	Petrea	Werkheiser
Camp	Ford	Jones, S	Powell	Westbrook
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, T	Prince	Wiedower
Campbell, L	Frye	Kahaian	Reeves	Wilkerson
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kelley	Rhodes	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Gambill	Kendrick	Rice	E Williams, MF
Carpenter	Gilliard	LaHood	Richardson	Williams, N
Carson	Glaize	Leverett	Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Carter	E Greene	Lewis-Ward	Ridley, Jor	Willis
Chastain	Griffin	Lim	Roberts	Yearta
Cheokas	Gullett	Lumsden	Romman	Burns, Speaker
Clark, D	Gunter	Lupton		

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

Representatives Bell of the 75th, Clark of the 108th, Holcomb of the 101st, Jones of the 143rd, Moore of the 91st, Olaleye of the 59th, Oliver of the 84th, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

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

HB 192. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Dubnik of the 29th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to include specific references to programs included in the High-demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board with respect to the State Board of Education's minimum course of study in career education for students in grades six through 12; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to provide for evaluation methodology, reports, and purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 193. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide that persons doing business in this state shall not expose individuals to chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning nor discharge such chemicals into drinking water; to provide for the content and manner of the giving of such warnings; to provide for the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund and its purposes and funding; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 194. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Kahaian of the 81st, Ridley of the 22nd and Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse in defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to revise standards of justification for use of force in defense of self or others; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for timing for claims of immunity from prosecution based upon justification; to provide for standards of proof; to amend Code Section 51-11-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to no duty to retreat and immunity in certain instances of threat or use of force, so as to extend immunity from civil liability in justified use of force cases to legal representatives and heirs of the person against whom force was used; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 195. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 52-7-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enforcement of rules and regulations regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to require probable cause for summonses and boarding vessels; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 196. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Hugley of the 141st, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 197. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail the effort that shall be made by treating health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 198. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Efstration of the 104th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the use of school facilities by certain youth groups; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 199. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally,

so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information removed or redacted from public records; to require state and local governments to remove personally identifiable information from public records when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 200. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Ballard of the 147th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a three-year pilot immersive writing program for eligible public elementary schools; to provide for eligibility; to provide for grant funds for eligible public elementary schools to develop and implement immersive writing programs for students in grades two through five; to provide for applications and selection to participate in the pilot program; to provide for assessment and reporting on the impacts of the pilot program; to authorize the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the pilot program; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 201. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Hagan of the 156th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Stinson of the 150th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to advertising and sale of meat generally, so as to prohibit selling, offering for sale, trading, or distributing lab-grown meat; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 202. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 25th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for the State Charter Schools Commission to establish a program for the purposes of promoting and supporting the approval of new local charter school petitions by local boards of education and to provide incentive grants to local boards of education that approve new local charter school petitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 203. By Representatives Griffin of the 149th, Hugley of the 141st, Myles of the 126th, Jackson of the 128th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board of Regents, so as to provide that the Board of Regents shall include members who are graduates of a historically black college or university that is a unit of the University System of Georgia; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 204. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Ridley of the 22nd and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of motor carriers, so as to repeal the authority of the Department of Public Safety to establish reasonable rates, fares, and charges for transportation by motor carriers of household goods; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 205. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 and Article 2A of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to aviation and the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to provide for the development of a list of approved unmanned aircraft systems for use in

this state by the Board of Homeland Security; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 206. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Ridley of the 22nd, Clark of the 100th, Clark of the 108th, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Article 2 of Chapter 1, the "Drug-free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990"; to remove provisions making students convicted of certain drug offenses ineligible for loans, scholarships, and grants; to provide that students shall not be deemed ineligible for HOPE scholarships or grants based solely on certain convictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 207. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Willis of the 55th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide for the storage of a firearm within a motor vehicle or vessel; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions to the standards for the carrying of weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 208. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 209. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Hawkins of the 27th, Au of the 50th and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate emergency medical services, including ambulance service, as essential services in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 210. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Carpenter of the 4th, Hagan of the 156th, Franklin of the 160th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to revise provisions relating to retail dealers of alcoholic beverages; to authorize the issuance or holding of a beneficial interest in additional retail dealer licenses; to require that the new location of a licensee of such additional retail dealer license be located in the same county as the location previously occupied; to increase the number of tasting events a retail package liquor store may conduct; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 211. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Barton of the 5th and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for immunity from certain lawsuits related to certain chemicals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 212. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Drenner of the 85th, Romman of the 97th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits for income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for the production of clean energy; to provide for the calculation of credit amounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for transferability; to require the Environmental Protection Division to annually publish greenhouse gas emission rates for purposes of such tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 213. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Drenner of the 85th, Romman of the 97th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits from income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for investment in clean energy; to provide for the calculation of credit amounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for transferability; to require the Environmental Protection Division to annually publish greenhouse gas emission rates for purposes of such tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 214. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Carpenter of the 4th, Willis of the 55th, Clark of the 108th and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 24-9-923 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to admissibility of photographs, motion pictures, video recordings, and audio recordings when witness unavailable, so as to provide that creative and artistic expression evidence is inadmissible at trial; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 215. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Fleming of the 114th, Townsend of the 179th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to remove authorization for the Secretary of State to become a member of a nongovernmental entity whose purpose is to share and exchange information in order to improve the accuracy and efficiency of voter registration systems; to provide for definitions; to maintain an exemption to the disclosure of certain documents; to prohibit the Secretary of State, other state level actors, and local boards of registrars and election superintendents from participating in certain multistate voter list maintenance organizations; to require the termination of participation in any prohibited multistate voter list maintenance organizations; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 216. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 25th, Rice of the 139th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such commission; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 50, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority, so as to abolish the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium; to replace the advisory panel and executive committee governing said consortium with the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission; to provide for a definition; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HR 117. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 68th, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION acknowledging inequality as a public health issue and supporting BIPOC communities disproportionately affected by systemic barriers; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 118. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Miller of the 62nd, Olaleye of the 59th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Michael Woolfolk; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 119. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Miller of the 62nd, Olaleye of the 59th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Mario Stinchcomb; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 120. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th, Santos of the 117th and McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to extend regular legislative sessions to a maximum of 90 legislative days; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 121. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. John W. Mixon and dedicating a building in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

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

HB 164	HB 165
HB 166	HB 167
HB 168	HB 169
HB 170	HB 171
HB 172	HB 173
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The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th et al., Hatchett of the 155th, Carter of the 93rd et al., Bell of the 75th et al., Gilliard of the 162nd et al., Hong of the 103rd, and Glaize of the 67th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 133. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Kelley of the 16th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the YMCAs of Georgia for the important work they do in communities across the state promoting a healthy spirit, mind, and body; and for other purposes.

HR 134. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Blackmon of the 146th, Gullett of the 19th, Hagan of the 156th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month and February 5, 2025, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 135. By Representative Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 3, 2025, as Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 136. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hugley of the 141st, Cooper of the 45th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7 to 14, 2025, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 137. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Gambill of the 15th, New of the 40th, Scoggins of the 14th, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Tim Williams for his outstanding service to GreyStone Power as well as the communities and members it serves; and for other purposes.

HR 138. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Ballard of the 147th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st and Clark of the 100th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as National Guard Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 139. By Representatives New of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, Momtahan of the 17th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2025, as Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 140. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Blackmon of the 146th, Gullett of the 19th, Hagan of the 156th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement and ENGAGE: Youth in Government, which sponsors the Georgia Youth Assembly among other programs that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

HR 141. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Blackmon of the 146th, Gullett of the 19th, Hagan of the 156th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of February 3-7, 2025, as National School Counseling Week; and for other purposes.

HR 142. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Miller of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Shannon Walker; and for other purposes.

HR 143. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Miller of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Jayne Morgan; and for other purposes.

HR 144. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Miller of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Antoinette G. Alvarado; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Miller of the 62nd, Werkheiser of the 157th et al., and Williams of the 168th et al.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 16. By Senator Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses concerning public officers and employees, so as to modify provisions relating to public officials engaging in the bail bond business; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SR 7. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Eleventh Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Crawford	E Heffner	McCollum	Sampson
Adeyina	Crowe	Herring	McDonald	Sanchez
Alexander	Cummings	Hilton	Meeks	Santos
Anderson	Davis	Hitchens	Miller	Schofield
Baker	Dawson	Holcomb	Mitchell	Scoggins
Ballard	DeLoach	Holland	Momtahan	Scott
Ballinger	Dempsey	Hong	Moore	Seabaugh
Barnes	Dickey	Horner	Myles	Sharper
Barton	Donatucci	Howard, J	Neal	Silcox
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, K	New	Smith, L
Beckles	Draper	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, M
Bell	Drenner	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, TP
Bennett	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Olaleye	Smith, V
Berry	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Stephens
Blackmon	Efstration	Jackson, M	Panitch	Stinson
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jasperse	Paris	Tarvin
Buckner	Erwin	Jenkins	Park	Taylor, D
Burchett	Evans	Jones, A	Parrish	Taylor, R
E Burnough	Fleming	Jones, J	Parsons	Thomas
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, S	Persinger	Townsend
Cameron	Ford	Jones, T	Petrea	Tran
Camp	Franklin	Kahaian	Powell	Wade
Campbell, J	Frye	Kelley	Prince	Werkheiser
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kendrick	Reese	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gambill	LaHood	Reeves	Wiedower
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Leverett	Rhodes	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Williams, A
Carter	Greene	Lumsden	Richardson	Williams, MF
Chastain	Griffin	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Mathiak	Roberts	Willis
Clifton	Hagan	Mathis	Romman	Yearta
Cooper	Hatchett	McClain	Sainz	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hawkins			

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

Representatives Au of the 50th, Barrett of the 24th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Henderson of the 113th, Holly of the 116th, Jackson of the 68th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, McQueen of the 61st, Oliver of the 84th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Chris Haymore, Wesley Methodist Church, Covington, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 217. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Martin of the 49th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, so as to make the Dual Achievement Program a permanent state-wide program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 218. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Drenner of the 85th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-7-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease for certain discharged patients, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers and other employees in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders, so as to lower the age from 50 to 18 years old at which hospitals shall offer inpatient vaccinations for the influenza virus prior to discharge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 219. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Davis of the 87th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to provide for funding or gifts in kind; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 220. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Carpenter of the 4th, Gunter of the 8th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to provide for an insurer under a liability insurance policy to pay a third party and the senior lienholder under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 221. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Drenner of the 85th, Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th and Barnes of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for equal athletic opportunities for public school students; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Ballard of the 147th, Jones of the 143rd and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bonds and recognizances in criminal proceedings, so as to require the inclusion of certain contact information on such bonds and recognizances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 223. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene; to provide for refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 224. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 138th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize the construction or maintenance of roads upon military bases or installations by the Department of Transportation when done so through agreement with and when paid for by the United States Department of Defense or other federal entity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 225. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Stephens of the 164th, Lumsden of the 12th, Yearta of the 152nd, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, so as to repeal all laws relative to enforcement of speeding violations in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for conforming changes; to prohibit a local governing body or law enforcement agency from entering into or renewing a contract that provides for enforcement of laws relative to speeding violations in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HR 128. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Barton of the 5th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 129. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Barton of the 5th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Daryl Lee Clark; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 130. By Representative Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Sedrick Moore; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 131. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jackson of the 128th, Griffin of the 149th, Clark of the 108th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the creation of a National Infrastructure Bank; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 132. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Horner of the 3rd, Ridley of the 6th, Cameron of the 1st and Chastain of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

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

HB 192	HB 193
HB 194	HB 195
HB 196	HB 197
HB 198	HB 199
HB 200	HB 201
HB 202	HB 203
HB 204	HB 205
HB 206	HB 207
HB 208	HB 209
HB 210	HB 211
HB 212	HB 213
HB 214	HB 215
HB 216	HR 117
HR 118	HR 119
HR 120	HR 121

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 94	Do Pass
HR 69	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 61	Do Pass	HB 77	Do Pass
HB 114	Do Pass	HB 116	Do Pass
HB 208	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

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

SB 16. By Senator Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses concerning public officers and employees, so as to modify provisions relating to public officials engaging in the bail bond business; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SR 7. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

Representatives Corbett of the 174th et al., Buckner of the 137th et al., Henderson of the 113th et al., Rice of the 139th, Kahaian of the 81st, Momtahan of the 17th et al., New of the 40th et al., Taylor of the 92nd et al., Persinger of the 119th et al., Donatucci of the 105th et al., Paris of the 142nd, Gambill of the 15th et al., and Martinez of the 111th et al.

Pursuant to HR 60, the House honored and commended the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 4, 2025, as Firefighters Recognition Day at the state capitol.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 146. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Tran of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gina Gallois; and for other purposes.

HR 147. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Rabun County as the Waterfall Capital of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 148. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Scott of the 76th, Powell of the 33rd, Davis of the 87th, Neal of the 79th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the National African American Gun Association upon its 10th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 149. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the Trinity International University of Ambassadors Corp. FL, the TIUA School of Business, the Trinity International Chaplaincy Institute, and Trinity Girls Network Corp. for their contributions to education on the International Day of Education; and for other purposes.

HR 150. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION commending Ms. Corporate America Georgia and Trinity Girls Network Corp. for hosting The Crown & Confidence Summit & Brunch; and for other purposes.

HR 151. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Jones of the 47th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Archibald Bulloch Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on its 61st anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 152. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Leadership Lowndes Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 153. By Representatives Willis of the 55th and Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Helen Marie Richardson Louis; and for other purposes.

HR 154. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Morehouse School of Medicine upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 155. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Momtahan of the 17th, New of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending East Paulding High School's Career and Technical Student Organizations; and for other purposes.

HR 156. By Representatives New of the 40th, Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Anna Borsh; and for other purposes.

HR 157. By Representatives New of the 40th, Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Nellie Klodner; and for other purposes.

HR 158. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dawn Johns; and for other purposes.

HR 159. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Parsons of the 44th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Tyler Schmidt; and for other purposes.

HR 160. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Gambill of the 15th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 161. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Oliver of the 84th, Cooper of the 45th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Children's Healthcare of Atlanta upon the opening of the new Arthur M. Blank Hospital; and for other purposes.

HR 162. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th and Frye of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Athens Academy boys varsity basketball team for winning the Region 8-AA Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 163. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Frye of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Oconee High School football team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class 4A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 164. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th and Frye of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Family and Consumer Sciences; and for other purposes.

HR 165. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 28, 2025, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 166. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hagan of the 156th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day; and for other purposes.

HR 167. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Donatucci of the 105th, LaHood of the 175th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Alzheimer's Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 168. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. David A. Thomas upon his retirement from Morehouse College; and for other purposes.

HR 169. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2025, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 170. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bazemore of the 69th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Prince of the 132nd and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cornerstone Baptist Church PTC on the occasion of its 15th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 171. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bazemore of the 69th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Prince of the 132nd and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Augustus T. Curry; and for other purposes.

HR 172. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Hugley of the 141st, Bennett of the 94th, Miller of the 62nd, Bazemore of the 69th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7, 2025, as Wear Red Day; and for other purposes.

HR 173. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charles G. Newton IV on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Wade of the 9th, Clark of the 108th, Romman of the 97th et al., and Bazemore of the 69th et al.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 92. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Erwin of the 32nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-44.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to base year homestead exemption, so as to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 3:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 3:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 107 Do Pass
HB 110 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 73 Do Pass

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

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 55	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 131	Do Pass
HB 180	Do Pass	HB 199	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

The following communications were received:

Dear Members of the General Assembly from the 6th Congressional District,

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-2-20, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have called a caucus for the purpose of electing the member of the State Transportation Board from the 6th Congressional District, to be held as follows:

Senate Chamber

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and House of Representatives whose districts are wholly or partially embraced within the 6th Congressional District compose the caucus. The election will be for a term of 5 years beginning on April 1, 2025, through April 1, 2030.

Please don't hesitate to call or come by prior to the meeting if you have any questions relating to this election.

Sincerely,

Betsy

Betsy Howerton
Legislative Counsel
Office of Legislative Counsel
316 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Members of the General Assembly from the 7th Congressional District,

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-2-20, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have called a caucus for the purpose of electing the member of the State Transportation Board from the 7th Congressional District, to be held as follows:

Senate Chamber

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

3:45 p.m.

Members of the Senate and House of Representatives whose districts are wholly or partially embraced within the 7th Congressional District compose the caucus. The election will be for a remainder term due to redistricting, beginning on April 1, 2025, through April 1, 2029.

Please don't hesitate to call or come by prior to the meeting if you have any questions relating to this election.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the General Assembly from the 8th Congressional District,

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-2-20, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have called a caucus for the purpose of electing the member of the State Transportation Board from the 8th Congressional District, to be held as follows:

Senate Chamber

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Members of the Senate and House of Representatives whose districts are wholly or partially embraced within the 8th Congressional District compose the caucus. The election will be for a term of 5 years beginning on April 1, 2025, through April 1, 2030.

Please don't hesitate to call or come by prior to the meeting if you have any questions relating to this election.

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The House adjourned at 3:00 o'clock, P.M.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Twelfth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Cummings	Hilton	Mathis	Sainz
Adeyina	Davis	Hitchens	McClain	Sampson
Alexander	Dawson	Holcomb	McCollum	Sanchez
Anderson	DeLoach	Holland	McDonald	Santos
Ballard	Dempsey	Holly	Meeks	Schofield
Ballinger	Dickey	Hong	Miller	Scoggins
Barnes	Donatucci	Horner	Mitchell	Scott
Barton	Douglas	Howard, J	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Draper	Howard, K	Myles	Sharper
Beckles	Drenner	Huddleston	Neal	Silcox
Bell	Dubnik	Hugley	New	Smith, L
Bennett	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Newton	Smith, M
Berry	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	E Smith, TP
Blackmon	Erwin	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Smith, V
Bonner	Evans	Jackson, M	Oliver	Stephens
Buckner	Fleming	Jasperse	O'Steen	Stinson
Burchett	Flournoy	Jenkins	Panitch	Tarvin
E Burnough	Ford	Jones, A	Paris	Taylor, D
Byrd	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Taylor, R
Cameron	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Thomas
Camp	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Townsend
Campbell, J	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, L	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Wade
Cannon, C	Glaize	Kendrick	Powell	Washburn
Cannon, P	Greene	LaHood	Prince	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Griffin	Leverett	Reese	Westbrook
Carter	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Wilkerson
Chastain	Gunter	Lim	Rhodes	Williams, MF
Cheokas	Hagan	Lumsden	Rice	Williams, N
Clark, D	Hatchett	Lupton	Richardson	Williamson
Clifton	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Corbett	E Heffner	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Crawford	Herring	Mathiak	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Crowe				

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

Representatives Au of the 50th, Baker of the 64th, Barrett of the 24th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Cooper of the 45th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Henderson of the 113th, McQueen of the 61st, Moore of the 91st, Romman of the 97th, and Wiedower of the 121st.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Chris Guffey, First Baptist Church of Blakley, Blakley, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 226. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cochran, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5162), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 227. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Reeves of the 99th, Prince of the 132nd, Hagan of the 156th and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to clarify and revise exemptions to criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 228. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Ridley of the 6th, Cannon of the 172nd, Ridley of the 22nd, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize and regulate the production of farmstead products for human consumption; to provide relief from unnecessary regulatory burdens to small dairy farmers and dairy product producers; to provide standards for safety, cleanliness, and health for such products; to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce such standards and to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for and require permits related to the production of farmstead products; to provide for penalty; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 229. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt from local taxes the sale or use of materials used in construction of capital outlay projects for educational purposes that were approved and funded through a constitutionally authorized education special purpose local option sales tax; to provide for conditions, limitations, and dates of applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 230. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Washburn of the 144th, Seabaugh of the 34th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain expenses incurred by taxpayers that sell new construction homes to an individual or related individuals for up to a certain price; to define a term; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for the sale and transfer of tax credits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 231. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Au of the 50th and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for insurance coverage of complementary and alternative therapies under certain conditions; to provide for insurance coverage of such therapies when provided by a licensed physician, acupuncturist, chiropractor, or massage therapist; to provide for an optional endorsement to cover such therapies provided by a qualified herbalist, homeopath, or naturopath when ordered by a licensed physician; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 232. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Interstate Massage Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy to administer the compact in this state; to provide definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 233. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate Brunswick stew as the official state stew; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 234. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, LaHood of the 175th, Cheokas of the 151st, Crowe of the 118th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxable net income certain income received by a commercial pilot, aircraft mechanic, or aircraft service technician as a sign-on bonus or retention bonus; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 235. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Powell of the 33rd, Jones of the 25th, Newton of the 127th, Heffner of the 130th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require employers of school employees to provide leaves of absence for the donation of bone marrow and organs; to provide for standards and conditions for granting such leaves of absence; to provide for a penalty for noncompliance; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 236. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Bartow County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to

provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 237. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Kelley of the 16th, Bell of the 75th, Smith of the 18th and Frye of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to relevant evidence and its limits, so as to provide for the admissibility of creative or artistic expression evidence at trial; to provide for a definition; to provide for the presumption of inadmissibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 238. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gunter of the 8th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of police officers, so as to require the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to create and maintain an at-risk adult training course focusing on officer response to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia; to provide for requirements for such course; to provide for collaborative course development with the Division of Aging Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 239. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Crowe of the 118th, Huddleston of the 72nd and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to require the placement of a special identifying sticker on the windshields of alternative fueled vehicles; to provide for the design and distribution of such stickers by the Department of Revenue; to provide for the designation of a vehicle as an alternative fueled vehicle on a motor vehicle registration application; to provide for a penalty; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to

provide for legislative findings and purpose; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 240. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Douglas of the 78th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 and Article 13 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act and licensing of mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, respectively, so as to prohibit unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions related to mortgage trigger leads; to provide for definitions; to provide for a remedy; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 241. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th, Chastain of the 7th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding contracts, so as to revise provisions regarding convenience fees for payment by electronic means; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 242. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th, Campbell of the 171st and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-34.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disorderly or disruptive conduct at any funeral or memorial service, so as to include religious worship and observance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 243. By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Oliver of the 84th, Moore of the 91st, Kendrick of the 95th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, so as to revise the purpose of the association; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 244. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-81-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audit of financial affairs and transactions, contents, copy to state auditor, and public inspection, so as to provide for local governments to request and receive in certain circumstances due date extensions related to filing annual audits with the state auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 245. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Smith of the 18th, Glaize of the 67th, Howard of the 129th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to add a program for students living in poverty to the table of quality basic education instructional programs with weights and student-teacher ratios; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 246. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Crowe of the 118th, Greene of the 154th, Erwin of the 32nd, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-1 and Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualification requirements for sheriff and exemptions and employment and training of peace officers, respectively, so as to require a person qualifying as a candidate for sheriff be a peace officer not under revocation or suspension by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for a penalty; to provide for submission of a form completed by the executive director of such council; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 247. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Crowe of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restoration of licenses to persons completing defensive driving course or alcohol or drug program, so as to authorize written consent for release of certain information to be obtained and transferred electronically; to require certain training for clinical evaluators performing assessment components; to revise the authorized fees relating to such courses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 248. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Kelley of the 16th, Powell of the 33rd, Williams of the 148th and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain expenses incurred by taxpayers for certain geothermal machinery installations at residential dwellings; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 249. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Anderson of the 10th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Drenner of the 85th and Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to revise provisions relating to solar power facility agreements; to revise provisions relating to the waiver of certain requirements of such agreements; to provide for the certification by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources that solar power facility agreements meet certain requirements; to provide civil penalties; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 250. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Jones of the 25th, Williams of the 148th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and labor and industrial relations, respectively, so as to provide for the registration and regulation of professional employer organizations; to provide for certain regulatory powers, duties, and authority of the Commissioner of Insurance over professional employer organizations; to exempt such organizations from certain licensing requirements; to provide for the applicability of Chapter 8 of Title 34, the "Employment Security Law"; to provide for rules and regulations; to repeal obsolete provisions; to provide for the posting of a surety bond; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Small Business Development.

HB 251. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hatchett of the 155th, Powell of the 33rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, so as provide for a certified registered nurse anesthetist to order and administer anesthesia and an anesthesia plan under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for liability; to provide for a healthcare facility to adopt policies relating to the provision of anesthesia; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 252. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 253. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code and general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, so as to enact "Ethan's Law"; to provide limitations on ordering a child to be sent to a family reunification program; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 254. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 154th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a Revolutionary War Patriots marker upon the grounds of the state capitol building and upon the grounds of the state archives building; to provide for the approval, placement, and procurement of such markers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HB 255. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Prince of the 132nd, Alexander of the 66th, Taylor of the 92nd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Southern University Alumni; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 256. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Gullett of the 19th, Efstration of the 104th, Clifton of the 131st, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the foster parents bill of rights; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 257. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Prince of the 132nd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2A of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of fleet vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of metal fleet motor vehicle license plates to certain owners prior to registration of a vehicle; to provide for application for the issuance of such license plates; to provide for the development of a system by the Department of Revenue that enables certain owners to assign and register fleet vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 258. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Holcomb of the 101st, Hugley of the 141st, Mitchell of the 88th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to establish the PeachCare for Adults Program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of federal waiver requests; to provide for requirements; to provide for providers; to provide for administration of the program; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 259. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Powell of the 33rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Mitchell of the 88th, Stinson of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to designate the second Monday of each August as Local Elected Officials Day in Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 260. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Blackmon of the 146th, Camp of the 135th, Donatucci of the 105th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to increase the amount of a state-wide homestead exemption from certain ad valorem taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 261. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Campbell of the 35th, Draper of the 90th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Romman of the 97th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for annual reduction of licensing fees for alternative fueled vehicles; to provide for a waiver of the fee for an alternative fueled specialty license plate upon proof of payment of the required licensing fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 262. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Burchett of the 176th, Campbell of the 171st, Corbett of the 174th and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a grant program for the purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; to provide that the department shall consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in establishing grant criteria; to provide for the department to establish grant amounts; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rural Development.

HB 263. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Buckner of the 137th, McQueen of the 61st, Hugley of the 141st, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for a pilot program to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for doula care for pregnant Medicaid recipients; to provide for reimbursement; to provide for doula qualifications; to provide for a report; to provide for termination of the pilot project and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 264. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to fully exempt residents who have reached the age of 100; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 265. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Cooper of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th and Townsend of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total concentration of THC and other intoxicating cannabinoids in consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to provide criminal penalties; to provide limits on the milligrams of THC and other intoxicating cannabinoids in consumable hemp products in the form of gummies; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 266. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 267. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jones of the 47th, Wade of the 9th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for separate restroom and changing areas for males and females in schools; to provide for sleeping arrangements on school trips to be made according to sex; to provide for definitions throughout the Official Code of Georgia Annotated of certain terms relating to sex; to provide for legislative findings on the importance of certain distinctions between the sexes; to require any collector of vital statistics throughout this state to identify each individual as either male or female; to replace the term "gender" throughout the Code with "sex"; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 268. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to create an Office of Safe Schools within the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide technical assistance for local school systems to develop policies and procedures for their threat management teams; to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of threatening the death of or serious injury to individuals who are or likely to be at school; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide for an exemption; to provide

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 269. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Stephens of the 164th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to revise the requirements of child care learning centers and family child care learning homes; to require that such centers and homes maintain commercial general liability insurance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 270. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jenkins of the 136th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuances, so as to provide for the continuance and stay of proceedings related to eviction of tenants at certain airports; to provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 44-7-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of summons, service, time for answer, and defenses and counterclaims, so as to provide for service by an approved process server; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 145. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Cheokas of the 151st, Wade of the 9th, Barton of the 5th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health to collaborate to prioritize the expansion of vision and hearing screening at various grade levels to identify students with undiagnosed and untreated vision or hearing problems that may impede their acquisition of literacy skills; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

HB 217	HB 218
HB 219	HB 220
HB 221	HB 222
HB 223	HB 224
HB 225	HR 128
HR 129	HR 130
HR 131	HR 132
SB 16	SR 7

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 67 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 5	Do Pass	HB 6	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 13	Do Pass	HB 28	Do Pass
HB 29	Do Pass	HB 32	Do Pass
HB 33	Do Pass	HB 39	Do Pass
HB 103	Do Pass	HB 160	Do Pass
HB 174	Do Pass		

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

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

HB 5. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the board of commissioners of Decatur County, approved March 4, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 630), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3718), so as to change the district residency requirements for candidates for the office of commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 6. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County, approved February 20, 1873 (Ga. L. 1873, p. 279), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3676), so as to revise provisions relating to filling vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for a Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County, approved February 20, 1873 (Ga. L. 1873, p. 279), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3676), so as to revise provisions relating to filling vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for a Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County, approved February 20, 1873 (Ga. L. 1873, p. 279), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3676), is amended by revising subsection (d) of Section 6 as follows:

"(d) In case of a vacancy upon the board, regardless of the cause of such vacancy other than due to the expiration of a term of office, and:

(1) Such vacancy occurs during the first 21 months of the term, it shall be the duty of the board of commissioners to instruct the election superintendent of Mitchell County to call and conduct a special election to elect a qualified individual to serve out the remainder of such unexpired term and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Such special election shall be held on the earliest of the following dates in an even-numbered year occurring immediately following the occurrence of the vacancy; provided, however, that the number of days between the call of the election and holding of the same satisfies applicable law. If the number of days between the earliest practical call of the election and holding of the election on the earliest of the following dates is less than required by law, then the special election shall be held on the second earliest of the following dates:

(A) The date of the presidential preference primary;

(B) The date of the general primary; or

(C) The date of the November general election.

Additionally, upon the occurrence of such a vacancy, the chief judge of the judicial circuit of which Mitchell County is a part shall appoint a qualified person to serve until a successor is elected and qualified at the special election held pursuant to this paragraph; or

(2) Such vacancy occurs during the last 27 months of the term, the chief judge of the judicial circuit of which Mitchell County is a part shall appoint a qualified person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is duly elected and qualified."

SECTION 2.

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

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

HB 13. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the Echols County Board of Education; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 28. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Colquitt County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 29. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Colquitt County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 32. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Cook County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 33. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Cook County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 39. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment, collection, and distribution of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Habersham County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the maintenance of such technology fee funds; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 103. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Troup County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $22,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3844), as amended; so as to increase the existing homestead exemption; to increase the income cap; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 160. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing a city court in the city of Carrollton, in the county of Carroll, approved December 21, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 438), as amended, so as to provide an additional judge for such court; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge of such court; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 174. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Jones of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	E Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
E Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 160, nays 1.

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

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

Representatives Santos of the 117th et al., Campbell of the 171st, Lupton of the 83rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Glaize of the 67th et al., Au of the 50th et al., Gambill of the 15th et al., Martin of the 49th et al., Mathis of the 133rd, Rice of the 139th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Cheokas of the 151st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jones of the 25th et al., Donatucci of the 105th et al., Blackmon of the 146th et al., and Chastain of the 7th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 175. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Olaleye of the 59th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 5, 2025, as Latino Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 176. By Representative Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Johnese Threadcraft; and for other purposes.

HR 177. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Okoye of the 102nd and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Richard Olorunrokan Adekola, "King Rokan"; and for other purposes.

HR 178. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Drenner of the 85th, Barnes of the 86th, Park of the 107th and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Antonio Cornelius Baker; and for other purposes.

HR 179. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Barton of the 5th, Ballard of the 147th and Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) on its 50th anniversary and recognizing February 18, 2025, as PAGE Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 180. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Ballard of the 147th, Wade of the 9th, Barton of the 5th, Cheokas of the 151st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Reads Coach Malcolm Mitchell; and for other purposes.

HR 181. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gaines of the 120th, Dickey of the 134th, Greene of the 154th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2025, as Georgia Hearing Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 182. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Cannon of the 172nd, Clark of the 100th, Horner of the 3rd and Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Retired Master Sergeant Louis C. Graziano; and for other purposes.

HR 183. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th, Washburn of the 144th, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 143rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Macon Violence Prevention Program for it impactful efforts in reducing violent crime in Macon-Bibb County and

commending its community-wide collaboration and innovative approach to violence prevention; and for other purposes.

HR 184. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Grayson High School football team for winning the 2024 State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 185. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Bennett of the 94th, Kendrick of the 95th and Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alisa Anderson; and for other purposes.

HR 186. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Glaize of the 67th, Crawford of the 89th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Urban League of Greater Atlanta Young Professionals and the Urban League of the River Valley Young Professionals; and for other purposes.

HR 187. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Rice of the 139th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Corey J. Neal on the occasion of his 17th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 188. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Glaize of the 67th, Crawford of the 89th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the NAACP National Office; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives New of the 40th et al., Flournoy of the 74th, Bonner of the 73rd et al., Carter of the 93rd, and Hatchett of the 155th.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 92 Do Pass, by Substitute

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

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem announced the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Thirteenth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

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

Adeyina	Crawford	Herring	Mathis	Ridley, Jor
Alexander	Crowe	Hilton	McClain	Roberts
Anderson	Cummings	Hitchens	McCollum	Sainz
Au	Davis	Holcomb	McDonald	Sampson
Baker	Dawson	Holland	McQueen	Sanchez
Ballard	DeLoach	Holly	Meeks	Santos
Ballinger	Dempsey	Hong	Miller	Schofield
Barnes	Donatucci	Horner	E Mitchell	Scoggins
Barrett	Douglas	Howard, J	Momtahan	Scott
Barton	Draper	Howard, K	Moore	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Drenner	Huddleston	Myles	Smith, M
Beckles	Dubnik	Hugley	New	E Smith, TP
Bell	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Newton	Smith, V
Bennett	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Berry	Erwin	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Stinson
Blackmon	Evans	Jackson, M	Oliver	Tarvin
Bonner	Flournoy	Jasperse	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Buckner	Ford	Jones, A	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burchett	Franklin	Jones, J	Paris	Thomas
E Burnough	Frye	Jones, S	Park	Townsend
Byrd	Gaines	Jones, T	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Gambill	Kahaian	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, J	Gilliard	Kelley	Persinger	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Glaize	Kendrick	Petrea	Wiedower
Cannon, C	Greene	LaHood	Powell	Wilkerson
Cannon, P	Griffin	Leverett	Prince	Williams, A
Carter	Gullett	E Lewis-Ward	Reese	Williams, MF
Chastain	Gunter	Lumsden	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Hagan	Lupton	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, D	Hatchett	Martin	Rice	E Willis
Clifton	Hawkins	Martinez	Richardson	Yearta
Corbett	E Heffner	Mathiak	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
E Cox	Henderson			

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Cameron of the 1st, Carpenter of the 4th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Cooper of the 45th, Dickey of the 134th, Jenkins of the

136th, Lim of the 98th, Romman of the 97th, Sharper of the 177th, Silcox of the 53rd, Smith of the 70th, Washburn of the 144th, and Werkheiser of the 157th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Major Paul McCabe, 170th Military Police Battalion, Marietta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 271. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th, Smith of the 138th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to change certain provisions regarding definitions; to

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

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 272. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th, Smith of the 138th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding revenue and taxation, so as to change certain provisions regarding definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 273. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 138th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to title ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 274. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 138th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 275. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Smith of the 138th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 276. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Smith of the 138th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 277. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Williamson of the 112th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 278. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Williamson of the 112th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 279. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 138th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 280. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 138th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 281. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 282. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 283. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-13-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to signature on citations required, effect of failure to sign, exemption for out-of-state drivers, and electronic capture of signature, so as to provide for the issuance of a refusal to sign citation; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 284. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to provide for the creation of the Georgia Baby Bond Savings Plan; to provide for the administration of such plan; to provide for a board of directors; to authorize the board of directors to invest plan funds; to provide for the creation of a fund in the state treasury; to provide the authority for establishing a comprehensive investment plan; to provide for furnishing annual financial statements to savings trust account owners; to provide for eligibility requirements for the plan; to authorize the General Assembly to contribute to the plan; to provide for minimum contributions by the General Assembly to the plan; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 285. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of the Georgia Crime Information Center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, so as to provide for a judicial procedure for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the center for the purpose of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the retention of a person's involuntary hospitalization information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 286. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Powell of the 33rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Stephens of the 164th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Seed-Capital Fund, so as to create a subfund to provide startup capital to certain small businesses that are majority owned by students or graduates of a small business program of study of TCSG; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 287. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, LaHood of the 175th, McDonald III of the 26th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, so as to update the reference date to standards, rules, and regulations; to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to update the reference date to rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, so as to update the reference date to rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 288. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Chapter 4 of Title 9, Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15, and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appellate practice, declaratory judgments, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal trials, respectively, so as to provide for declaratory judgments in instances involving accusations made by a prosecuting attorney regarding the credibility of a peace officer; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for review by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of accusations of peace officer impairment as a witness; to provide for definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to grand juries, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 289. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Efstration of the 104th, Williamson of the 112th, Jones of the 25th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts and general provisions regarding notaries

public, respectively, so as to provide for remote online notaries public and remote online notarizations; to provide requirements for electronic journaling; to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 and Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," recording of deeds and other real property transactions and inspection of public records, respectively, so as to provide for an unfair or deceptive practice in consumer transactions in the recording of certain residential real estate documents; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 290. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 291. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for the certification of community health workers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of the committee; to provide for the approval of training programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 292. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, McClain of the 109th, Buckner of the 137th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Neal of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits from income taxes, so as to provide for the certification of certain employers as living wage employers; to provide for definitions; to provide for a tax credit for such employers that employ individuals in new living wage jobs for at least one year; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 293. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th, Willis of the 55th, Berry of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to repeal various provisions of the "Protect Students First Act," enacted by Ga. L. 2022, p.136, relating to divisive concepts; to repeal Code Section 20-1-11, relating to advocating for divisive concepts, prohibition on discrimination, practice of tolerance and mutual respect encouraged, complaint resolution policies, inspection of records, and waivers prohibited; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 294. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Glaize of the 67th, Carter of the 93rd, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require the State Board of Education to review and update, as necessary, policies, guidelines, and processes for awarding units of high school credit to students based on a demonstration of subject area competency; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 295. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 47th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide procedures for real property owners to make claims for compensation from local governments for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the local government's failure to comply with or nonenforcement of certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to the local government maintaining a public nuisance; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 296. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 297. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th, Williams of the 148th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 298. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th, O'Steen of the 169th, Hatchett of the 155th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to provide requirements for nurse staffing in hospitals; to provide for definitions; to require a written nurse services staffing plan; to provide for an official nurse services staffing plan; to provide for the establishment of nurse staffing committees; to provide for annual reports of staffing information to the Department of Community Health; to provide for anonymous reports and investigations of unsafe staffing conditions; to establish an advisory commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 299. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Frye of the 122nd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, regarding landlord and tenant in general, so as to repeal Code Section 44-7-19, relating to restrictions on rent regulation by local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 300. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 43 and 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses and property, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to pawnbrokers to exclude motor vehicle certificates of title from pawn transactions; to remove provisions stating that possession of a motor vehicle certificate of title by pawnbrokers is deemed to be possession of the motor vehicle; to remove references to pawnbrokers repossessing motor vehicles; to remove the ability of pawnbrokers to charge fees relating to registering liens on motor vehicle certificates of title and repossessing motor vehicles; to remove requirements relating to the disclosure of such fees; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 301. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Tran of the 80th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to review of individual's criminal history record information, definitions, privacy considerations, written application requesting review, and inspection, so as to provide for the automatic restriction of criminal history records for convictions of certain misdemeanors and felonies five years after the completion of the sentence; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, so as to provide for the automatic sealing of certain criminal records; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 302. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Glaize of the 67th, Douglas of the 78th and Henderson of the 113th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for free meals to public school students enrolled in after-school education programs or summer school education programs; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 303. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Lupton of the 83rd and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a monument to honor the Original 33; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

HB 304. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to create the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; to provide for definitions; to provide

for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for funding of the council; to provide for the status of the council and its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 305. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Prince of the 132nd, Neal of the 79th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Gullett of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conveyances, so as to prohibit certain entities from acquiring an interest in a single-family dwelling; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 174. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for appointment of the state school superintendent by the State Board of Education effective not later than January 1, 2031, and other matters relative to the foregoing changes; to provide for the election of members of the State Board of Education for two-year terms by the members of the House of Representatives and Senate whose respective districts are embraced or partly embraced by each congressional district of this state; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 189. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Olaleye of the 59th, Willis of the 55th, Bennett of the 94th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Roy Charles Bell and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 226	HB 227
HB 228	HB 229
HB 230	HB 231
HB 232	HB 233
HB 234	HB 235
HB 236	HB 237
HB 238	HB 239
HB 240	HB 241
HB 242	HB 243
HB 244	HB 245
HB 246	HB 247
HB 248	HB 249
HB 250	HB 251
HB 252	HB 253
HB 254	HB 255
HB 256	HB 257
HB 258	HB 259
HB 260	HB 261
HB 262	HB 263
HB 264	HB 265
HB 266	HB 267
HB 268	HB 269
HB 270	HR 145

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 15 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 137 Do Pass
HB 155 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 124 Do Pass
HB 182 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Greene of the 154th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Properties has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 97 Do Pass
HR 98 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greene of the 154th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 147 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 13th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HB 67 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Substitute)(App-Burns-159th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Representatives Parrish of the 158th et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Camp of the 135th, Santos of the 117th et al., Crawford of the 89th et al., Cannon of the 58th, Gambill of the

15th, Park of the 107th et al., Flournoy of the 74th et al., Seabaugh of the 34th et al., LaHood of the 175th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Werkheiser of the 157th, Smith of the 70th, Fleming of the 114th et al., and Crowe of the 118th et al.

Pursuant to HR 138, the House recognized February 6, 2025, as National Guard Day at the state capitol.

Pursuant to HR 154, the House commended Morehouse School of Medicine upon its 50th anniversary.

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

HB 67. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

House Committee Substitute
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

Total Funds	**$74,937,297,794**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$21,550,905,709**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$19,443,317
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,458,281
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$92,198,844
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$76,201,989
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,345,504
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$11,824,961,076
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,852,222
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,005,246
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$55,774,355
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$489,603,474
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,548,771
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$396,226,387
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,572,476,919
Federal Recovery Funds	**$13,394,235**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,394,235
Other Funds	**$7,034,895,886**
Agency Funds	$4,651,191,143
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$849,504,411
Records Center Storage Fee	$704,472
Research Funds	$1,394,109,336
State Funds	**$40,554,546,549**

Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,903,574
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,133,856
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767
Hospital Provider Payment	$457,188,256
Lottery Funds	$1,575,803,147
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,445,474,339
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$159,618,486
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070
State General Funds	$35,449,072,331
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,615,599
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,783,555,415**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$141,141,725
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

Section 1: Georgia Senate

Total Funds	**$17,664,273**
State Funds	**$17,664,273**
State General Funds	$17,664,273

1.1. Lieutenant Governor's Office

Total Funds	$2,146,940
State Funds	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$2,146,940

1.2. Secretary of the Senate's Office

Total Funds	$1,553,243
State Funds	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243

1.3. Senate

Total Funds	$13,964,090
State Funds	$13,964,090

State General Funds $13,964,090

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$273,805	$273,805
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,964,090	$13,964,090

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

Total Funds **$26,039,595**
State Funds **$26,039,595**
State General Funds $26,039,595

2.1. House of Representatives
Total Funds $26,039,595
State Funds $26,039,595
State General Funds $26,039,595

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

Total Funds **$22,588,929**
State Funds **$22,588,929**
State General Funds $22,588,929

3.1. Ancillary Activities
Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.
Total Funds $14,574,539
State Funds $14,574,539
State General Funds $14,574,539

3.2. Legislative Fiscal Office
Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.
Total Funds $1,430,300
State Funds $1,430,300
State General Funds $1,430,300

3.3. Office of Legislative Counsel
Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.
Total Funds $6,584,090
State Funds $6,584,090

State General Funds $6,584,090

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,584,090	$6,584,090

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

Total Funds	**$46,553,165**
Other Funds	**$60,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	**$46,493,165**
State General Funds	$46,493,165

4.1. Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Total Funds	$38,098,788
Other Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$38,038,788

4.2. Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Total Funds	$3,212,771
State Funds	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,212,771

4.3. Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Total Funds $2,243,000

State Funds	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000

4.4. Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Total Funds	$2,998,606
State Funds	$2,998,606
State General Funds	$2,998,606

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

Total Funds	**$26,890,463**
Other Funds	**$150,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	**$26,740,463**
State General Funds	$26,740,463

5.1. Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Total Funds	$26,891,098
Other Funds	$150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	$26,741,098
State General Funds	$26,741,098

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,678,028	$26,828,028
Increase funds for allotted Judges' pay to recognize semi-monthly pay periods.*(H:No; Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass.)*	($16,930)	($16,930)
Increase funds for annual leave payouts.	$80,000	$80,000
Increase funds for mandatory website updates required to maintain federal ADA compliance.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,741,098	$26,891,098

Section 6: Judicial Council

Total Funds	**$28,053,409**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,627,367**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	**$2,839,320**
Agency Funds	$1,440,415
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,398,905
State Funds	**$23,586,722**
State General Funds	$23,586,722

6.1. Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$1,007,767
State Funds	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$1,007,767

6.2. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Total Funds	$487,212
Other Funds	$487,212
Agency Funds	$487,212

6.3. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Total Funds	$1,797,799
Other Funds	$953,203
Agency Funds	$953,203
State Funds	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596

6.4. Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Total Funds	$20,519,792
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	$1,388,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	$17,503,520
State General Funds	$17,503,520

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$17,436,648	$20,452,920
Increase funds for judicial security initiatives.	$27,018	$27,018
Provide funds for personnel for three information technology positions.	$106,854	$106,854
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($67,000)	($67,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,503,520	$20,519,792

6.5. Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Total Funds	$1,385,701
State Funds	$1,385,701
State General Funds	$1,385,701

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new position.	($26,015)	($26,015)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,385,701	$1,385,701

6.6. Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Total Funds	$900,000
State Funds	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

6.7. Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Total Funds	$1,955,138
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$1,945,138
State General Funds	$1,945,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
Utilize existing funds for operational expenses.	$0	$10,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,945,138	$1,955,138

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Total Funds	**$9,876,234**
Other Funds	**$67,486**
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	**$9,808,748**
State General Funds	$9,808,748

7.1. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Total Funds	$2,093,637
Other Funds	$67,486
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$2,026,151

7.2. Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Total Funds	$7,782,597
State Funds	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Total Funds	**$127,408,780**
State Funds	**$125,168,977**
State General Funds	$125,168,977
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,239,803**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

8.1. Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Total Funds	$1,652,129
State Funds	$1,652,129
State General Funds	$1,652,129

8.2. Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Total Funds	$190,721
State Funds	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721

8.3. District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Total Funds	$114,020,980
State Funds	$111,781,177
State General Funds	$111,781,177
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,239,803
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$111,384,923	$113,624,726
Provide funds for four assistant district attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit.	$404,706	$404,706
Provide funds for one district attorney, one investigator, two secretaries, and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).*(H:No; Utilize existing funds.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to provide one assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Tifton Judicial Circuit effective July 1, 2024, pursuant to HB 906.	$70,624	$70,624

Reduce funds for one assistant district attorney position for a new judgeship in the Douglas Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB 347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session.	($79,076)	($79,076)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$111,781,177	$114,020,980

8.4. Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Total Funds	$10,419,950
State Funds	$10,419,950
State General Funds	$10,419,950

8.5. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$1,125,000
State Funds	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000

Section 9: Superior Courts

Total Funds	**$91,973,204**
Other Funds	**$81,125**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$81,125
State Funds	**$91,892,079**
State General Funds	$91,892,079

9.1. Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Total Funds	$1,975,532
Other Funds	$25,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$25,000
State Funds	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532

9.2. Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Total Funds	$3,498,168
Other Funds	$11,125
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,125
State Funds	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043

9.3. Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Total Funds	$86,499,504
Other Funds	$45,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$45,000
State Funds	$86,454,504
State General Funds	$86,454,504

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$86,718,434	$86,763,434
Reduce funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB 347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session but was funded in the FY 2025 Appropriations Act (HB 916).	($218,555)	($218,555)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the first six months of funding added for the Atlantic Circuit new judgeship created in SB 66 (2023 Legislative Session).	($15,125)	($15,125)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the first six months of funding added for the Coweta Circuit new judgeship created in HB 243 (2023 Legislative Session).	($15,125)	($15,125)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the first six months of funding added for the Dougherty Circuit new judgeship created in HB 77 (2023 Legislative Session).	($15,125)	($15,125)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$86,454,504	$86,499,504

Section 10: Supreme Court

Total Funds	**$20,842,501**
Other Funds	**$1,859,823**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	**$18,982,678**
State General Funds	$18,982,678

10.1. Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality

of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Total Funds	$20,842,501
Other Funds	$1,859,823
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	$18,982,678
State General Funds	$18,982,678

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$18,968,827	$20,828,650
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority (GBA) rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$13,343	$13,343
Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.	$10,253	$10,253
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance programs.	$2,589	$2,589
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for State Accounting Office (SAO).	$1,293	$1,293
Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass.	($13,627)	($13,627)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,982,678	$20,842,501

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Total Funds	**$34,859,506**
Other Funds	**$592,280**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	**$8,273,341**
State General Funds	$8,273,341
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$25,993,885**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$25,993,885

11.1. Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$1,284,176
State Funds	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804
Intra-State Government Transfers	$913,372
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$913,372

11.2. Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Total Funds	$23,427,195
Intra-State Government Transfers	$23,427,195
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$23,427,195

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,970	$23,433,165
Eliminate state general funds provided for 4% cost-of-living adjustments to reflect program being fully funded by Teamworks billings.	($5,970)	($5,970)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$23,427,195

11.3. Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Total Funds	$2,830,374
Other Funds	$592,280
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,271,506
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,271,506

11.4. Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Total Funds	$3,260,837
State Funds	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025
Intra-State Government Transfers	$381,812
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$381,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

11.5. Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$900,612
State Funds	$900,612

State General Funds	$900,612

11.6. State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Total Funds	$3,156,312
State Funds	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$590,594,246**
Other Funds	**$53,427,602**
Agency Funds	$38,324,237
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,103,365
State Funds	**$304,152,401**
State General Funds	$304,152,401
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$233,014,243**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$13,963,212
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

12.1. Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Total Funds	$39,506
State Funds	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506

12.2. Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

Total Funds	$176,445
State Funds	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445

12.3. Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$9,615,905
Other Funds	$8,805,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,805,905
State Funds	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000

12.4. Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Total Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,707,160

12.5. Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Total Funds	$13,963,212
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,963,212
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$13,963,212

12.6. Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Total Funds	$447,662,660
Other Funds	$2,323,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,323,752
State Funds	$226,287,877
State General Funds	$226,287,877
Intra-State Government Transfers	$219,051,031
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$630,000	$222,004,783

Increase funds for supplemental payments for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) pursuant to HB 451 (2024 Session).	$657,877	$657,877
Increase funds to meet the cost of excess insurance and projected future claims expenses for the property risk pool.	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Increase funds to reduce outstanding obligations in to the state's liability insurance program.	$175,000,000	$175,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$226,287,877	$447,662,660

12.7. State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Total Funds	$21,671,215
Other Funds	$21,671,215
Agency Funds	$21,671,215

12.8. Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Total Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,266,548

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

12.9. Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$582,689
State Funds	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689

12.10. Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Total Funds	$6,388,769
Other Funds	$3,643,595
Agency Funds	$3,643,595
State Funds	$2,745,174

State General Funds $2,745,174

12.11. Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Total Funds $13,009,427
Other Funds $13,009,427
Agency Funds $13,009,427

12.12. Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Total Funds $73,510,710
State Funds $73,510,710
State General Funds $73,510,710

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization, the Department of Human Services $TARS modernization project, the Board of Dentistry licensing software, and the State Board of Pharmacy licensing software.*(H:Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 and utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) related to interest revenue accrued for the Department of Human Services IT modernization project.)*	$23,510,710	$23,510,710
Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-2-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) in the amount of $70,000,000 in state funds to match in the most efficient and effective CMS FMAP for an estimated total project cost of $218,750,000, with $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in this appropriations cycle and an additional $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in the next appropriations cycle to match cash flows and actual costs of the project and the federal draw of matching funds.	$35,000,000	$35,000,000
As part of quarterly reporting requirements to ensure proper oversight and accountability over the Technology Empowerment Fund (TEF), per O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, the Georgia Technology Authority shall provide to the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a report on TEF operations to include an itemized list of disbursements and payments made from the fund, an accounting of funds residing in TEF, including interest accrued, and a budget plan for any funds to be utilized directly by the Georgia Technology Authority.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,510,710	$73,510,710

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Total Funds	**$228,467,641**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$8,601,145**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145
Other Funds	**$2,775,701**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,775,701
State Funds	**$216,890,795**
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,133,856
State General Funds	$214,756,939
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$200,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.1. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$4,161,867
State Funds	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867

13.2. Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Total Funds	$47,840,785
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,751,145
Other Funds	$1,920,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,920,000
State Funds	$38,169,640
State General Funds	$38,169,640

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$37,775,330	$47,446,475

Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and equipment costs to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB 494 (2024 Session).	$425,772	$425,772
Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new position.	($31,462)	($31,462)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,169,640	$47,840,785

13.3. Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$9,989,538
Federal Funds and Grants	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$850,000
State Funds	$8,939,538
State General Funds	$8,939,538
Intra-State Government Transfers	$200,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.4. Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Total Funds	$9,025,118
Other Funds	$855,701
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$855,701
State Funds	$8,169,417
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,133,856
State General Funds	$6,035,561

13.5. Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Total Funds	$3,274,057
State Funds	$3,274,057
State General Funds	$3,274,057

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
Increase funds for five replacement vehicles.	$225,000	$225,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,274,057	$3,274,057

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

13.6. Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Total Funds	$899,778
State Funds	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778

13.7. State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Total Funds	$3,276,498
State Funds	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498

13.8. Payments to the Georgia Development Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide development opportunities and disaster recovery assistance to Georgia farmers and timberland owners.

Total Funds	$150,000,000
State Funds	$150,000,000
State General Funds	$150,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Recognize $100,000,000 in funds previously authorized through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and provide $150,000,000 in additional funds to provide disaster relief assistance to farmers and timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene (Total funds: $250,000,000)	$150,000,000	$150,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$150,000,000	$150,000,000

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,143,652**
State Funds	**$15,143,652**
State General Funds	$15,143,652

14.1. Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$2,939,057

State Funds	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057

14.2. Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Total Funds	$8,754,504
State Funds	$8,754,504
State General Funds	$8,754,504

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
Increase funds for data management software upgrades to include Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks.	$121,427	$121,427
Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	$105,984	$105,984
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,754,504	$8,754,504

14.3. Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Total Funds	$3,450,091
State Funds	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,450,091

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,089,753,248**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$410,757,049**
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$197,861,644
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,671,759

Other Funds	**$25,546,962**
Agency Funds	$23,512,036
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,034,926
State Funds	**$1,651,029,527**
State General Funds	$1,640,774,389
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,419,710**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

15.1. Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Total Funds	$101,224,765
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Other Funds	$434,903
Agency Funds	$434,903
State Funds	$56,535,631
State General Funds	$56,535,631

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$56,535,631	$101,224,765
Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$56,535,631	$101,224,765

15.2. Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

15.3. Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Total Funds	$832,383,910
Federal Funds and Grants	$286,878,619
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,440,362
Other Funds	$22,860,000
Agency Funds	$22,860,000
State Funds	$522,645,291
State General Funds	$512,390,153
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$524,242,653	$833,981,272
Reduce funds to reflect the delayed start date of the Macon Crisis Stabilization and Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	($1,597,362)	($1,597,362)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$522,645,291	$832,383,910

15.4. Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Total Funds	$149,164,507
Other Funds	$191,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$191,500
State Funds	$148,973,007
State General Funds	$148,973,007

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$149,409,927	$149,601,427
Reduce funds to reflect the delayed start date of a 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.	($436,920)	($436,920)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$148,973,007	$149,164,507

15.5. Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Total Funds	$670,579,917
Federal Funds and Grants	$26,658,953
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$16,870,420

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,062,355
Other Funds	$390,095
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$390,095
State Funds	$643,530,869
State General Funds	$643,530,869

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$643,030,869	$670,079,917
Transfer funds from the Georgia State Investment and Financing Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the planning, design, and land acquisition of a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$643,530,869	$670,579,917

15.6. Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Total Funds	$11,259,108
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$7,878,149
State Funds	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959

15.7. Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$20,075,670
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$3,285,496
State Funds	$16,790,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174

15.8. Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Total Funds	$7,308,144
State Funds	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144

15.9. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Total Funds	$67,836,026
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,057,531
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$870,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,750,000
Other Funds	$195,000
Agency Funds	$195,000
State Funds	$56,583,495
State General Funds	$56,583,495

15.10. Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Total Funds	$40,397,481
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,278,613
Other Funds	$22,133
Agency Funds	$22,133
State Funds	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735

15.11. Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Total Funds	$161,613,577
Other Funds	$1,453,331
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,453,331
State Funds	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,419,710
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

15.12. Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Total Funds	$19,755,645
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,396,415

Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$9,996,415
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,400,000
State Funds	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

15.13. Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Total Funds	$2,805,984
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,019,042
State Funds	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942

15.14. Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Total Funds	$3,248,514
State Funds	$3,248,514
State General Funds	$3,248,514

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($278,882)	($278,882)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,248,514	$3,248,514

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,122,862,079**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$222,364,117**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$222,364,117
Other Funds	**$27,673,160**
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$27,670,460
State Funds	**$872,824,802**
State General Funds	$872,824,802

16.1. Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

Total Funds	$1,192,383

Other Funds	$192,383
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$192,383
State Funds	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000

16.2. Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Total Funds	$796,860
Other Funds	$481,451
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$481,451
State Funds	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409

16.3. Coordinated Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Total Funds	$5,127,219
Other Funds	$1,340,860
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,340,860
State Funds	$3,786,359
State General Funds	$3,786,359

16.4. Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$12,888,642
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,283,371
Other Funds	$5,791,626
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,791,626
State Funds	$1,813,645
State General Funds	$1,813,645

16.5. Federal Community and Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

Total Funds	$61,297,326
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,660,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$58,660,708
Other Funds	$802,763
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$802,763
State Funds	$1,833,855
State General Funds	$1,833,855

16.6. Homeownership Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate- income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

Total Funds	$7,870,468
Federal Funds and Grants	$871,317
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$871,317
Other Funds	$6,999,151
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,999,151

16.7. Regional Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

Total Funds	$1,552,101
Federal Funds and Grants	$150,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$92,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$92,000
State Funds	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101

16.8. Rental Housing Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing,

researching affordable housing issues, and providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

Total Funds	$154,964,251
Federal Funds and Grants	$145,140,900
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$145,140,900
Other Funds	$9,823,351
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,823,351

16.9. Research and Surveys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

Total Funds	$410,161
State Funds	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161

16.10. Special Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

Total Funds	$15,100,435
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,277,945
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,277,945
Other Funds	$993,745
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$993,745
State Funds	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745

16.11. State Community Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

Total Funds	$8,889,256
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,979,876
Other Funds	$400,397
Agency Funds	$2,700
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$397,697
State Funds	$2,508,983
State General Funds	$2,508,983

16.12. State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Total Funds	$14,338,621
Other Funds	$609,912
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$609,912
State Funds	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

16.13. Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Total Funds	$753,828,495
State Funds	$753,828,495
State General Funds	$753,828,495

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
Increase funds for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District to complete the state's five-year water plan update.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide funds to support the development and construction of additional surface water resources for Georgia's coastal region to meet growth in demand.	$501,700,000	$501,700,000
Increase funds for the Georgia Fund to support water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities.	$250,375,000	$250,375,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$753,828,495	$753,828,495

16.14. Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Total Funds	$84,605,861
Other Funds	$145,521
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,521
State Funds	$84,460,340
State General Funds	$84,460,340

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,460,340	$26,605,861
Increase funds for grants and loans for rural workforce housing.	$28,000,000	$28,000,000
Increase funds for grants for rural site development.	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Increase funds for Hurricane Helene relief efforts.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Amount appropriated in this Act	$84,460,340	$84,605,861

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

Total Funds	**$23,794,872,632**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$12,001,757,773**
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$11,496,537,826
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$489,603,474
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,616,473
Other Funds	**$1,027,963,032**
Agency Funds	$739,992,596
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$148,583,912
State Funds	**$5,341,789,168**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,903,574
Hospital Provider Payment	$457,188,256
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$159,618,486
State General Funds	$4,592,016,501
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,423,362,659**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262

17.1. Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$480,469,772
Federal Funds and Grants	$360,893,882
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$330,788,048
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$651,094
Other Funds	$4,284,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,284,769
State Funds	$93,979,536
State General Funds	$93,979,536
Intra-State Government Transfers	$21,311,585
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$93,524,876	$478,970,112
Provide funds for consulting and actuarial services for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB 1078 (2024 Session).	$795,000	$1,840,000

Provide funds to develop a pilot program to deploy predictive modeling to detect potential fraud, waste, and abuse within the state's Medicaid program.	$685,125	$685,125
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($1,025,465)	($1,025,465)
Prepare for the implementation of HB 196 (2025 Session), which intends to address the reimbursement amounts for pharmacies.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$93,979,536	$480,469,772

17.2. Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,205,896
State Funds	$1,205,896
State General Funds	$1,205,896

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$942,500	$942,500
Utilize existing funds ($83,100) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($83,100) and provide additional funds ($263,396) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.)*	$263,396	$263,396
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,205,896	$1,205,896

17.3. Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,119,890
State Funds	$1,119,890
State General Funds	$1,119,890

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$882,723	$882,723
Utilize existing funds ($192,566) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($192,566) and provide additional funds ($237,167) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.)*	$237,167	$237,167
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,119,890	$1,119,890

17.4. Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved

areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Total Funds	$53,325,205
Federal Funds and Grants	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$172,588
State Funds	$53,152,617
State General Funds	$53,152,617

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$17,509,709	$17,682,297
Provide one-time grant funds for 45 public rural and critical access hospitals to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.	$35,642,908	$35,642,908
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,152,617	$53,325,205

17.5. Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Total Funds	$40,173,031
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,005,577
Other Funds	$100,000
Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$28,067,454	$40,173,031
Utilize existing funds ($417,898) for consulting and personal services for the Certificate of Need program pursuant to HB 1339 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,067,454	$40,173,031

17.6. Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Total Funds	$1,010,856,696
Federal Funds and Grants	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$671,388,987
Other Funds	$286,585,667
Agency Funds	$3,200,000
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$143,999,143

State Funds	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042

17.7. Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Total Funds	$8,657,833,227
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,458,444,813
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,455,657,599
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,787,214
Other Funds	$97,574,403
Agency Funds	$97,574,403
State Funds	$2,834,525,379
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,903,574
Hospital Provider Payment	$46,543,547
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$159,618,486
State General Funds	$2,613,267,966
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$267,288,632
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$267,288,632

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,755,670,208	$8,446,765,024
Reduce funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	($477,435)	($477,435)
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$38,674,281	$113,747,885
Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	$9,791,892	$9,791,892
Increase funds for skilled nursing centers based on projected utilization.	$17,932,529	$52,746,611
Replace $4,703,106 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for new high cost drugs.	$11,499,654	$33,825,000
Replace $6,731,771 in state general funds with nursing home provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for a skilled nursing facility inflationary increase to account for the cost difference between the 2022 cost report and the actual cost of delivering care in 2024 and 2025.	$1,434,250	$1,434,250
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,834,525,379	$8,657,833,227

17.8. Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Total Funds	$7,793,218,881
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,171,802,712

Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,038,703,192
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$133,099,520
Other Funds	$639,118,193
Agency Funds	$639,118,193
State Funds	$1,968,881,129
Hospital Provider Payment	$410,644,709
State General Funds	$1,440,365,875
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,416,847
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$13,416,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,054,483,190	$8,044,988,385
Provide funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid effective January 1, 2024.	$5,841,041	$17,180,796
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($91,443,102)	($268,950,300)
Replace $41,494,598 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,968,881,129	$7,793,218,881

17.9. PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Total Funds	$435,254,620
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,049,214
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$327,049,214
State Funds	$108,053,623
State General Funds	$108,053,623
Intra-State Government Transfers	$151,783
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$151,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$124,111,399	$502,724,068
Provide funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective January 1, 2024.	$449,825	$1,890,220
Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($16,507,601)	($69,359,668)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$108,053,623	$435,254,620

17.10. State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of

care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Total Funds	$5,127,393,812
State Funds	$6,200,000
State General Funds	$6,200,000
Intra-State Government Transfers	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

17.11. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Total Funds	$1,815,301
State Funds	$1,815,301
State General Funds	$1,815,301

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
Reduce funds to reflect savings in the implementation of a Behavioral Health Care Workforce Database.	($120,000)	($120,000)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new position.	($44,720)	($44,720)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,815,301	$1,815,301

17.12. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Total Funds	$49,581,863
State Funds	$49,581,863
State General Funds	$49,581,863

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
Provide funds for two child and adolescent psychiatric fellowship positions.	$79,402	$79,402
Provide start-up funds for graduate medical education.	$12,500,000	$12,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$49,581,863	$49,581,863

17.13. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$59,586,597

State Funds $59,586,597
State General Funds $59,586,597

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
Provide funds to replace and expand the existing Mercer School of Medicine building.*(H:Provide funds for a one-time enhancement to the Mercer School of Medicine to support learning opportunities to produce and prepare physicians for rural communities.)*	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$59,586,597	$59,586,597

17.14. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds $58,429,696
State Funds $58,429,696
State General Funds $58,429,696

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
Provide funds for a new academic building for the Morehouse School of Medicine.*(H:Provide funds for a one-time enhancement for faculty recruitment and retention, medical curriculum modernization, and expansion of the pathway and career academy program.)*	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$58,429,696	$58,429,696

17.15. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Total Funds $6,215,000
State Funds $6,215,000
State General Funds $6,215,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
Transfer funds for the nursing faculty loan repayment program from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

17.16. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

Total Funds	$10,195,783
State Funds	$10,195,783
State General Funds	$10,195,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
Transfer funds for the nursing faculty loan repayment program from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Provide one-time scholarship funding for Georgia medical students attending Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) South Georgia.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,195,783	$10,195,783

17.17. Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Total Funds	$4,912,028
Other Funds	$300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$300,000
State Funds	$4,612,028
State General Funds	$4,612,028

17.18. Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Total Funds	$3,285,334
State Funds	$3,285,334
State General Funds	$3,285,334

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

Total Funds	**$226,715,403**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$636,008**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$636,008

Other Funds	**$227,478**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$227,478
State Funds	**$224,950,688**
State General Funds	$224,950,688
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$901,229**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$901,229

18.1. Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$11,121,350
Other Funds	$1,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,200
State Funds	$11,120,150
State General Funds	$11,120,150

18.2. Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Total Funds	$208,905,130
Federal Funds and Grants	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$447,884
Other Funds	$116,278
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$116,278
State Funds	$207,490,968
State General Funds	$207,490,968
Intra-State Government Transfers	$850,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$850,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$205,280,741	$206,694,903
Increase funds for the Milledgeville Day Reporting Center lease.*(H:Increase funds for the Milledgeville Field Office lease.)*	$109,338	$109,338
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($214,502)	($214,502)
Increase funds to personal services to reflected increased retention.	$2,315,391	$2,315,391
Amount appropriated in this Act	$207,490,968	$208,905,130

18.3. Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Total Funds	$4,584,901
State Funds	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901

18.4. Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Total Funds	$1,015,770
State Funds	$1,015,770
State General Funds	$1,015,770

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

18.5. Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Total Funds	$1,088,252
Federal Funds and Grants	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$188,124
Other Funds	$110,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$110,000
State Funds	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899
Intra-State Government Transfers	$51,229
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$51,229

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,846,061,026**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$809,589**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$809,589
Other Funds	**$15,960,082**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,960,082
State Funds	**$1,829,291,355**
State General Funds	$1,829,291,355

19.1. Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Total Funds	$48,163,692

State Funds	$48,163,692
State General Funds	$48,163,692

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
Provide funds for planning, technical assistance, and project management services.	$906,290	$906,290
Provide funds to develop a ten-year facility and population management plan, including target staffing ratios and classification review of offenders, to determine best future use of existing facilities and prioritize capital and security needs across the system.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Provide funds to develop and implement a statewide targeted marketing initiative to recruit and onboard new correctional officers.*(H:Provide funds to develop and implement a statewide targeted recruit and retention plan to onboard new correctional officers.)*	$1,012,142	$1,012,142
Provide funds to develop and implement updated training curriculum for correctional officers.	$900,000	$900,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$48,163,692	$48,163,692

19.2. Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Total Funds	$73,821,237
Other Funds	$2,506,896
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,506,896
State Funds	$71,314,341
State General Funds	$71,314,341

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$67,238,753	$69,745,649
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$22,808	$22,808
Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program contract.	$73,674	$73,674
Provide funds to replace 150 Chromebooks for technical education programs.	$67,500	$67,500
Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Detention Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.	$1,572,489	$1,572,489
Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.	$2,285,106	$2,285,106
Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.	$54,011	$54,011
Amount appropriated in this Act	$71,314,341	$73,821,237

19.3. Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Total Funds	$33,320,716
State Funds	$33,320,716
State General Funds	$33,320,716

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
Increase funds for farming operations.	$4,210,677	$4,210,677
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,320,716	$33,320,716

19.4. Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Total Funds	$412,014,386
Federal Funds and Grants	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$573,812
Other Funds	$305,972
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$305,972
State Funds	$411,134,602
State General Funds	$411,134,602

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$345,418,609	$346,298,393
Increase funds for the dental health contract to support increased population.	$2,198,857	$2,198,857
Increase funds for the mental health contract to support increased population.	$8,081,370	$8,081,370
Increase funds for the pharmacy services contract to support increased population.	$9,936,342	$9,936,342
Increase funds for the physical health contract to support increased population.	$14,661,767	$14,661,767
Provide funds for an agency-managed electronic health records solution.	$15,048,183	$15,048,183
Provide funds for increased physical health contract risk share expenses for outside-the-wire care.	$15,789,474	$15,789,474
Amount appropriated in this Act	$411,134,602	$412,014,386

19.5. Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Total Funds	$45,832,720
State Funds	$45,832,720
State General Funds	$45,832,720

19.6. Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Total Funds	$152,956,970
State Funds	$152,956,970
State General Funds	$152,956,970

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution.*(H:Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution beginning February 1, 2025.)*	$2,455,217	$2,455,217
Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living-adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($856,800), Jenkins ($450,000), and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.	$2,666,450	$2,666,450
Amount appropriated in this Act	$152,956,970	$152,956,970

19.7. State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Total Funds	$1,033,956,868
Federal Funds and Grants	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$235,777
Other Funds	$12,927,561
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,927,561
State Funds	$1,020,793,530
State General Funds	$1,020,793,530

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$775,371,320	$788,534,658
Increase funds to add 330 correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*(H:Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios.)*	$13,547,415	$13,547,415
Provide funds for project backlog and major maintenance and renovation projects at facilities.	$35,922,011	$35,922,011

Increase funds to address critical capital maintenance and repairs.	$35,000,000	$35,000,000
Provide funds for additional facility maintenance personnel and regional support staff to address critical facility maintenance needs.	$9,284,058	$9,284,058
Provide funds for sitework and construction of four 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements.*(H:Provide funds for sitework and construction of two 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements.)*	$46,601,676	$46,601,676
Provide funds for design and construction to replace locking control systems at various facilities.	$34,262,515	$34,262,515
Provide funds for project management resources to oversee capital projects.	$5,961,200	$5,961,200
Provide funds for a "tiger team" to support existing GDC locking team to address repairs needed on facility locks, locking controls, and security electronics.	$248,062	$248,062
Provide funds for skilled craftsman "tiger teams" focused on HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and fabrication needs in facilities.	$636,469	$636,469
Increase funds to prevent contraband through the use of managed access and drone detection systems.	$35,027,675	$35,027,675
Provide funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff.	$913,248	$913,248
Provide funds to continue operating the digital forensics unit through a contract.	$2,261,515	$2,261,515
Provide funds to purchase 1,460 body cameras and 1,300 tasers for increased facility security.*(H:Provide funds to purchase 2,200 body cameras, 1,800 tasers and certifications for increased security and safety for correctional officers and inmates throughout state facilities.)*	$10,490,930	$10,490,930
Increase funds for hardware and software licenses for additional officer tablets to improve documentation and information sharing on offender management.	$2,506,740	$2,506,740
Provide funds to replace 750 Chromebooks for technical education programs.	$337,500	$337,500
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$662,700	$662,700
Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program contract.	$176,326	$176,326
Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Detention Centers ($1,572,489) and Transition Centers ($718,679) programs for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)
Increase funds for renovation, equipment and technology for the creation of an Over Watch and Logistics unit to increase safety of correctional officers and inmates throughout state facilities.	$7,158,672	$7,158,672
Increase funds for data intelligence advanced integration development.	$6,225,000	$6,225,000
Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.	$489,666	$489,666
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,020,793,530	$1,033,956,868

19.8. Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Total Funds	$45,994,437
Other Funds	$219,653
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$219,653
State Funds	$45,774,784
State General Funds	$45,774,784

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$44,469,214	$44,688,867
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$16,281	$16,281
Provide funds to replace 100 Chromebooks for technical education programs.	$45,000	$45,000
Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Transition Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.	$718,679	$718,679
Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.	$35,944	$35,944
Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.	$489,666	$489,666
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,774,784	$45,994,437

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Total Funds	**$111,162,590**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$75,943,450**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,943,450
Other Funds	**$22,590,595**
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,260,026
State Funds	**$12,628,545**
State General Funds	$12,628,545

20.1. Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,579,516
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,137,771
State Funds	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,441,745

20.2. Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Total Funds	$88,693,955
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$59,957,952
Other Funds	$22,586,717
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,256,148
State Funds	$6,149,286
State General Funds	$6,149,286

20.3. Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Total Funds	$19,889,119
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,847,727
Other Funds	$3,878
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,878
State Funds	$5,037,514
State General Funds	$5,037,514

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$89,984,117**
Other Funds	**$2,844,121**
Agency Funds	$2,844,121
State Funds	**$87,139,996**
State General Funds	$87,139,996

21.1. Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Total Funds	$11,409,888
Other Funds	$500,857
Agency Funds	$500,857
State Funds	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031

21.2. License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Total Funds	$77,051,032
Other Funds	$1,827,835
Agency Funds	$1,827,835

State Funds	$75,223,197
State General Funds	$75,223,197

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$74,201,197	$76,029,032
Provide funds for the investigations division case management system transition to cloud services.	$320,000	$320,000
Provide funds to implement phase three of chatbot technology in the call center to provide improved efficiency in customer service.	$452,000	$452,000
Provide funds to implement technology to prevent address fraud.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$75,223,197	$77,051,032

21.3. Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Total Funds	$1,523,197
Other Funds	$515,429
Agency Funds	$515,429
State Funds	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of

Total Funds	**$1,228,988,174**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$607,659,885**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$344,735,865
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,175,000
Other Funds	**$499,500**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$499,500
State Funds	**$620,828,789**
Lottery Funds	$548,846,095
State General Funds	$71,982,694

22.1. Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Total Funds	$452,173,841
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,291,147

CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$287,542,127
State Funds	$71,882,694
State General Funds	$71,882,694

22.2. Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Total Funds	$170,100,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,000,000
State Funds	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$170,000,000
Increase funds for startup grants of up to $10,000 per provider to establish additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$100,000	$170,100,000

22.3. Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Total Funds	$549,021,095
Federal Funds and Grants	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$175,000
State Funds	$548,846,095
Lottery Funds	$548,846,095

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$541,423,948	$541,598,948
Increase funds to provide salary parity between Pre-K teachers with K-12 teachers by moving to the State Board of Education salary schedule.	$7,422,147	$7,422,147
Utilize existing funds ($3,549,690) for development costs of the new Pre-K Management System.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$548,846,095	$549,021,095

22.4. Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Total Funds	$57,693,238
Federal Funds and Grants	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$57,193,738
Other Funds	$499,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$499,500

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

Total Funds	**$46,986,124**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$926,190**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190
State Funds	**$46,059,934**
State General Funds	$46,059,934

23.1. Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Total Funds	$6,022,093
State Funds	$6,022,093
State General Funds	$6,022,093

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia for support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB 398 (2024 Session).	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,022,093	$6,022,093

23.2. Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Total Funds	$1,167,927
State Funds	$1,167,927
State General Funds	$1,167,927

23.3. Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Total Funds	$610,794
State Funds	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794

23.4. Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Total Funds	$1,635,756
Federal Funds and Grants	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$659,400
State Funds	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356

23.5. Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$10,661,293
State Funds	$10,661,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293

23.6. Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Total Funds	$2,758,002
State Funds	$2,758,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002

23.7. International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$3,146,182
Federal Funds and Grants	$266,790

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$266,790
State Funds	$2,879,392
State General Funds	$2,879,392

23.8. Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Total Funds	$1,018,797
State Funds	$1,018,797
State General Funds	$1,018,797

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
The Department of Economic Development is directed to study the impact and efficacy of the Rural Development program and provide a report of activities and results to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 1, 2025.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for personal services to reflect vacancies.	($379,092)	($379,092)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,018,797	$1,018,797

23.9. Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Total Funds	$1,080,381
State Funds	$1,080,381
State General Funds	$1,080,381

23.10. Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Total Funds	$18,884,899
State Funds	$18,884,899
State General Funds	$18,884,899

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
Provide funds to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to prepare for the execution of public safety and infrastructure costs related to the hosting of future major sporting events, including the Super Bowl 62 and 2031 NCAA Men's Final Four.	$7,000,000	$7,000,000

Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,884,899	$18,884,899

Section 24: Education, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,719,734,480**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,264,165,683**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,264,053,182
Other Funds	**$34,125,850**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$34,125,850
State Funds	**$13,421,442,947**
State General Funds	$13,421,442,947

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,191.66. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

24.1. Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Total Funds	$16,877,914
Federal Funds and Grants	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$309,003
Other Funds	$1,150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,150,000
State Funds	$15,418,911
State General Funds	$15,418,911

24.2. Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Total Funds	$18,612,595
Federal Funds and Grants	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,020
Other Funds	$9,991,981
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,991,981
State Funds	$8,539,594
State General Funds	$8,539,594

24.3. Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Total Funds	$66,625,947
Federal Funds and Grants	$60,875,445

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$60,875,445
Other Funds	$350,145
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,145
State Funds	$5,400,357
State General Funds	$5,400,357

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,250,357	$66,475,947
Increase funds for an adaptive sports program.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,400,357	$66,625,947

24.4. Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

Total Funds	$10,427,123
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,803,882
Other Funds	$145,460
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,460
State Funds	$5,477,781
State General Funds	$5,477,781

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,477,781	$10,427,123
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds to State Charter School Commission pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).*(H:No; Utilize existing funds to implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session).)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,477,781	$10,427,123

24.5. Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Total Funds	$2,690,100
State Funds	$2,690,100
State General Funds	$2,690,100

24.6. Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Total Funds	$20,770,845
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,833,819
Other Funds	$176,231
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$176,231
State Funds	$13,760,795
State General Funds	$13,760,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,266,501	$18,276,551
Increase funds for AP exams ($2,244,870) and PSAT exams ($249,424) due to increased utilization.	$2,494,294	$2,494,294
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,760,795	$20,770,845

24.7. Curriculum Development - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

Total Funds	$6,111,300
State Funds	$6,111,300
State General Funds	$6,111,300

24.8. Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Total Funds	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,305,164,432

24.9. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Total Funds	$62,356,289
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,322,802
State Funds	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$51,033,487

24.10. Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary

resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Total Funds	$11,370,004
Other Funds	$8,284,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,284,000
State Funds	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004

24.11. Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Total Funds	$21,528,084
Federal Funds and Grants	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$409,267
State Funds	$21,118,817
State General Funds	$21,118,817

24.12. Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Total Funds	$32,355,822
State Funds	$32,355,822
State General Funds	$32,355,822

24.13. Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Total Funds	$846,230,485
Federal Funds and Grants	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$803,409,469
Other Funds	$184,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$184,000
State Funds	$42,637,016
State General Funds	$42,637,016

24.14. Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Total Funds	$56,782,489
State Funds	$56,782,489
State General Funds	$56,782,489

24.15. Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Total Funds	$353,759,373
State Funds	$353,759,373
State General Funds	$353,759,373

24.16. Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Total Funds	$998,507,451
State Funds	$998,507,451
State General Funds	$998,507,451

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
Reduce funds to reflect a data correction for Gainesville City and Hall County Tax Digests.	($24,340,036)	($24,340,036)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$998,507,451	$998,507,451

24.17. Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Total Funds	($2,753,609,278)
State Funds	($2,753,609,278)
State General Funds	($2,753,609,278)

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for two new State Commission Charter Schools.	($214,870)	($214,870)
Amount appropriated in this Act	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)

24.18. Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Total Funds	$14,245,487,769
State Funds	$14,245,487,769
State General Funds	$14,245,487,769

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.	$114,282,588	$114,282,588
Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $248,482,930.	$12,904,817	$12,904,817
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.	$267,110	$267,110
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant.	$93,202	$93,202
Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.	$2,921,948	$2,921,948
Increase funds to reflect growth in the Special Needs Scholarship.	$13,209,096	$13,209,096
Decrease formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement.*(H:Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement.)*	$203,344	$203,344
Increase funds to reflect a data correction for two locally-approved charter schools, Drew Charter School ($137,098) and The Kindezi School ($698,068), in the Atlanta Public Schools system.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,245,487,769	$14,245,487,769

24.19. Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Total Funds	$16,490,985
State Funds	$16,490,985
State General Funds	$16,490,985

24.20. School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Total Funds	$14,367,970
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,456,721
Other Funds	$1,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,000
State Funds	$10,910,249
State General Funds	$10,910,249

24.21. School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Total Funds	$42,724,230

State Funds	$42,724,230
State General Funds	$42,724,230

24.22. School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

Total Funds	$158,905,000
State Funds	$158,905,000
State General Funds	$158,905,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
Provide funds for security grants in the amount of $21,635 per school allowing local school systems to enhance security system-wide.	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$158,905,000	$158,905,000

24.23. State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Total Funds	$6,685,379
Other Funds	$6,685,379
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,685,379

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$6,685,379
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($344,592) to implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session).*(H:No; Implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session) in the Charter Schools program.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$6,685,379

24.24. State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Total Funds	$41,058,578
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,146,556
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,034,055
Other Funds	$1,111,904

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,111,904
State Funds	$38,800,118
State General Funds	$38,800,118

24.25. Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Total Funds	$81,151,389
Federal Funds and Grants	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$50,655,460
Other Funds	$6,045,750
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,045,750
State Funds	$24,450,179
State General Funds	$24,450,179

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$24,354,320	$81,055,530
Provide funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operating costs to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education.	$95,859	$95,859
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,450,179	$81,151,389

24.26. Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Total Funds	$34,750,259
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,697,807
State Funds	$19,052,452
State General Funds	$19,052,452

24.27. Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Total Funds	$1,551,946
State Funds	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$602,173,539**

Other Funds	**$35,858,695**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$35,858,695
State Funds	**$566,314,844**
State General Funds	$566,314,844

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,160.67 per member for State Fiscal Year 2025.

25.1. Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Total Funds	$5,226,184
Other Funds	$5,226,184
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,226,184

25.2. Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Total Funds	$2,781,444
State Funds	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444

25.3. Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Total Funds	$36,773,000
State Funds	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$36,773,000

25.4. System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Total Funds	$557,392,911
Other Funds	$30,632,511
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$30,632,511
State Funds	$526,760,400
State General Funds	$526,760,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,766,400	$57,398,911
Eliminate funds for actuarially determined costs for HB 472 (2024 Session) as legislation failed to pass.	($6,000)	($6,000)
Provide funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees.	$500,000,000	$500,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$526,760,400	$557,392,911

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Total Funds	**$68,792,026**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,986,349**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,986,349
Other Funds	**$9,427,187**
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,998,542
State Funds	**$52,328,490**
State General Funds	$52,328,490
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$50,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.1. Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Total Funds	$7,144,232
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,800
Other Funds	$507,780
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$507,780
State Funds	$6,512,652
State General Funds	$6,512,652

26.2. Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Total Funds	$9,498,634
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,682,151
Other Funds	$1,089,732
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$661,087
State Funds	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751
Intra-State Government Transfers	$50,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.3. Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Total Funds	$50,942,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,046,681
Other Funds	$6,756,312
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,756,312
State Funds	$41,139,087
State General Funds	$41,139,087

26.4. Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Total Funds	$1,207,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$133,717
Other Funds	$1,073,363
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,073,363

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

Total Funds	**$247,978,650**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$31,454,912**
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,294,182
Other Funds	**$817,856**

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$817,856
State Funds	**$215,705,882**
State General Funds	$215,705,882

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

27.1. Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Total Funds	$156,062,041
State Funds	$156,062,041
State General Funds	$156,062,041

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
Provide funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses.*(H:Provide funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses and reflect $5,000,000 in Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security to build out last mile network connectivity to public safety answering points to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services.)*	$145,000,000	$145,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$156,062,041	$156,062,041

27.2. Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Total Funds	$6,904,362
State Funds	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362

27.3. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Total Funds	$8,881,276
State Funds	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276

27.4. Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Total Funds	$1,991,567

State Funds	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567

27.5. Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Total Funds	$1,999,667
State Funds	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

27.6. Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Total Funds	$1,476,162
State Funds	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,476,162

27.7. Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Total Funds	$1,840,522
Federal Funds and Grants	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$441,000
State Funds	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,399,522

27.8. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Total Funds	$45,522,410
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,703,182
Other Funds	$807,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	$15,011,372
State General Funds	$15,011,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,261,372	$36,772,410
Provide funds for Next Generation 911 and emergency services.	$5,750,000	$5,750,000
Provide start-up funds for a school threat assessment tracking system.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,011,372	$45,522,410

27.9. Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Total Funds	$1,829,469
State Funds	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469

27.10. Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Total Funds	$10,051,420
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,310,730
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690

27.11. Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Total Funds	$6,124,736
State Funds	$6,124,736
State General Funds	$6,124,736

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
Provide startup funds to establish a regional crisis recovery network in partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board to support student mental health in response to significant public safety or natural disaster incidents impacting schools or school systems.	$160,000	$160,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,124,736	$6,124,736

27.12. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Total Funds	$1,661,290
State Funds	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290

27.13. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,628,694
State Funds	$2,628,694
State General Funds	$2,628,694

27.14. Special Project - Student Achievement, Governor's Office of

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB 211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

Total Funds	$1,005,034
State Funds	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,398,452,751**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,310,200,974**
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$91,679,729
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$130,561,606
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$15,293,213
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,548,771
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$363,611,117
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$610,861,232
Other Funds	**$26,359,421**
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$22,959,421
State Funds	**$1,061,338,559**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319

State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070
State General Funds	$1,059,768,170
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$553,797**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$553,797

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:

For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.

For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.

For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.

For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.

For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.

For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.

For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.

For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.

For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.

For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.

For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.

Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

28.1. Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Total Funds	$125,195,574
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,455,821
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,334,420
State Funds	$45,739,753

State General Funds	$45,739,753

28.2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Total Funds	$12,364,006
Federal Funds and Grants	$8,058,039
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,091,949
State Funds	$4,305,967
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070
State General Funds	$2,989,897

28.3. Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Total Funds	$167,719,052
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,452,566
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,452,566
Other Funds	$3,777,225
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$377,225
State Funds	$40,093,501
State General Funds	$40,093,501
Intra-State Government Transfers	$395,760
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$395,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$34,136,145	$150,180,715
Increase one-time funds to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.	$5,771,558	$16,975,314
Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.	$185,798	$563,023
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,093,501	$167,719,052

28.4. Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Total Funds	$517,691,337
Federal Funds and Grants	$270,278,476
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$247,974

Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$3,476,001
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,548,771
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$185,053,940
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,977,063
State Funds	$247,254,824
State General Funds	$247,254,824
Intra-State Government Transfers	$158,037
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$158,037

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$243,832,585	$515,988,302
Increase funds for Court Appointed Special Advocates to replace federal funds deemed ineligible by the Administration for Children and Families.	$1,719,204	$0
Increase funds for the special victims unit to support the rescue of sexually exploited foster children.	$1,703,035	$1,703,035
Amount appropriated in this Act	$247,254,824	$517,691,337

28.5. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Total Funds	$19,033,456
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,033,456
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$19,033,456

28.6. Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$122,879,780
Federal Funds and Grants	$47,538,528
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,770,669
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$4,000,191
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,747,943
Other Funds	$12,868,673
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,868,673
State Funds	$62,472,579

State General Funds $62,472,579

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$62,091,779	$122,498,980
Eliminate funds for rent for a multi-service building in Coweta County.	($1,088,000)	($1,088,000)
Increase funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system.	$1,468,800	$1,468,800
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,472,579	$122,879,780

28.7. Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Total Funds $35,627,120
Federal Funds and Grants $4,743,725
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667) $2,601,322
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $2,142,403
State Funds $30,883,395
State General Funds $30,883,395

28.8. Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Total Funds $97,269,315
Federal Funds and Grants $44,551,212
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667) $9,190,890
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $35,360,322
State Funds $52,718,103
State General Funds $52,718,103

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$52,943,103	$97,494,315
Transfer brain health awareness campaign funding from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health to match agency budgets with existing contracts.	($225,000)	($225,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,718,103	$97,269,315

28.9. Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Total Funds $75,127,606
Federal Funds and Grants $75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568) $75,127,606

28.10. Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Total Funds	$444,963,224
Federal Funds and Grants	$284,501,022
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$19,999,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$135,348,220
State Funds	$160,462,202
State General Funds	$160,462,202

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$159,022,645	$443,523,667
Utilize existing funds ($133,763) to enhance Medicaid disability evaluation capacity.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers effective April 1, 2025.	$1,439,557	$1,439,557
Amount appropriated in this Act	$160,462,202	$444,963,224

28.11. Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Total Funds	$475,187,723
Federal Funds and Grants	$110,760,909
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$33,733,789
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$76,874,469
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$152,651
State Funds	$364,426,814
State General Funds	$364,426,814

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$342,191,385	$449,267,342
Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.	$22,235,429	$25,920,381
Amount appropriated in this Act	$364,426,814	$475,187,723

28.12. Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Total Funds	$17,500,000

Federal Funds and Grants	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,500,000
State Funds	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000

28.13. Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Total Funds	$20,174,463
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,174,463

28.14. Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Total Funds	$3,082,944
Federal Funds and Grants	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$513,824
State Funds	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,569,120	$3,082,944
Utilize existing funds ($82,550) for one position and TRAILS electronic records management system enhancements to address new licensure and regulation responsibilities due to the creation of two new Child Caring Institution types in SB 377 (2024 Session) and HB 1201 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,569,120	$3,082,944

28.15. Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$36,523,008
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$36,453,008
State Funds	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000

28.16. Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$20,910,726
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,810,726
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$13,642,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,168,604
State Funds	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

28.17. Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Total Funds	$409,039
State Funds	$409,039
State General Funds	$409,039

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$376,625	$376,625
Increase funds to support personnel.	$32,414	$32,414
Amount appropriated in this Act	$409,039	$409,039

28.18. Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Total Funds	$11,696,854
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,336,965
State Funds	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889

28.19. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Total Funds	$2,779,241
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,443,269
State Funds	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972

28.20. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Total Funds	$11,039,595
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,846,048
Other Funds	$284,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$284,597
State Funds	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950

28.21. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Total Funds	$66,908,724
Federal Funds and Grants	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$66,908,724

28.22. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Total Funds	$4,365,888
Other Funds	$4,365,888
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,365,888

28.23. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Total Funds	$101,527,917
Federal Funds and Grants	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,712,587
Other Funds	$5,063,038
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,063,038
State Funds	$25,752,292
State General Funds	$25,752,292

28.24. Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Total Funds	$8,476,159
State Funds	$8,476,159
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319

State General Funds	$8,221,840

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

Total Funds	**$237,842,165**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$853,494**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$853,494
Other Funds	**$9,201,333**
Agency Funds	$8,553,063
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$648,270
State Funds	**$227,246,044**
State General Funds	$227,246,044
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$541,294**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$541,294

29.1. Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Total Funds	$2,720,123
Other Funds	$109,600
Agency Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600
State Funds	$2,610,523
State General Funds	$2,610,523

29.2. Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Total Funds	$587,866
State Funds	$587,866
State General Funds	$587,866

29.3. Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Total Funds	$16,273,495
Federal Funds and Grants	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$853,494
Other Funds	$3,313,725
Agency Funds	$2,715,055

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$598,670
State Funds	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276

29.4. Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Total Funds	$9,962,285
Other Funds	$5,778,008
Agency Funds	$5,778,008
State Funds	$4,184,277
State General Funds	$4,184,277

29.5. Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Total Funds	$200,308,608
State Funds	$200,308,608
State General Funds	$200,308,608

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($5,575,718)	($5,575,718)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$200,308,608	$200,308,608

29.6. Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Total Funds	$7,989,788
State Funds	$7,448,494
State General Funds	$7,448,494
Intra-State Government Transfers	$541,294
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$541,294

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Total Funds	**$352,352,020**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,782,460**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$177,156
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,605,304
Other Funds	**$30,791,046**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$30,791,046
State Funds	**$250,778,514**
State General Funds	$250,778,514

30.1. Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Total Funds	$10,958,239
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,600
Other Funds	$353,303
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$353,303
State Funds	$10,592,336
State General Funds	$10,592,336

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,493,356	$10,859,259
Increase funds for a new pool car reservation system.	$41,165	$41,165
Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to statewide security contracts through the Department of Administrative Services.	$57,815	$57,815
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,592,336	$10,958,239

30.2. Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Total Funds	$19,088,856
Other Funds	$11,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,500,000
State Funds	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856

30.3. Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide

medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Total Funds	$68,777,672
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,229,366
Other Funds	$5,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,856
State Funds	$66,542,450
State General Funds	$66,542,450

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$66,530,540	$68,765,762
Increase funds for additional service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.	$356,862	$356,862
Increase funds for equipment, supplies, and office set-up for one crime lab scientist, one crime lab technician, and one evidence receiving technician at the Central Crime Lab.	$62,068	$62,068
Increase funds for the start-up cost for one crime lab assistant manager at the Headquarters Crime Lab.*(H:Increase funds for the start-up cost for two crime lab assistant manager at the Headquarters Crime Lab.)*	$31,612	$31,612
Reduce funds for locality pay savings.	($125,711)	($125,711)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($312,921)	($312,921)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$66,542,450	$68,777,672

30.4. Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Total Funds	$81,896,881
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,812,153
Other Funds	$1,891,937
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,891,937
State Funds	$78,192,791
State General Funds	$78,192,791

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$77,943,144	$81,647,234
Provide funds for the start-up cost for two crime scene technical leaders and three digital forensic investigators.	$165,466	$165,466

Provide funds for the start-up cost to establish a Strategic Threat Assessment Group responsible for addressing threats to public officials, investigating homeland security matters, and partnering with critical infrastructure partners to provide support during major events occurring in the state.	$96,472	$96,472
Replace federal funds with state funds for three human trafficking positions.	$490,700	$490,700
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($502,991)	($502,991)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$78,192,791	$81,896,881

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

30.5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Total Funds	$99,391,732
Federal Funds and Grants	$66,728,341
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$177,156
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$66,551,185
Other Funds	$17,039,950
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$17,039,950
State Funds	$15,623,441
State General Funds	$15,623,441

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$15,623,441	$99,391,732
Provide funds for continued operation of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,623,441	$99,391,732

30.6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$37,265,994
State Funds	$37,265,994
State General Funds	$37,265,994

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($34,131)	($34,131)

Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,265,994	$37,265,994

30.7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Total Funds	$34,972,646
State Funds	$34,972,646
State General Funds	$34,972,646

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

Total Funds	**$395,695,950**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,072,886**
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,553,771
Other Funds	**$528,891**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$528,891
State Funds	**$389,094,173**
State General Funds	$389,094,173

31.1. Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Total Funds	$103,283,614
Federal Funds and Grants	$663,141
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,026
Other Funds	$281,298
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$281,298
State Funds	$102,339,175
State General Funds	$102,339,175

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$104,990,877	$105,935,316

Transfer funds from Community Service program to Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to align budget with expenditures.	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)
Increase funds for youth competency beds to address bed utilization costs.	$348,298	$348,298
Amount appropriated in this Act	$102,339,175	$103,283,614

31.2. Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Total Funds	$28,578,262
State Funds	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,578,262

31.3. Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Total Funds	$101,252,504
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,464,553
Other Funds	$247,593
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$247,593
State Funds	$98,540,358
State General Funds	$98,540,358

31.4. Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Total Funds	$162,581,570
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,945,192
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,945,192
State Funds	$159,636,378
State General Funds	$159,636,378

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$155,954,690	$158,899,882
Transfer funds from Community Service program to Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to align budget with expenditures.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

Increase funds to reflect increased retention of juvenile correctional officers.	$681,688	$681,688
Amount appropriated in this Act	$159,636,378	$162,581,570

Section 32: Labor, Department of

Total Funds	**$54,060,312**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$41,189,283**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$41,189,283
Other Funds	**$4,292,769**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,292,769
State Funds	**$8,578,260**
State General Funds	$8,578,260

32.1. Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Total Funds	$20,014,994
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,314,069
Other Funds	$3,957,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,957,769
State Funds	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156

32.2. Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Total Funds	$1,383,448
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,383,448

32.3. Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Total Funds	$32,661,870
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,491,766
Other Funds	$335,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$335,000
State Funds	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104

Section 33: Law, Department of

Total Funds	**$130,035,861**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$3,633,332**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
Other Funds	**$80,048,040**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,048,040
State Funds	**$46,354,489**
State General Funds	$46,354,489

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

33.1. Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Total Funds	$124,718,121
Other Funds	$80,048,040
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,048,040
State Funds	$44,670,081
State General Funds	$44,670,081

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$44,251,259	$124,299,299
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent due to relocation to the renovated Law building.	$790,286	$790,286
Provide funds for six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions effective April 1, 2025.*(H:Provide funds for three positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Augusta region effective April 1, 2025.)*	$93,518	$93,518
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($464,982)	($464,982)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$44,670,081	$124,718,121

33.2. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Total Funds	$5,317,740
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
State Funds	$1,684,408
State General Funds	$1,684,408

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

Total Funds	**$369,248,811**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,919,242**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,919,242
Other Funds	**$101,815,729**
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$73,907,894
State Funds	**$196,513,840**
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886
State General Funds	$172,190,387
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

34.1. Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Total Funds	$12,527,969
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,096,144
Other Funds	$107,925
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$107,925
State Funds	$7,323,900
State General Funds	$7,323,900

34.2. Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,809,444
State Funds	$13,809,444
State General Funds	$13,809,444

34.3. Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Total Funds	$125,930,449
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,887,490
Other Funds	$60,823,953
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,916,118
State Funds	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006

34.4. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Total Funds	$30,138,943
State Funds	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943

34.5. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Total Funds	$14,679,767
State Funds	$14,679,767
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767

34.6. Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological,

and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,072,344
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,751,293
Other Funds	$3,657
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,657
State Funds	$34,317,394
State General Funds	$34,317,394

34.7. Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Total Funds	$63,927,550
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,204,029
Other Funds	$32,391,791
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,391,791
State Funds	$28,331,730
State General Funds	$28,331,730

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$20,206,730	$55,802,550
Increase funds for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to address operational needs.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Increase funds for outdoor recreation.	$5,875,000	$5,875,000
Increase funds for historic preservation.	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,331,730	$63,927,550

34.8. Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Total Funds	$7,866,886
State Funds	$7,866,886
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886

34.9. Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal

commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Total Funds	$63,295,459
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,980,286
Other Funds	$8,488,403
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,488,403
State Funds	$24,826,770
State General Funds	$23,049,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$24,626,770	$63,095,459
Increase funds for processing of venison donations.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,826,770	$63,295,459

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Total Funds	**$21,236,127**
State Funds	**$21,236,127**
State General Funds	$21,236,127

35.1. Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$2,407,857
State Funds	$2,407,857
State General Funds	$2,407,857

35.2. Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Total Funds	$18,225,791
State Funds	$18,225,791
State General Funds	$18,225,791

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($57,178)	($57,178)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,225,791	$18,225,791

35.3. Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Total Funds	$602,479
State Funds	$602,479
State General Funds	$602,479

Section 36: State Properties Commission

Total Funds	**$2,400,000**
Other Funds	**$2,400,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,400,000

36.1. State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Total Funds	$2,400,000
Other Funds	$2,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Total Funds	**$116,158,848**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$170,762**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,762
Other Funds	**$33,340,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,340,000
State Funds	**$82,648,086**
State General Funds	$82,648,086

37.1. Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Total Funds	$11,284,841

Federal Funds and Grants	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,000
Other Funds	$1,840,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,000
State Funds	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,439,841

37.2. Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Total Funds	$104,874,007
Federal Funds and Grants	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$165,762
Other Funds	$31,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$31,500,000
State Funds	$73,208,245
State General Funds	$73,208,245

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$73,087,636	$104,753,398
Increase funds for a Juvenile Conflict Division manager position.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for one public defender, one investigator, and two administrative positions for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$181,797	$181,797
Reduce funds for one assistant public defender in the Douglas Judicial Circuit due to SB 347 failing to pass during the 2024 Legislative Session.	($61,188)	($61,188)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,208,245	$104,874,007

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

Total Funds	**$916,164,986**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$464,841,136**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,233,003
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$423,261,493
Other Funds	**$21,121,843**
Agency Funds	$750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,371,843

State Funds	**$428,695,285**
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188
State General Funds	$396,754,830
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$1,506,722**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,506,722

38.1. Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Total Funds	$59,958,410
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,993,055
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,419,922
Other Funds	$695,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$695,000
State Funds	$25,270,355
State General Funds	$18,373,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$24,770,355	$59,458,410
Provide funds for a campaign to educate Georgians on the signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer.	$250,000	$250,000
Provide funds for a campaign to educate Georgians on the adverse effects of vaping.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,270,355	$59,958,410

38.2. Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Total Funds	$7,673,025
Federal Funds and Grants	$957,168
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$957,168
State Funds	$6,715,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857

38.3. Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$38,619,150
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,664,750
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$646,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,018,625
Other Funds	$1,750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,750,000
State Funds	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795

38.4. Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Total Funds	$43,977,531
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,970,949
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$623,949
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$36,347,000
Other Funds	$460,141
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$460,141
State Funds	$6,546,441
State General Funds	$6,546,441

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,386,750	$46,817,840
Reduce funds for the Georgia Coordinating Center.	($3,065,309)	($3,065,309)
Transfer brain health awareness campaign funding from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health to match agency budgets with existing contracts.	$225,000	$225,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,546,441	$43,977,531

38.5. Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Total Funds	$24,963,837
Federal Funds and Grants	$16,330,879
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$16,330,879
State Funds	$8,632,958
State General Funds	$8,512,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,362,958	$24,693,837
Provide funds to study the impacts of social media on mental health for children in Georgia.	$270,000	$270,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,632,958	$24,963,837

38.6. Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Total Funds	$26,149,495
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,391
Other Funds	$12,649,702
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,649,702
State Funds	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402

38.7. Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Total Funds	$69,364,334
Federal Funds and Grants	$38,374,024
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$10,818,769
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$675,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$26,879,427
Other Funds	$1,217,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,217,000
State Funds	$29,773,310
State General Funds	$29,773,310

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$29,336,310	$68,927,334
Increase funds for the cost of mailing Low THC Oil Patient registry cards pursuant to SB 495 (2024 Session).	$437,000	$437,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$29,773,310	$69,364,334

38.8. Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Total Funds	$231,176,911
Federal Funds and Grants	$214,597,390

Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$5,558,546
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$546,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$208,492,719
State Funds	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521

38.9. Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Total Funds	$126,158,245
Federal Funds and Grants	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$80,263,121
State Funds	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124

38.10. Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Total Funds	$12,381,380
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,545,096
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,180,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,365,096
Other Funds	$750,000
Agency Funds	$750,000
State Funds	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284

38.11. Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Total Funds	$237,626,713
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,000,000
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$210,826,713
State General Funds	$210,826,713

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$210,326,713	$237,126,713
Provide one-time funds for health department equipment.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$210,826,713	$237,626,713

38.12. Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Total Funds	$6,878,899
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

38.13. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Total Funds	$1,992,501
Federal Funds and Grants	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,313
State Funds	$1,848,188
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188

38.14. Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Total Funds	$29,244,555
State Funds	$27,737,833
State General Funds	$11,509,893
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,506,722
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,506,722

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$29,796,104	$31,302,826
Eliminate funds for SB 515 as it did not pass during the 2024 Session.	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,737,833	$29,244,555

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

Total Funds	**$317,448,644**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$34,695,566**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566
Other Funds	**$13,093,402**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,093,402
State Funds	**$256,880,830**
State General Funds	$256,880,830
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$12,778,846**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$12,778,846

39.1. Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Total Funds	$5,121,513
State Funds	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,121,513

39.2. Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Total Funds	$9,612,660
Intra-State Government Transfers	$9,612,660
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$9,612,660

39.3. Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Total Funds	$10,585,187
Other Funds	$3,510
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,510
State Funds	$10,581,677
State General Funds	$10,581,677

39.4. Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal

Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Total Funds	$166,429,485
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,494,501
Other Funds	$673,900
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$673,900
State Funds	$162,885,298
State General Funds	$162,885,298
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,786
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$161,259,318	$164,803,505
Provide funds to replace 1,000 ballistic helmets.	$1,625,980	$1,625,980
Amount appropriated in this Act	$162,885,298	$166,429,485

39.5. Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Total Funds	$9,127,266
State Funds	$9,127,266
State General Funds	$9,127,266

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
Reduce funds to reflect enrollment costs.	($659,115)	($659,115)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,127,266	$9,127,266

39.6. Motor Carrier Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Total Funds	$45,678,644
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,348,744
Other Funds	$10,761,804
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,761,804
State Funds	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173

Intra-State Government Transfers	$370,923
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$370,923

39.7. Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Total Funds	$2,021,202
State Funds	$2,021,202
State General Funds	$2,021,202

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($82,811)	($82,811)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,021,202	$2,021,202

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

39.8. Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Total Funds	$1,853,034
State Funds	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,853,034

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
Redirect existing technology savings ($50,000) to be utilized for one vehicle and one safety and compliance specialist position.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Redirect existing technology savings ($50,000) to be utilized for one vehicle.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

39.9. Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Total Funds	$6,547,773
State Funds	$6,547,773

State General Funds $6,547,773

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
Increase funds to provide mandatory training for newly elected sheriffs.	$325,000	$325,000
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($61,476)	($61,476)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,547,773	$6,547,773

39.10. Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Total Funds $35,820,633
Federal Funds and Grants $1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $1,061,179
Other Funds $1,492,086
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $1,492,086
State Funds $31,338,701
State General Funds $31,338,701
Intra-State Government Transfers $1,928,667
Other Intra-State Government Payments $1,928,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$30,970,910	$35,452,842
Provide funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB 37 (2024 Session).*(H:Provide funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB 37 (2024 Session) beginning April 1, 2025.)*	$114,419	$114,419
Provide funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training.*(H:Provide funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training beginning April 1, 2025.)*	$258,328	$258,328
Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.	($4,956)	($4,956)
Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.	($338,335)	($338,335)
Increase funds for expenses related to basic mandate expansion for equipment, weapons, ammunition, and vehicle expenses.	$338,335	$338,335
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,338,701	$35,820,633

39.11. Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Total Funds $21,198,937
Federal Funds and Grants $19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $19,791,142
Other Funds $162,102

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$162,102
State Funds	$754,883
State General Funds	$754,883
Intra-State Government Transfers	$490,810
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$490,810

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$738,883	$21,182,937
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	$16,000	$16,000
Replace federal funds with state funds for the personal services cost of three employees.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$754,883	$21,198,937

39.12. Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Total Funds	$3,452,310
State Funds	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY 2024 Joshua's Law Collections.	$522,437	$522,437
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

Section 40: Public Service Commission

Total Funds	**$14,117,244**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,231,100**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	**$12,886,144**
State General Funds	$12,886,144

40.1. Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Total Funds	$1,993,791
State Funds	$1,993,791
State General Funds	$1,993,791

40.2. Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Total Funds	$3,111,342
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	$1,880,242
State General Funds	$1,880,242

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,813,992	$3,045,092
Increase funds for state share of equipment and vehicle costs for one additional Pipeline Safety inspector.	$42,142	$42,142
Increase funds for FY 2025 cost-of-living adjustment due to delay in federal reimbursement until FY 2026.	$24,108	$24,108
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,880,242	$3,111,342

40.3. Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Total Funds	$9,012,111
State Funds	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$9,012,111

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia Board of

Total Funds	**$10,216,404,104**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,031,340,290**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,031,340,290
Other Funds	**$4,777,386,693**
Agency Funds	$3,382,572,885
Records Center Storage Fee	$704,472
Research Funds	$1,394,109,336
State Funds	**$3,407,677,121**
State General Funds	$3,407,677,121

41.1. Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Total Funds	$126,913,507
Federal Funds and Grants	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$40,749,493
Other Funds	$31,750,806
Agency Funds	$9,250,806
Research Funds	$22,500,000
State Funds	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208

41.2. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Total Funds	$8,021,867
Federal Funds and Grants	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$900,000
Other Funds	$7,121,867
Agency Funds	$6,946,867
Research Funds	$175,000

41.3. Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Total Funds	$87,881,374
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,385,903
Other Funds	$27,217,315
Agency Funds	$17,417,315
Research Funds	$9,800,000
State Funds	$51,278,156
State General Funds	$51,278,156

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$50,810,027	$87,413,245
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$468,129	$468,129
Amount appropriated in this Act	$51,278,156	$87,881,374

41.4. Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven

economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Total Funds	$30,155,598
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,000
Other Funds	$6,150,000
Agency Funds	$6,150,000
State Funds	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598

41.5. Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Total Funds	$2,418,972
Federal Funds and Grants	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$600,000
Other Funds	$700,678
Agency Funds	$374,690
Research Funds	$325,988
State Funds	$1,118,294
State General Funds	$1,118,294

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,107,906	$2,408,584
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$10,388	$10,388
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,118,294	$2,418,972

41.6. Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Total Funds	$17,252,169
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,700,000
Other Funds	$10,279,243
Agency Funds	$2,479,243
Research Funds	$7,800,000
State Funds	$3,272,926
State General Funds	$3,272,926

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,250,424	$17,229,667
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$22,502	$22,502
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,272,926	$17,252,169

41.7. Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Total Funds	$5,511,211
Other Funds	$961,749
Agency Funds	$257,277
Records Center Storage Fee	$704,472
State Funds	$4,549,462
State General Funds	$4,549,462

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,540,889	$5,502,638
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$8,573	$8,573
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,549,462	$5,511,211

41.8. Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Total Funds	$4,191,730
Federal Funds and Grants	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$198,805
Other Funds	$1,560,496
Agency Funds	$1,560,496
State Funds	$2,432,429
State General Funds	$2,432,429

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,431,513	$4,190,814
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$916	$916
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,432,429	$4,191,730

41.9. Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Total Funds	$5,132,260
State Funds	$5,132,260
State General Funds	$5,132,260

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$4,178	$4,178
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,132,260	$5,132,260

41.10. Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Total Funds	$998,503,854
Federal Funds and Grants	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$633,514,225
Other Funds	$357,839,591
Research Funds	$357,839,591
State Funds	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038

41.11. Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Total Funds	$1,765,525
Federal Funds and Grants	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$67,648
Other Funds	$531,183
Agency Funds	$156,183
Research Funds	$375,000
State Funds	$1,166,694
State General Funds	$1,166,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,159,126	$1,757,957
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$7,568	$7,568

Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,166,694	$1,765,525

41.12. Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Total Funds	$4,372,900
Federal Funds and Grants	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$880,000
Other Funds	$1,710,000
Agency Funds	$740,000
Research Funds	$970,000
State Funds	$1,782,900
State General Funds	$1,782,900

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,772,529	$4,362,529
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$10,371	$10,371
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,782,900	$4,372,900

41.13. Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Total Funds	$46,036,856
State Funds	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$46,036,856

41.14. Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Total Funds	$69,814,984
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,851,503
Other Funds	$12,714,000
Agency Funds	$12,714,000
State Funds	$50,249,481
State General Funds	$50,249,481

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$50,232,754	$69,798,257
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$16,727	$16,727

Amount appropriated in this Act	$50,249,481	$69,814,984

41.15. Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Total Funds	$39,112,272
State Funds	$39,112,272
State General Funds	$39,112,272

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
Remove unutilized one-time funds for rural community projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Provide funds for dental clinical training.	$577,681	$577,681
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,112,272	$39,112,272

41.16. Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Total Funds	$11,652,898
Other Funds	$320,000
Agency Funds	$320,000
State Funds	$11,332,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898

41.17. Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Total Funds	$7,898,686
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,500,000
Other Funds	$2,179,194
Agency Funds	$1,628,574
Research Funds	$550,620
State Funds	$3,219,492
State General Funds	$3,219,492

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,215,522	$7,894,716
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$3,970	$3,970
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,219,492	$7,898,686

41.18. Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Total Funds	$8,686,309,249
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,320,612,713
Other Funds	$4,282,930,571
Agency Funds	$3,290,577,434
Research Funds	$992,353,137
State Funds	$3,082,765,965
State General Funds	$3,082,765,965

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,065,015,100	$8,668,558,384
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for FY 2025 cost-of-living adjustment.	$17,750,865	$17,750,865
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,082,765,965	$8,686,309,249

41.19. Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Total Funds	$7,102,507
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$380,000
Other Funds	$1,420,000
Research Funds	$1,420,000
State Funds	$5,302,507
State General Funds	$5,302,507

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,282,499	$7,082,499
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$20,008	$20,008
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,302,507	$7,102,507

41.20. Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Total Funds	$32,593,161

Other Funds	$32,000,000
Agency Funds	$32,000,000
State Funds	$593,161
State General Funds	$593,161

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$591,855	$32,591,855
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$1,306	$1,306
Amount appropriated in this Act	$593,161	$32,593,161

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

41.21. Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Total Funds	$629,161
State Funds	$629,161
State General Funds	$629,161

41.22. Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Total Funds	$3,940,215
State Funds	$3,940,215
State General Funds	$3,940,215

41.23. Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Total Funds	$5,919,180
State Funds	$5,919,180
State General Funds	$5,919,180

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
Provide funds to enhance campus security.	$21,635	$21,635
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,919,180	$5,919,180

41.24. Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Total Funds	$13,273,968
State Funds	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Total Funds	**$226,651,248**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,058,059**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$687,912
Other Funds	**$2,247,671**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,247,671
State Funds	**$223,345,518**
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494
State General Funds	$220,172,241
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.1. Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$14,320,696
State Funds	$14,320,696
State General Funds	$14,320,696

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	$5,914	$5,914
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,320,696	$14,320,696

42.2. Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Total Funds	$39,073,494
State Funds	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494

42.3. Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Total Funds	$10,758,358

Federal Funds and Grants	$370,147
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Other Funds	$485,887
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$485,887
State Funds	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.4. Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Total Funds	$7,711,502
Other Funds	$420,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$420,000
State Funds	$7,291,502
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494
State General Funds	$4,552,008

42.5. Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Total Funds	$8,000,000
State Funds	$8,000,000
State General Funds	$8,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($1,749,175)	($1,749,175)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,000,000	$8,000,000

42.6. Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Total Funds	$43,301,791
State Funds	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791

42.7. Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Total Funds	$6,392,590

Federal Funds and Grants	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$416,081
State Funds	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509

42.8. Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Total Funds	$64,477,374
Other Funds	$1,341,784
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,341,784
State Funds	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590

42.9. Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Total Funds	$4,856,425
State Funds	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425

42.10. Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Total Funds	$27,759,018
Federal Funds and Grants	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$271,831
State Funds	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$27,487,187	$27,759,018
Utilize $1,000,000,000 in prior year undesignated state funds surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2024 of $250 for single filers, $375 for head of household filers, and $500 for married filing jointly.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,487,187	$27,759,018

Section 43: Secretary of State

Total Funds	**$45,713,797**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$550,000**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$550,000
Other Funds	**$5,192,320**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,192,320
State Funds	**$39,971,477**
State General Funds	$39,971,477

43.1. Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Total Funds	$4,611,820
Other Funds	$4,611,820
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,611,820

43.2. Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Total Funds	$8,893,891
Federal Funds and Grants	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$550,000
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891

43.3. Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Total Funds	$4,374,758
State Funds	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758

43.4. Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Total Funds	$3,482,485
Other Funds	$5,500

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,500
State Funds	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985

43.5. Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Total Funds	$11,031,280
Other Funds	$400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$400,000
State Funds	$10,631,280
State General Funds	$10,631,280

43.6. Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Total Funds	$1,205,245
Other Funds	$25,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$25,000
State Funds	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

43.7. Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Total Funds	$1,733,828
State Funds	$1,733,828
State General Funds	$1,733,828

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	$35,855	$35,855
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,733,828	$1,733,828

43.8. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Total Funds	$1,361,143
State Funds	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143

43.9. Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Total Funds	$3,230,111
Other Funds	$100,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$100,000
State Funds	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111

43.10. State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Total Funds	$5,789,236
State Funds	$5,789,236
State General Funds	$5,789,236

Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,195,164,194**
Other Funds	**$10,913,305**
Agency Funds	$582,608
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,330,697
State Funds	**$1,184,250,889**
Lottery Funds	$1,026,957,052
State General Funds	$157,293,837

44.1. College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Total Funds	$10,000,000
State Funds	$10,000,000
Lottery Funds	$10,000,000

44.2. Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Total Funds	$11,266,499
Other Funds	$181,140

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$181,140
State Funds	$11,085,359
Lottery Funds	$11,085,359

44.3. Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Total Funds	$112,554,195
State Funds	$112,554,195
State General Funds	$112,554,195

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$21,258,758	$21,258,758
Amount appropriated in this Act	$112,554,195	$112,554,195

44.4. Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Total Funds	$1,260,000
State Funds	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000

44.5. Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$1,082,916
State Funds	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916

44.6. HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$330,000	$330,000
Replace funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.	($330,000)	($330,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.7. HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$78,580,383
State Funds	$78,580,383
Lottery Funds	$78,580,383

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$2,006,683	$2,006,683
Amount appropriated in this Act	$78,580,383	$78,580,383

44.8. HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

Total Funds	$500,000
State Funds	$500,000
Lottery Funds	$500,000

44.9. HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$74,782,841
State Funds	$74,782,841
Lottery Funds	$74,782,841

44.10. HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$852,008,469
State Funds	$852,008,469
Lottery Funds	$852,008,469

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$6,100,408	$6,100,408
Amount appropriated in this Act	$852,008,469	$852,008,469

44.11. Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Total Funds	$2,600,000
State Funds	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000

44.12. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$3,037,740
State Funds	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740

44.13. North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Total Funds	$1,113,750
State Funds	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750

44.14. Public Safety Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$540,000	$540,000
Replace funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.	($540,000)	($540,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.15. REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Total Funds	$6,370,000
State Funds	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000

44.16. Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Total Funds	$13,891,296
Other Funds	$8,871,296
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,871,296
State Funds	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000

44.17. Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Total Funds	$24,435,328
Other Funds	$1,278,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,261
State Funds	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

44.18. Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Total Funds	$1,680,777
Other Funds	$582,608
Agency Funds	$582,608
State Funds	$1,098,169
State General Funds	$1,098,169

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,053,169	$1,635,777
Provide $45,000 in one-time funds for start-up costs associated with a transcript processing service.	$45,000	$45,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,098,169	$1,680,777

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Total Funds	**$59,364,527**
Other Funds	**$59,302,527**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$59,302,527
State Funds	**$62,000**

State General Funds	$62,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 20.78% for State Fiscal Year 2025.

45.1. Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Total Funds	$62,000
State Funds	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000

45.2. System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Total Funds	$59,302,527
Other Funds	$59,302,527
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$59,302,527

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,224,552,183**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$243,718,176**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$243,718,176
Other Funds	**$411,654,169**
Agency Funds	$396,492,806
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,161,363
State Funds	**$489,186,611**
State General Funds	$489,186,611
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$79,993,227**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$79,993,227

46.1. Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Total Funds	$58,068,775
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,441,394
Other Funds	$5,520,532

Agency Funds	$5,520,532
State Funds	$19,071,849
State General Funds	$19,071,849
Intra-State Government Transfers	$35,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$35,000

46.2. Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Total Funds	$8,613,321
State Funds	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321

46.3. Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Total Funds	$52,749,513
Federal Funds and Grants	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$17,430,592
Other Funds	$29,293,063
Agency Funds	$29,293,063
State Funds	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,361,533
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,664,325
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,664,325

46.4. Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Total Funds	$21,538,512
Other Funds	$3,879
Agency Funds	$3,879
State Funds	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633

46.5. Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Total Funds	$944,110,493

Federal Funds and Grants	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,669,569
Other Funds	$376,790,707
Agency Funds	$361,675,332
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,115,375
State Funds	$419,356,315
State General Funds	$419,356,315
Intra-State Government Transfers	$77,293,902
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$77,293,902

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$418,972,287	$943,726,465
Reduce funds for personal services based on actual start dates of new positions.	($365,972)	($365,972)
Provide one-time funds for start-up costs associated with advanced manufacturing programming at Wiregrass Technical College to support the regional manufacturing community.	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$419,356,315	$944,110,493

46.6. Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Total Funds	$7,421,541
State Funds	$7,421,541
State General Funds	$7,421,541

46.7. Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Total Funds	$132,050,028
Federal Funds and Grants	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$122,176,621
Other Funds	$45,988
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$45,988
State Funds	$9,827,419
State General Funds	$9,827,419

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,208,669	$132,431,278

Transfer funds for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund to the Department of Economic Development pursuant to SB 398 (2024 Session).	($250,000)	($250,000)
Reduce funds for personal services based on workforce development position vacancy.	($131,250)	($131,250)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,827,419	$132,050,028

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Total Funds	**$5,453,130,211**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,611,749,186**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,458,281
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,290,905
Other Funds	**$175,979,549**
Agency Funds	$19,098,513
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$156,881,036
State Funds	**$3,665,401,476**
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,330,537,622
State General Funds	$1,073,836,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

47.1. Airport Aid
Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Total Funds	$80,374,942
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,509,284
Other Funds	$6,233
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,233
State Funds	$33,859,425
State General Funds	$33,859,425

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,359,425	$72,874,942
Increase funds for Airport Aid.	$7,500,000	$7,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$33,859,425	$80,374,942

47.2. Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Total Funds	$2,185,235,163
Federal Funds and Grants	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$930,452,699
Other Funds	$122,300,430
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,300,430
State Funds	$1,132,482,034
Motor Fuel Funds	$996,510,471
Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,021,516,407	$2,074,269,536
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$12,020,952	$12,020,952
Increase funds for capital construction projects to hold the Department of Transportation harmless for the suspension of the motor fuel excise tax in response to Hurricane Helene.	$98,944,675	$98,944,675
Recognize $2,433,030 in Prior Year Motor Fuel Funds from inactive programs to reflect fund consolidation and to support capital projects.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,132,482,034	$2,185,235,163

47.3. Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

Total Funds	$576,696,217
Federal Funds and Grants	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$281,600,000

Other Funds	$350,574
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,574
State Funds	$294,745,643
Motor Fuel Funds	$250,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$194,745,643	$476,696,217
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for resurfacing projects.	$100,000,000	$100,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$294,745,643	$576,696,217

47.4. Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Total Funds	$12,220,855
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$9,043,897
State Funds	$3,176,958
Motor Fuel Funds	$3,176,958

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,167,938	$12,211,835
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased costs associated with required federal reporting.	$9,020	$9,020
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,176,958	$12,220,855

47.5. Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Total Funds	$103,033,375
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$10,839,823
Other Funds	$398,970
Agency Funds	$398,970
State Funds	$91,794,582
Motor Fuel Funds	$91,794,582

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$90,794,582	$102,033,375
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for costs associated with information technology security.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$91,794,582	$103,033,375

47.6. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Total Funds	$244,547,435
State Funds	$244,547,435
Motor Fuel Funds	$244,547,435

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect ten percent of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$24,400,834	$24,400,834
Amount appropriated in this Act	$244,547,435	$244,547,435

47.7. Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Total Funds	$312,002,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$51,655,917
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,000,000
State Funds	$254,346,461
Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$250,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,346,461	$62,002,378
Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.	$250,000,000	$250,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$254,346,461	$312,002,378

47.8. Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Total Funds	$27,673,675
Federal Funds and Grants	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$22,772,795
State Funds	$4,900,880
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,900,880
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000

47.9. Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Total Funds	$3,886,608
State Funds	$3,886,608
State General Funds	$3,886,608

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
Increase funds for the required state match for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dike raising project.	$2,489,467	$2,489,467
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,886,608	$3,886,608

47.10. Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Total Funds	$195,165,032
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$53,642,990
Other Funds	$1,098,619
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,098,619
State Funds	$140,423,423
Motor Fuel Funds	$140,423,423

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$138,726,423	$193,468,032
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased program capacity.	$1,697,000	$1,697,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$140,423,423	$195,165,032

47.11. Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Total Funds	$18,794,878
Federal Funds and Grants	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$616,315
Other Funds	$88,239
Agency Funds	$88,239
State Funds	$18,090,324
State General Funds	$18,090,324

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,090,324	$13,794,878
Increase funds to upgrade shortline railroads to Class II standards to help reduce truck traffic on state highways.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,090,324	$18,794,878

47.12. Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Total Funds	$765,648,010
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$11,577,366
Other Funds	$19,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,500,000
State Funds	$734,570,644
Motor Fuel Funds	$534,570,644
State General Funds	$200,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$529,162,085	$560,239,451
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue due to increased contracting and material costs.	$5,408,559	$5,408,559
Increase funds to offset expenses incurred as a result of damage from Hurricane Helene.	$200,000,000	$200,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$734,570,644	$765,648,010

47.13. Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic

information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Total Funds	$166,890,439
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,677,354
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$79,527,354
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$25,534,484
Agency Funds	$18,611,304
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,923,180
State Funds	$61,678,601
Motor Fuel Funds	$61,678,601

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$61,151,302	$166,363,140
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for safety and technology system operation costs.	$527,299	$527,299
Amount appropriated in this Act	$61,678,601	$166,890,439

47.14. Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Total Funds	$108,051,505
Federal Funds and Grants	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,015,306
Other Funds	$702,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$702,000
State Funds	$42,334,199
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973
State General Funds	$500,000
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

47.15. Freight Infrastructure Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.

Total Funds	$530,000,000
State Funds	$530,000,000
State General Funds	$530,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds for capital infrastructure projects that enhance economic development while promoting freight and logistics efficiency and safety.	$530,000,000	$530,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$530,000,000	$530,000,000

47.16. Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Total Funds	$9,210,331
State Funds	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331

47.17. Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Total Funds	$113,699,368
Federal Funds and Grants	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$48,345,440
State Funds	$65,353,928
State General Funds	$37,500,000
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,853,928

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$27,853,928	$76,199,368
Increase state general funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure projects.*(H:Increase state general funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure, prioritizing $7,500,000 for airport projects not federally eligible.)*	$37,500,000	$37,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$65,353,928	$113,699,368

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

Total Funds	**$60,387,067**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,210,246**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246
Other Funds	**$3,465,491**
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	**$32,711,330**
State General Funds	$32,711,330

48.1. Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Total Funds	$3,250,634
State Funds	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$3,250,634

48.2. Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Total Funds	$1,384,214
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$327,896
State Funds	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$1,056,318

48.3. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Total Funds	$43,469,268
Federal Funds and Grants	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$23,128,424
Other Funds	$3,465,491
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	$16,875,353
State General Funds	$16,875,353

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,375,353	$40,969,268
Reduce funds not utilized for the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit in FY 2025.*(H:No; Provide one-time funds to support the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit.)*	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Increase funds to address rising costs of healthcare.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,875,353	$43,469,268

48.4. Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Total Funds	$12,282,951
Federal Funds and Grants	$753,926

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$753,926
State Funds	$11,529,025
State General Funds	$11,529,025

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,778,821	$10,532,747
Replace expiring federal funds with state funds to sustain a wraparound services pilot.	$1,750,204	$1,750,204
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,529,025	$12,282,951

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Total Funds	**$22,149,322**
Other Funds	**$373,832**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$373,832
State Funds	**$21,775,490**
State General Funds	$21,775,490

49.1. Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Total Funds	$15,463,371
Other Funds	$308,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$308,353
State Funds	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018

49.2. Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Total Funds	$6,685,951
Other Funds	$65,479
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$65,479
State Funds	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Total Funds	**$1,427,557,602**
State Funds	**$1,427,557,602**
State General Funds	$1,427,557,602

50.1. Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Total Funds	$1,427,557,602
State Funds	$1,427,557,602
State General Funds	$1,427,557,602

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
Increase funds for capital projects statewide.	$47,950,000	$47,950,000
Transfer $500,000 for planning, design, and land acquisition for a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Corrections, Department of: Furniture, fixtures, and equipment for Washington State Prison, Davisboro, Washington County.	$46,497,640	$46,497,640
Corrections, Department of: Design of new prison, statewide.	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
Corrections, Department of: Replace 241 vehicles, statewide.	$12,855,735	$12,855,735
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construction for the Translational Research Building - Health Sciences Campus, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County.	$99,800,000	$99,800,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Additional one-time MRR funding, statewide.	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
Technical College System of Georgia: One College and Career Academy.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Education, Department of: Georgia School for the Deaf auditorium renovation and addition, Cave Spring, Floyd County.	$6,570,000	$6,570,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Design of the Central Crime Lab, Dry Branch, Bibb County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Replace 68 vehicles, statewide.	$4,840,532	$4,840,532
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Replace investigative equipment, statewide.	$4,216,567	$4,216,567
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Replace crime lab equipment, statewide.	$1,890,000	$1,890,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Construction of the Central Medical Examiner Building, Dry Branch, Bibb County.	$43,000,000	$43,000,000
Public Safety, Department of: Replace and outfit 291 vehicles, statewide.	$16,410,000	$16,410,000
Public Safety, Department of: Server upgrades, Atlanta, DeKalb County.	$450,000	$450,000
Community Supervision, Department of: Replace 75 vehicles, statewide.	$4,500,000	$4,500,000
Agriculture, Department of: Renovations and repairs to the Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County.	$37,401,741	$37,401,741
Forestry Commission, State: Replace open cab tractors with environmental cabs, statewide.	$10,989,262	$10,989,262
Forestry Commission, State: Purchase new firefighting helicopter, Dry Branch, Macon-Bibb County.	$4,785,000	$4,785,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Major improvements and renovations at Brasstown Valley Resort and Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge, various.	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Purchase replacement ferry at Sapelo Island, McIntosh County.	$5,600,000	$5,600,000

Jekyll Island State Park Authority: Water pollution control plant improvements, Jekyll Island, Glynn County.	$2,825,620	$2,825,620
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission: Additional design and construction funds to complete the public safety complex, Athens, Oconee County.	$14,629,622	$14,629,622
Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission: Design, construction, and equipment for a recovery center for adult victims of human trafficking.	$35,837,500	$35,837,500
Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Demolition, sitework and construction costs for the relocation of the Olympic Cauldron to Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$833,333	$833,333
Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Replace HVAC equipment, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Planning and engineering for development of International Plaza and expansion of Georgia World Congress Center campus for enhanced revenue generation, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
State, Secretary of: Complete replacement of Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) for voting machines, statewide.	$4,015,213	$4,015,213
State, Secretary of: Ballot scanners and printers to remove QR code from ballots in accordance with SB 189 (2024 Session), statewide.	$32,010,859	$32,010,859
Provide funds for debt defeasance to reflect the use of AFY 2024 and FY 2025 debt defeasance funds for Hurricane Helene relief.*(H:No; Reprioritize and redirect funds for additional Hurricane Helene relief efforts through the Georgia Development Authority.)*	$0	$0
Reflect the redirection of $100,000,000 in funds appropriated for debt defeasance to be used to provide disaster relief financial support for farmers and debris cleanup for timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene as approved by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission on November 1, 2024.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities: Utilize $1,250,000 in existing funds to replace fleet vehicles, statewide.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission: Legislative Office Building expansion, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Fund cost escalation of the renovation of Stewart Building, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Sandersville, Washington County.	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Fund cost escalation of the Industrial Systems and Industrial Robotics Training Center at Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County.	$1,950,000	$1,950,000
Natural Resources, Department of: Facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Public Libraries: Major repairs for the Willis L. Miller Library, South Georgia Regional Library System, Valdosta, Lowndes County.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,427,557,602	$1,427,557,602

Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Total Funds	**$1,197,990,134**
Federal Recovery Funds	**$13,394,235**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,394,235
State Funds	**$1,184,595,899**

Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717
State General Funds	$1,069,659,182

51.1. GO Bonds Issued

Total Funds	$1,197,990,134
Federal Recovery Funds	$13,394,235
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,394,235
State Funds	$1,184,595,899
Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717
State General Funds	$1,069,659,182

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,190,969,811	$1,204,364,046
Redirect $15,000,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2022 (HB 81, Bond #353.612)(2021 Session) for the Lake Lanier Island Development Authority for the purpose of constructing the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center to be used for infrastructure rehabilitation projects.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $5,000,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY 2021 (HB 793, Bond #113)(2020 Session) for the Lake Lanier Island Development Authority for the purpose of constructing the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center to be used for infrastructure rehabilitation projects.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Redirect $511,219.84 in 5-year issued bonds from FY 2020 (HB 31, Bond 355.404)(2019 Session) for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of purchasing a message switch for the Georgia Crime Information Center to be used to design a perimeter security fence at GBI Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reflect debt service savings from project repeals.	($6,373,912)	($6,373,912)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,184,595,899	$1,197,990,134

51.2. GO Bonds New

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Repeal the remaining $1,020,000 of $185,140,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education authorized in the Fiscal Year 2020 General Appropriations Act (HB 31, Bond #355.101)(2019 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0

Repeal $835,000 from an original authorization of $160,825,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act (HB 793, Bond #1)(2020 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Repeal $2,255,000 from an original authorization of $160,825,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act (HB 793, Bond #1)(2020 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction.)*	$0	$0
Repeal the remaining $8,475,000 from an original authorization of $73,560,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act (HB 793, Bond #3)(2020 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $3,100,000 from an original authorization of $106,235,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB 81, Bond #353.101)(2021 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Repeal $7,600,000 from an original authorization of $106,235,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB 81, Bond #353.101)(2021 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction.)*	$0	$0
Repeal $245,000 from an original authorization of $9,000,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB 81, Bond #353.103)(2021 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $485,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Repeal $2,573,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.)*	$0	$0
Repeal $15,805,000 from an original authorization of $40,950,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond #376.104)(2023 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $2,950,000 from an original authorization of $37,275,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond #376.101)(2023 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Repeal $3,550,000 from an original authorization of $37,275,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond #376.101)(2023 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.)*	$0	$0

Repeal $1,350,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond #375.261)(2023 Session) to design the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Facility at Augusta Technical College.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $2,185,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #37)(2022 Session) to design the Trades and Industrial Building Additional Project at Oconee Fall Line Tech and subsequently redirected to be used for design of the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Building at Augusta Technical College ($1,350,000) and design of the renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex ($835,000).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $2,920,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #35)(2022 Session) to design the Business and Technology Center at Coastal Pines Technical College and subsequently redirected to be used to design the Advanced Manufacturing Center at Columbus Technical College ($1,825,000) and to design the renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex at Atlanta Technical College ($1,095,000).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $1,300,000 in 5-year bonds for the Department of Juvenile Justice authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #53)(2022 Session) to design the Macon Youth Development Campus replacement facility prototype and medical unit and fund with construction in FY 2026.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Repeal $10,000,000 in 20-year bonds for the Lake Lanier Island Development Authority authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #65)(2022 Session) for construction of the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Because there is no further need to issue debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $185,140,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $15,847,984 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020A3 issued August 19, 2020, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2019AP issued, June 19, 2019, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2019A3 issued June 19, 2019), the remaining balance of $87,312, presently available to support an issue of up to $1,020,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2019-2020 (Ga. L. 2019, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 259, 239, Act No. 319, 2019 Regular Session, H.B. 31) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary

Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2019-2020 (Ga. L. 2020, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 211, 201, Act No. 326, 2020 Regular Session, H.B. 792), and which as amended reads as follows:

[BOND 355.101] From State General Funds, $15,847,984 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $185,140,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $835,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $160,825,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $13,766,620 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020AP issued August 19, 2020, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020A3 issued August 19, 2020), $71,476 of the remaining balance of $759,700, presently available to support an issue of up to $8,875,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2020, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 170, 157, Act No. 404, 2020 Regular Session, H.B. 793) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 121, 108, Act No. 2, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 80), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $13,766,620 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $160,825,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $73,560,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $6,296,736 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020A3 issued August 19, 2020), the remaining balance of $725,460, presently available to support an issue of up to $8,475,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2020, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 170, 157, Act No. 404, 2020 Regular Session, H.B. 793) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 121, 108, Act No. 2, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 80), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond # 3] From State General Funds, $6,296,736 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $73,560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $3,100,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $106,235,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $9,093,716 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021AP issued June 8, 2021,State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021), $265,360 of the remaining balance of $1,163,304, presently available to support an issue of up to $13,590,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 209, 193, Act No. 305, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 81) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 213, 204, Act No. 566, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 910), and which as amended reads as follows:

[BOND 353.101] From State General Funds, $9,093,716 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $106,235,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $245,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $9,000,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $770,400 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021), $ 20,972 of the remaining balance of $171,200, presently available to support an issue of up to $2,000,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 209, 193, Act No. 305, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 81) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 213, 204, Act No. 566, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 910), and which as amended reads as follows:

[BOND 353.103] From State General Funds, $770,400 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $485,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $45,805,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $3,920,908 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022), $41,516 of the remaining balance of $3,492,908, presently available to support an issue of up to $40,805,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 159, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 94, Act No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $3,920,908 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $45,805,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $15,805,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $40,950,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $3,718,260 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023), $1,435,094 of the remaining balance of $3,188,442, presently available to support an issue of up to $35,115,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 248, Act No.

351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2024, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 210, 201, Act No. 366, 2024 Regular Session, H.B. 915), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond 376.104] From State General Funds, $3,718,260 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $40,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $2,950,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $37,275,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $3,384,570 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023), $267,860 of the remaining balance of $2,930,570, presently available to support an issue of up to $32,275,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 247, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2024, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 210, 201, Act No. 366, 2024 Regular Session, H.B. 915), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond 376.101] From State General Funds, $3,384,570 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $37,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 255, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2024, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 210, 205, Act. No. 366, 2024 Regular Session, H.B. 915), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

From State General Funds, $329,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than

$1,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 162, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 98, Act. No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 37] From State General Funds, $505,609 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 162, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 98, Act. No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 35] From State General Funds, $675,688 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,920,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 165, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 100, Act. No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 53] From State General Funds, $300,820 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than

$1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 165, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 100, Act. No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 65] From State General Funds, $908,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) A general cost-of-living adjustment of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in an amount of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, per year as determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date; (b) To provide for increases of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000, for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute; (c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items,(a) to provide for a $2,500 increase across the state salary schedule of the State Board of Education through a $2,500 increase in the state base salary. This proposed $2,500 salary improvement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide

Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2024;

(b) To provide for a 4.1% increase in funding for salaries for all local nutrition workers; a 4.1% increase in the state base salary for local school bus drivers; a 4.1% increase for school nurses; and a 4.1% increase for Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) employees. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,500 salary increase for teachers and assistant teachers within the Department of Early Care and Learning. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

7.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

8.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for a supplementary $3,000 targeted salary adjustment for selected POST certified law enforcement officers in the programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, Georgia Composite Medical Board, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Corrections, Department of Defense, Department of Driver Services, State Forestry Commission, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, Office of the State Inspector General, Office of the Commissioner on Insurance and Safety Fire, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Natural Resources, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Georgia Public Defender Council, Department of Public Safety, Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, Department of Revenue, Office of the Secretary of State, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, Department of Transportation, and State Board of Workers' Compensation. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

9.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Juvenile Courts, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Community Health,

Department of Human Services, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations of State Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated for each line at the most specific level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, including text and change items within a box.

The appropriations of Federal Funds and of Other Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated at the broadest or summary level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, and the more specific levels of detail shall be for information only. In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds and Federal Funds, including in Other Funds without limitation all Intra-State Government Transfers. Regardless of placement on the page, both the broadest or summary level of detail and the more specific detail of appropriations of Intra-State Government Transfers shall be deemed more specific levels of detail of Other Funds, and the broadest or summary amount shall be deemed added to the broadest or summary amount of the appropriation of Other Funds for the program.

Within this Act, Program Names appear as underlined captions, and Program Purpose appears immediately below as italicized text. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," "Routine Maintenance," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools"

programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

PART II

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART III

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

The Speaker resolved the House into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Committee substitute to HB 67, designating Representative Efstration of the 104th as Chairman thereof.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The Committee of the Whole arose and through its Chairman reported HB 67 back to the House with the recommendation that the same Do Pass, by the Appropriations Committee substitute.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	E Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox

Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
E Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 3.

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

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office
Building
Room 501
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 6, 2025

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

Re. HB 67

Dear Mr. Reilly:

I would like to formally request that my vote for the above-mentioned bill be changed from Yes to No.

Thank you for correcting the record and thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Noelle Kahaian
Representative Noelle Kahaian
House District 81

Representative Hatchett of the 155th asked unanimous consent that HB 67 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

Representative Ridley of the 22nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks:

HB 75. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to animal protection, so as to revise certain provisions relating to the impounding of domesticated animals by a government agency and the care of such impounded domesticated animals; to require a court order prior to the euthanasia of any impounded domesticated animal; to provide for state or local liability in cases of the death of, loss of, or injury to an impounded domesticated animal under certain circumstances; to provide for notice and hearings; to provide a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Dickey of the 134th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment and recommitted to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications:

HB 249. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Anderson of the 10th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Drenner of the 85th and Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to revise provisions relating to solar power facility agreements; to revise provisions relating to the waiver of certain requirements of such agreements; to provide for the certification by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources that solar power facility agreements meet certain requirements; to provide civil penalties; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment and recommitted to the Committee on Rural Development:

HB 51. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Greene of the 154th, O'Steen of the 169th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 193. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Crowe of the 118th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Haven House; and for other purposes.

HR 194. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Crowe of the 118th, Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Henry County District Attorney's Victim Services Unit; and for other purposes.

HR 195. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Crowe of the 118th, Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Henry County Office of the Solicitor-General; and for other purposes.

HR 196. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Sampson of the 153rd, Griffin of the 149th, Reese of the 140th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2025, as Omega Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 197. By Representative Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Strolling Thunder Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 198. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Evans of the 57th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2025, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 199. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Kahaian of the 81st, Holly of the 116th, Flournoy of the 74th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Henry County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Warhawk Battalion; and for other purposes.

HR 200. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Kahaian of the 81st, Holly of the 116th, Flournoy of the 74th and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Luella High School NJROTC Program; and for other purposes.

HR 201. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, New of the 40th, Richardson of the 125th, Hitchens of the 161st and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 6, 2025, as Police Chiefs and Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies Recognition Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 202. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, New of the 40th, Richardson of the 125th, Sainz of the 180th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council's Executive Director Michael T. Ayers upon being awarded Georgia's Outstanding Police Chief of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 203. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th, Taylor of the 173rd and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Youth Villages; and for other purposes.

HR 204. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Paris of the 142nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Silcox of the 53rd and Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Hemophilia of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 205. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Kahaian of the 81st, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mayor Carlos Greer on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Park of the 107th et al., Richardson of the 125th, Cannon of the 58th, and Barrett of the 24th et al.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, February 10, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, February 10, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, February 10, 2025

Fourteenth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Clifton	Hagan	Lupton	Ridley, Jas
Adeyina	Cooper	Hatchett	Martin	Ridley, Jor
Alexander	Corbett	Hawkins	Martinez	Roberts
Anderson	Cox	Heffner	Mathiak	Romman
Au	Crowe	E Henderson	Mathis	Sampson
Baker	Cummings	Herring	McClain	Sanchez
Ballard	E Davis	Hilton	McCollum	Schofield
Ballinger	Dawson	Hitchens	McDonald	Scoggins
Barnes	DeLoach	Holcomb	McQueen	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Holland	E Meeks	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Holly	Mitchell	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Hong	Momtahan	Smith, L
Beckles	Douglas	Horner	Myles	Smith, M
Bell	Draper	Howard, J	New	Smith, TP
Bennett	Drenner	Howard, K	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Dubnik	Huddleston	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Hugley	Olaleye	Stinson
Bonner	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Oliver	Tarvin
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, D	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burchett	Evans	Jackson, E	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burnough	Fleming	Jackson, M	Paris	E Thomas
Byrd	Flournoy	Jasperse	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Ford	Jones, A	Parrish	Wade
Camp	Franklin	Jones, J	Parsons	Westbrook
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, S	Persinger	Wiedower
Campbell, L	Gaines	Jones, T	Petrea	Wilkerson
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kahaian	Powell	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Kelley	Prince	E Williams, MF
Carpenter	Glaize	Kendrick	Reese	Williams, N
Carter	Greene	LaHood	Reeves	Williamson
Chastain	Griffin	Leverett	Rhodes	Willis
E Cheokas	Gullett	E Lewis-Ward	Rice	Yearta
Clark, D	Gunter	Lumsden	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Clark, J				

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

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Crawford of the 89th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, Sainz

of the 180th, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, Tran of the 80th, Washburn of the 144th, and Werkheiser of the 157th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor John Fender, Redeemer Church, Evans, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 306. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, McClain of the 109th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for a cause of action for workplace harassment and retaliation; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain facts to be determined at trial by a jury; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for a statute of limitations; to provide for relief

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

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 307. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to amend Code Section 20-1-44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 308. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to provide for issuance of certificates of title by the Department of Revenue for such vehicles; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of miniature on-road vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 309. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gunter of the 8th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county police, so as to require adoption of a resolution or ordinance and voter approval prior to abolishment of a police force that was created by such method; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 310. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Hugley of the 141st, Ballard of the 147th, Barnes of the 86th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs, so as to establish a program to support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to be paid by public schools to student teachers participating in the required student teaching component of their teacher education programs; to provide for applications for grants; to provide for maximum payments; to require the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations to implement the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 311. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, McClain of the 109th, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition of age discrimination in employment, so as to change the age of individuals protected by such prohibition; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 312. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, McClain of the 109th and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security benefits, so as to allow applicants for benefits to obtain their personnel files when their claims are contested by their former employers; to provide for definitions; to require the Department of Labor to modify the separation notice; to sanction

employers who fail to timely deliver personnel files; to prohibit the admissibility of certain separation notices; to require the Commissioner of Labor to enact rules or regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 313. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Byrd of the 20th, Kahaian of the 81st, Tarvin of the 2nd, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 19A of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to American history recognition and significant documents, so as to authorize and require all public elementary and secondary schools in this state to display the Ten Commandments in multiple locations; to provide for specifications for such displays; to provide legislative findings and intent; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 314. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Cannon of the 172nd and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to athletic trainers, so as to revise and update definitions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to require athletic training students to be under the direct supervision of a physician or licensed athletic trainer; to revise and update certification requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 315. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gaines of the 120th, Clark of the 100th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reese of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 16-1-3 and 17-4-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and offenses and authorization of arrests with and without warrants generally, use of deadly force, adoption or promulgation of conflicting regulations, policies, ordinances, and resolutions, and authority of nuclear power facility security officer, respectively, so as to provide for a definition of

law enforcement officer; to provide for a cross reference to such definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 316. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jackson of the 128th, Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for an income tax credit equal to 20 percent of the federal earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 317. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 70th, Greene of the 154th, Williams of the 168th and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for establishment of community development districts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 318. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Donatucci of the 105th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, and Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for the appeal of superior court decisions on zoning decisions of counties and municipal corporations; to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits and conditional permits; to

revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 319. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Sainz of the 180th, Jasperse of the 11th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to offenses involving illegal aliens, so as to provide for penalties for state and local officials and employees for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 320. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Dickey of the 134th, Parsons of the 44th, Camp of the 135th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require the recycling of solar panels; to prohibit the discarding or disposing of solar panels by any manner other than by delivery to a collection or recovered materials processing facility or other recycling center that accepts solar panels for recycling; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 321. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, McClain of the 109th, Davis of the 87th, Berry of the 56th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-4-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to amount of minimum wage to be paid by employers, so as to increase the state minimum wage to a living wage; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 322. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to revise provisions regarding the Georgia Board of Dentistry issuance of a dental or dental hygiene license for the sole purpose of teaching or instructing in an accredited dental school, dental hygiene school, or academic medical center in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 323. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 43 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Medicare supplement insurance, so as to provide for Medicare supplement policies to be issued and renewed for individuals under 65 years of age who are eligible by reason of disability or end stage renal disease under federal law; to provide for open enrollment periods; to prohibit an insurer from charging premium rates for such policies for such individuals that exceed premium rates charged for individuals who are 65 years of age; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 324. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Hilton of the 48th, Rice of the 139th, Donatucci of the 105th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide for preferential treatment during advance voting and during certain hours on election day to voters who are blind, deaf, an amputee, pregnant, accompanied by children of five years of age or younger, or accompanied by children with special needs regardless of age; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 325. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Bonner of the 73rd, Reeves of the 99th, Clark of the 100th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Protective Order Registry, so as to revise certain definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for processes for protective orders to be issued by military judges that prohibit contact between specific members of the state militia in the instance that one member of such militia has been accused of stalking by another member of such militia; to amend Part 7 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trial procedures of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for contempt; to amend Part 10 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to punitive provisions of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for courts-martial; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 326. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Stephens of the 164th, Cooper of the 45th, Oliver of the 84th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance and benefit plans, so as to mandate that the state health benefit plan provide coverage for qualifying nonopioid pain management drugs that is in parity with its coverage for opioid pain management drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for parity with regard to annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, exclusions, reductions, other limitations, or utilization review; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 327. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to financial institutions; to amend Chapter 6B of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia power of attorney; to amend Code Section 15-9-127 of the O.C.G.A., relating to concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts and probate court jurisdiction; to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations; to amend Code Section 24-12-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure of AIDS confidential information; to amend Title 29 of the

O.C.G.A., relating to guardian and ward; to amend Code Section 31-10-9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration of births; to amend Code Section 43-34-37 of the O.C.G.A.; to amend Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to property; to amend Code Section 51-4-2 of the O.C.G.A.,; to amend Title 53 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 328. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Hilton of the 48th, Carson of the 46th, Ridley of the 6th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the time allowed after being preapproved to make the contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 329. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to authorize certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants to perform artificial insemination; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 330. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Crowe of the 118th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to revise provisions for income tax credits for contributions to law enforcement foundations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 331. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hagan of the 156th, Gullett of the 19th, Cameron of the 1st, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding animal protection, so as to prohibit the transfer of certain domestic animals at certain locations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 332. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Frye of the 122nd, Bell of the 75th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7C of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to therapy services for children with disabilities, so as to convene an advisory working group to review tools and protocols for the screening of children for trauma within the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program; to provide for findings and recommendations; to provide for abolishment of the advisory working group; to provide for subsequent periodic review of screening protocols and tools; to provide for implementation only if certain conditions are met; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 333. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Olaleye of the 59th, Campbell of the 35th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-212 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salary schedules for professionals in elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the state minimum salary schedule shall be updated each year; to provide that such updates shall correspond to annual inflation and deflation rates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 334. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 335. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Cox of the 28th, McClain of the 109th, Willis of the 55th and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to address mental health risks for student athletes; to provide for guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate public school and participating private school student athletes, their parents or guardians, school personnel, and coaches about mental health risks for student athletes and raising awareness of mental health resources available to student athletes; to provide for definitions; to require annual review by coaches; to provide for limited liability; to encourage additional implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 336. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Bennett of the 94th, Howard of the 129th, Au of the 50th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on sickle cell disease whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 337. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to establish the State Law Enforcement Officer Plan to offer enhanced benefits for electing state law enforcement officers; to provide for irrevocable elections; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for deferred retirement option program accounts; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 338. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Lumsden of the 12th, Momtahan of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to establish the State Law Enforcement Officer Plan to offer enhanced benefits for electing state law enforcement officers; to provide for irrevocable elections; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for deferred retirement option program accounts; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 339. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Williamson of the 112th, Gaines of the 120th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor carriers, so as to exempt ride share drivers or ride share network services from the definition of motor carrier; to provide for definitions; to revise legislative findings; to exempt ride share network services from liability for actions of ride share drivers in certain instances; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 340. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Gaines of the 120th, Rice of the 139th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Distraction-Free Education Act"; to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in kindergarten through eighth grade; to provide for permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to authorize the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical assistance; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 341. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; to provide for terms, conditions, and limitations; to provide for preapproval; to provide for aggregate annual limits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 190. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Minority Business Enterprises, Women Owned Businesses, and Veteran Owned Businesses in State Contracting; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Small Business Development.

HR 191. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Prince of the 132nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Use of Local Fees to Support Affordable Housing; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 192. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 70th, Greene of the 154th, Williams of the 168th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of community development districts; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 206. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Bennett of the 94th, Lupton of the 83rd, Taylor of the 92nd, Drenner of the 85th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing United States military veterans and dedicating a highway in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 207. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Oliver of the 84th, Willis of the 55th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Eradication of Homelessness; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

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Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 216 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 157 Do Pass
HB 236 Do Pass
HB 252 Do Pass

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

Representative Smith of the 70th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 252. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 157. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Braselton, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4319), so as to annex certain properties into the town; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

HB 236. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Bartow County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
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Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 1. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide generally for competitively fair and safe student participation in middle school, high school, and college sports; to promote fair and safe competition; to provide for equal athletic opportunities and safety; to provide for specific designations of teams operated or sponsored by local school systems, public schools, participating private schools, and postsecondary educational institutions in this state; to prohibit males from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competitions on teams designated as female; to prohibit females from participating in competition on intercollegiate teams designated as male, subject to exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 1. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide generally for competitively fair and safe student participation in middle school, high school, and college sports; to promote fair and safe competition; to provide for equal athletic opportunities and safety; to provide for specific designations of teams operated or sponsored by local school systems, public schools, participating private schools, and postsecondary educational institutions in this state; to prohibit males from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competitions on teams designated as female; to prohibit females from participating in competition on intercollegiate teams designated as male, subject to exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Representatives Greene of the 154th et al., Yearta of the 152nd et al., Gambill of the 15th et al., Clark of the 108th et al., Seabaugh of the 34th et al., Jackson of the 128th et al., and Hitchens of the 161st.

Pursuant to HR 80, the House congratulated the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation on 85 years of service and recognized February 10, 2025, as Georgia EMC Day at the state capitol.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 210. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hatchett of the 155th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Forestry Commission for serving the State of Georgia as an emergency response agency; and for other purposes.

HR 211. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, McQueen of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd, Paris of the 142nd and Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of hyperemesis gravidarum and encouraging this state's research institutions to study this issue to improve the quality of life for pregnant people impacted by this condition; and for other purposes.

HR 212. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Romman of the 97th, Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Juniors Running Club; and for other purposes.

HR 213. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Jackson of the 68th, Scott of the 76th, McQueen of the 61st, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Chapter of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) for its 48 years of service and recognizing March 7, 2025, as Georgia Chapter of NOBLE Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 214. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION commending Americus-Sumter County and recognizing February 19, 2025, as Americus-Sumter County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 215. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Park of the 107th, Flournoy of the 74th, Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Epilepsy Foundation Georgia for its dedication to epilepsy awareness and advocacy as well as its work toward improving access to services for individuals living with epilepsy across the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 216. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th, Romman of the 97th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Principal Denise Showell of Hull Middle School in Duluth, recipient of the National Blue Ribbon School Award; and for other purposes.

HR 217. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the H. G. Yeomans III Family Trust, the 2024 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 218. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carleen Cumberbatch, the 2025 Distinguished Older Georgian; and for other purposes.

HR 219. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, New of the 40th, Howard of the 71st, Smith of the 18th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the University of West Georgia Cheerleading Program for its continued reputation of excellence and global recognition as a dynasty with 35 total national championships for All-Girl and Coed squads from 2001-2025; and for other purposes.

HR 220. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Jackson of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dereck Isaiah Reed; and for other purposes.

HR 221. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing and commending the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, The Sacred Harp tunebook, and Sacred Harp singers; and for other purposes.

HR 222. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathis of the 133rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Gwinnett High School Game Day Cheer Squad upon winning the 2024 State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 223. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Burns of the 159th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of February 10 to 14, 2025, as National FCCLA Week; and for other purposes.

HR 224. By Representative Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brother Alonza Anthony Bennett; and for other purposes.

HR 225. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Kyran George Battersby; and for other purposes.

HR 226. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Jackson of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Essie Frankie Mae Stegall Arnold; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Martin of the 49th et al., Glaize of the 67th et al., Williams of the 168th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Dawson of the 65th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Werkheiser of the 157th.

Representative Taylor of the 173rd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Education and recommitted to the Committee on Public and Community Health:

HB 173. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Greene of the 154th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require the Department of Education to provide to parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade information regarding recommended adolescent vaccinations in print or electronic form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Williamson of the 112th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Motor Vehicles and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 257. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Prince of the 132nd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2A of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of fleet vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of metal fleet motor vehicle license plates to certain owners prior to registration of a vehicle; to provide for application for the issuance of such license plates; to provide for the development of a system by the Department of Revenue that enables certain owners to assign and register fleet vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil:

HB 10. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-1-19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the prohibition of disclosure of arrest booking photographs, so as to strengthen protections for individuals who have not been convicted of crimes; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for removal procedures for remove-for-pay publications and websites; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Fifteenth Legislative Day

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

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

Adeyina	Cox	Herring	Mathis	Roberts
Alexander	Crowe	Hilton	McClain	Romman
Anderson	Cummings	Hitchens	McCollum	Sampson
Au	Davis	Holcomb	McDonald	Sanchez
Baker	Dawson	Holland	Meeks	Schofield
Ballard	Dempsey	Holly	Miller	Scoggins
Ballinger	Dickey	Hong	Mitchell	Scott
Barnes	Donatucci	Horner	E Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barton	Douglas	E Howard, J	Moore	Sharper
Bazemore	Draper	Howard, K	Myles	Silcox
Beckles	Drenner	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, L
Bell	Dubnik	Hugley	New	Smith, M
Bennett	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Newton	Smith, TP
Berry	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	Smith, V
Blackmon	Erwin	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Stephens
Bonner	Evans	Jackson, M	Oliver	Stinson
Buckner	Fleming	Jasperse	O'Steen	Tarvin
Burchett	Flournoy	Jenkins	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burnough	Ford	Jones, A	Paris	Taylor, R
Byrd	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Thomas
Cameron	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Townsend
Camp	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Tran
Campbell, J	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, L	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Glaize	Kendrick	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Greene	LaHood	Prince	Wiedower
Carpenter	Griffin	Leverett	Reese	E Wilkerson
Carter	Gullett	E Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williams, A
Chastain	Gunter	Lim	Rhodes	Williams, N
E Cheokas	Hagan	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Clark, D	Hatchett	Lupton	Richardson	E Willis
Clifton	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Cooper	Heffner	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Henderson			

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Barrett of the 24th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Crawford of the 89th, DeLoach of the 167th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Sainz of the 180th, Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Michael Mitchell, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 342. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Ridley of the 6th, Ridley of the 22nd, McCollum of the 30th and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to repeal certain advertising restrictions on licensees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 343. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, McClain of the 109th, Jackson of the 68th, Berry of the 56th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 34 and 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations and penal institutions, respectively, so as to enact the "Georgia Living Wage Act"; to revise the eligibility exemptions from the minimum wage; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to require the payment of minimum wage for inmate labor; to revise authorized deductions from inmate wages; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 344. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, McCollum of the 30th, Scoggins of the 14th, Thomas of the 21st and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to revise the penalty amount for violations captured by recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 345. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Roberts of the 52nd, Carter of the 93rd, Miller of the 62nd, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to prohibit raises in liability insurance rates for five years; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 346. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th, Seabaugh of the 34th and Barton of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 76 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expedited franchising of cable and video services, so as to prohibit municipalities and counties from using public, educational, and governmental programing (PEG) channels for political purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 347. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for the compensation of pregnant women who, but for a fetal heartbeat law, could choose to terminate the pregnancy but are compelled to carry the pregnancy to term and give birth to a child; to specify the type and duration of compensation; to provide for procedures and requirements to obtain compensation; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 348. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Burchett of the 176th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 14 and 41 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic stock and mutual insurers and captive insurance companies, respectively, so as to expand the lines of insurance or reinsurance in which a limited purpose subsidiary and captive insurance company may engage; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 349. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Baker of the 64th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, approved February 15, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952, p. 2703), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 25, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3501), so as to change provisions relating to filling of vacancies on

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 350. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe places for newborns; to authorize ambulance services to accept physical custody of a newborn; to authorize the placement of newborn safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited liability; to provide for transport of newborns to nearest medical facility; to provide for specifications for newborn safety devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 351. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding solid waste management, so as to modify the powers and duties of the Board of Natural Resources; to revise definitions; to modify solid waste permitting; to provide for submission of written verification regarding compliance with local zoning and land use regulations; to remove certain restrictions on permits; to revise provisions regarding public meetings and notice; to remove outdated terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 352. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Mathis of the 133rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Reese of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, so as to revise coverage criteria to include Medicaid recipients with gestational diabetes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 353. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Carpenter of the 4th, Stephens of the 164th, Bonner of the 73rd, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to enact the "Georgia Music Office and Music Ready Communities Act"; to provide for definitions; to create the Georgia Music Office; to provide for administration of the office; to provide for duties of the office; to provide for the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for an appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Creative Arts & Entertainment.

HB 354. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Hong of the 103rd and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 24-5-501 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain communications privileged, so as to exclude from evidence certain communications made between attorney and client when the client is in a penal institution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 355. By Representative Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess. p. 2154), as amended, so as to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of councilmember or mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 356. By Representative Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Doraville Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 357. By Representative Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits, so as to provide for tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain mortgage loan originators; to provide for definitions; to provide for an aggregate annual limit; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for applications and certifications; to provide for the revocation of qualified status; to provide for certain penalties; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 358. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Buckner of the 137th and Jenkins of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibiting the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 359. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 360. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 25th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to authorize the credit to be claimed in the taxable year the year a certificate of occupancy is obtained for certain preapproved rehabilitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 361. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Rice of the 139th, Reese of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 362. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 363. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Kelley of the 16th, Crowe of the 118th and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass, so as to include

gatherings for the purposes of religious worship and observance or acknowledging the death of an individual; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 364. By Representative Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to allow a noncustodial parent to claim a tax credit based upon the federal qualified child and dependent care tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 365. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Smith of the 138th, Campbell of the 171st and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions and credits from state income taxes, so as to create a temporary income tax credit for certain expenditures relating to projects promoting industrial infrastructure enhancement and connectivity; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility approval by the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for limitations upon such tax credit; to authorize the sale or transfer of unused credits; to provide for an aggregate annual limit; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 366. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Williams of the 168th, Hitchens of the 161st, Griffin of the 149th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate April 29 of each year as "Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day" in Georgia; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 367. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Bazemore of the 69th, Clark of the 108th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Equity and Fairness Commission; to provide for members and officers; to provide for meetings, quorum, and compensation; to provide for the commission's duties and powers; to provide for reporting; to provide a definition; to provide a short title; to provide legislative findings; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 368. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Neal of the 79th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles, so as to require a law enforcement officer making a traffic stop to provide the operator with the purpose of the stop upon request after such operator displays his or her driver's license; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 369. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, LaHood of the 175th, Baker of the 64th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to equipment of motor vehicles, so as to provide for vehicle equipment standards for motor vehicles used for the sale of food or beverages that primarily conduct such sales upon roadways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 370. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, so as to require the property tax bill for any school district that opts out of the state-wide base year homestead exemption to state the total amount of the school district's reserve funds; to require a statement on the property tax bill regarding certain political subdivisions that do not have in effect a base year homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 371. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th, Greene of the 154th, Dubnik of the 29th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds generally under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for an increase of the state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding from $300 million to $375 million annually; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 372. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Blackmon of the 146th, Persinger of the 119th and Townsend of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to remove the requirement that certain subject areas be designated as an area of highest need for certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to be hired to work in such areas; to provide for the extension of provisions to 2030; to provide for areas of highest need to be determined for a public school system rather than a RESA; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 373. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Newton of the 127th, Cooper of the 45th, Mitchell of the 88th, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require major medical coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to provide for a plan amendment when necessary; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 374. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Ehrhart of the 36th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 74 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local enforcement boards created on or after January 1, 2003, so as to authorize local governing bodies to establish housing management databases of residential rental property; to provide for applicability; to provide for registration with the databases; to provide for penalties; to provide for disclosure of ownership by foreign adversaries; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 375. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Powell of the 33rd, Momtahan of the 17th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exclude overtime compensation from taxation; to provide for reporting by employers; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 376. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Sainz of the 180th, Hagan of the 156th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to increase the amount of tax credits available for the rehabilitation of certified structures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 377. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Burchett of the 176th, Bonner of the 73rd, Wade of the 9th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for manufactured or mobile homes, so as to provide for limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; to provide for preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes; to provide for notice and application requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 378. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practice and procedure relative to state courts of counties, so as to provide for the online publishing of terms of state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 379. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gunter of the 8th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-19-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liens for services rendered, priority,

modes of enforcement, and other rights, so as to provide certain lien protections in divorce actions; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to injunctions and restraining orders authorized in domestic relations actions, so as to provide for notice of standing orders in domestic relations actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 208. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, McClain of the 109th, Scott of the 76th, Sanchez of the 42nd and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia General Assembly to prohibit the use of racially derogatory or discriminatory school mascots, logos, or team names in Georgia public schools; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 209. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, McClain of the 109th, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 60th and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Georgia General Assembly to pass LC 46 0977, the Workplace Safety and Heat Protection Act, to ensure critical protections for workers facing extreme heat conditions; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

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

HB 306	HB 307
HB 308	HB 309
HB 310	HB 311
HB 312	HB 313
HB 314	HB 315
HB 316	HB 317
HB 318	HB 319
HB 320	HB 321
HB 322	HB 323
HB 324	HB 325
HB 326	HB 327
HB 328	HB 329
HB 330	HB 331

HB 332	HB 333
HB 334	HB 335
HB 336	HB 337
HB 338	HB 339
HB 340	HB 341
HR 190	HR 191
HR 192	HR 206
HR 207	SB 1

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 81	Do Pass
HB 105	Do Pass
HB 192	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 196	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 197	Do Pass
HB 218	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 34	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 74	Do Pass
HB 148	Do Pass	HB 185	Do Pass
HB 187	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 232	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 15th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to no longer than one hour on all legislation. Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Modified Structured Rule

HB 61	Motor vehicles; issuance of separate license plates for hearses and ambulances; provide (MotV-Seabaugh-34th)
HB 114	Motor vehicles; federal regulations regarding safe operation of commercial motor vehicle and carriers; update reference date (MotV-McDonald III-26th)
HR 97	Property; conveyance of certain state owned property; authorize (SProp-Greene-154th)
HR 98	Property; granting of nonexclusive easements; authorize (SProp-Greene-154th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 6. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-3-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other laws unaffected by the "Georgia Drug and Cosmetic Act," so as to authorize the use of testing equipment to determine whether a controlled substance has been adulterated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 8. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 35. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of certain property insurance policies, so as to increase the number of days of notice required to be given a policyholder before the nonrenewal of his or her homeowners' insurance policy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 6. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-3-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other laws unaffected by the "Georgia Drug and Cosmetic Act," so as to authorize the use of testing equipment to determine whether a controlled substance has been adulterated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 8. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

SB 23. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Brass of the 6th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in

alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 35. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of certain property insurance policies, so as to increase the number of days of notice required to be given a policyholder before the nonrenewal of his or her homeowners' insurance policy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

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

Representatives Bazemore of the 69th et al., Carter of the 93rd, Gunter of the 8th, Greene of the 154th et al., Huddleston of the 72nd et al., Crawford of the 89th et al., Bonner of the 73rd et al., Park of the 107th et al., Holly of the 116th et al., Ford of the 170th, Donatucci of the 105th et al., Blackmon of the 146th et al., Anderson of the 10th et al., New of the 40th et al., and Moore of the 91st et al.

Pursuant to HR 79, the House recognized February 11, 2025, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol.

Pursuant to HR 217, the House congratulated the H. G. Yeomans III Family Trust, the 2024 Georgia Tree Farmer of the Year.

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

HB 61. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, so as to provide for the issuance

of separate license plates for hearses and ambulances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	E Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

HB 114. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	E Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

HR 97. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bryan County, Colquitt County, Fulton County, Glynn County, Habersham County, Hall County, and Henry County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Cherokee County, Effingham County, Hall County, Miller County, Sumter County, and Tattnall County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property located in Clarke County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	E Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

HR 98. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Barrow, Bryan, Chatham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Haralson, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	E Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 227. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Joseph Gavalis; and for other purposes.

HR 228. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Bennett of the 94th, Bazemore of the 69th, Miller of the 62nd, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Nellie Dunaway Duke; and for other purposes.

HR 229. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Glaize of the 67th, Schofield of the 63rd and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Colonel (Ret.) Christopher Jenkins on the occasion of his military retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 230. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Fleming of the 114th, Reeves of the 99th, Hawkins of the 27th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2025 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

HR 231. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and recognizing February 18, 2025, as REALTOR® Day at the Dome; and for other purposes.

HR 232. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

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

HR 233. By Representatives Berry of the 56th and Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2025, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 234. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th, Adeyina of the 110th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 12, 2025, as Afterschool Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 235. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Hickory Log upon the occasion of its 55th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 236. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Linda Ford Kellogg on her outstanding service; and for other purposes.

HR 237. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Suttles; and for other purposes.

HR 238. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wilkerson of the 38th, McQueen of the 61st, Carson of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Melony Tidmore, Miss Cobb County's Teen 2025; and for other purposes.

HR 239. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Crawford of the 89th, Olaleye of the 59th, Jackson of the 68th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 116th Founders Day of the NAACP; and for other purposes.

HR 240. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the City of Savannah and Mayor Van R. Johnson on the Mayor on the Move: Healthy Savannah Kids Club; and for other purposes.

HR 241. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Gambill of the 15th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Edgar Land, the 2024 Citizen of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 242. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2025, as Alpha Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 243. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognizing May 1, 2025, as Purebred Dog Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 244. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Thomas of the 21st, Crawford of the 89th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 3-9, 2025, as Future Business Leaders of America Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 245. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wilkerson of the 38th, McQueen of the 61st, Carson of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Aaliyah Phillips, Miss Cobb County 2025; and for other purposes.

HR 246. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Smith of the 70th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Institute of Technology and its partners for their NSF GRACE Engine proposal; and for other purposes.

HR 247. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the East Forsyth High School eSports team for winning the 2024-2025 3A-4A Smash Bros. Ultimate State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 248. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Forsyth Central High School engine team for winning the 2024 Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge; and for other purposes.

HR 249. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Splash Festivals; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Schofield of the 63rd, Cannon of the 172nd, and Martinez of the 111th et al.

Representative Scott of the 76th asked unanimous consent that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn:

HB 19. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions related to examination and treatment for mental illness, so as to require the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to create, operate, and

maintain an electronic registry for inpatient psychiatric beds; to require the department to provide for registry data to the contractor or entity that operates the Georgia Crisis and Access Line; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

It was so ordered.

Representative Scott of the 76th asked unanimous consent that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn:

HB 22. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 34 and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to require that employers provide veteran employees paid leave on Veterans Day; to provide employers who are required to provide such paid leave with an income tax credit for amounts paid to such veteran employees on account of such paid leave; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

It was so ordered.

Representative Scott of the 76th asked unanimous consent that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn:

HB 24. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities regarding the governing and regulation of mental health, so as to establish a school-linked behavioral health grant program; to provide a definition; to provide criteria for determining eligible applicants; to provide for allowable activities and related expenses; to provide for data collection and outcome measurement; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

It was so ordered.

Representative Scott of the 76th asked unanimous consent that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn:

HB 23. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require schools to provide progress reports to parents or legal guardians of students in the early intervention program; to require the Department of Education to collaborate with the Professional Standards Commission to improve and update professional development opportunities for teachers that specifically relate to supporting limited-English-proficient students; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

It was so ordered.

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 247	Do Pass
HB 296	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Sixteenth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Hawkins	Mathiak	Roberts
Adeyina	Cox	E Henderson	Mathis	Romman
Alexander	Crawford	Herring	McClain	Sainz
Anderson	Crowe	Hilton	McCollum	Sampson
Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McDonald	Sanchez
Ballard	Davis	Holcomb	McQueen	Santos
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Meeks	Schofield
Barnes	DeLoach	Holly	Miller	Scoggins
Barrett	Dempsey	Hong	Mitchell	Scott
Barton	Dickey	Horner	E Momtahan	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Donatucci	Howard, J	Moore	Sharper
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, K	Myles	Silcox
Bell	Draper	Huddleston	New	Smith, L
Bennett	Drenner	Hugley	Newton	Smith, M
Berry	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Smith, V
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, M	Oliver	Stinson
Buckner	Ehrhart	E Jasperse	O'Steen	Tarvin
Burchett	Erwin	Jenkins	Panitch	Taylor, D
Burnough	Evans	Jones, A	Paris	Taylor, R
Byrd	Fleming	Jones, J	Park	Thomas
Cameron	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parrish	Townsend
Camp	Ford	Jones, T	Parsons	Tran
Campbell, J	Franklin	Kahaian	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kelley	Petrea	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kendrick	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gilliard	LaHood	Prince	Wiedower
Carpenter	Glaize	Leverett	Reese	Williams, A
Carter	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williams, MF
Chastain	Griffin	Lim	Rhodes	Williams, N
E Cheokas	Gullett	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Clark, J	E Gunter	Lupton	Richardson	E Willis
Clifton	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Cooper	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker

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

Representatives Au of the 50th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 100th, Frye of the 122nd, Heffner of the 130th, Jackson of the 68th, Neal of the 79th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 380. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3570) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5050); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 381. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5725), so as to add Clay, Marion, and Webster counties to the authority; to revise provisions for the appointment of members; to add references to said additional counties to provisions related to credit not pledged, tort immunity, and effects on other governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 382. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, so as to revise a provision relating to psilocybin; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 383. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cannon of the 172nd, McClain of the 109th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20 and 39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education and minors, respectively, so as to provide for high school student athletes and prospective student athletes to receive name, image, or likeness compensation; to provide for the automatic expiration of contracts that provide name, image, and likeness compensation to student athletes after the student athlete graduates or is no longer enrolled; to provide for application to certain athletic associations; to allow for professional representation of student athletes and prospective student athletes; to provide for required written notice to high school student athletes; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 384. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Reeves of the 99th, Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abuse of governmental office and official oaths, respectively, so as to provide for uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; to provide for aspirational language in such oaths; to limit the legal effect of any such aspirational language; to limit the crime of violation of oath of a public officer to codified oaths; to limit the violation of oath by a public officer to violations predicated on a separate felony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 385. By Representative Holcomb of the 101st and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, so as to allow academically successful students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to allow academically successful students who commence a graduate program at an eligible postsecondary institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility; to provide for exceptions based on previous participation in the dual enrollment program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 386. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Hugley of the 141st, Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 165th, Drenner of the 85th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of clothing and school related supplies during the last weekend of July each year; to provide for a short title; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 387. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, LaHood of the 175th, Gullett of the 19th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to require service delivery agreement to include a growth boundary agreement component; to provide for circumstances when growth boundary agreements may be excluded; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 388. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Martinez of the 111th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for active duty service in the United States armed forces while stationed outside Georgia; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 389. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Holland of the 54th, Sharper of the 177th, Drenner of the 85th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to prohibit condominium associations, property owners' associations, and homeowners' associations from preventing property owners from installing solar energy devices on common roofs or roof structures; to provide for the burden of costs for removal and reinstallation of solar energy devices; to allow for repair of common roofs or roof structures; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 390. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Hagan of the 156th, Hitchens of the 161st, Scoggins of the 14th, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Code Section 17-6-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and unsecured judicial release, requirement, effect of failure of person charged to appear for trial, and consideration of

criminal record, respectively, so as to provide for the crime of interference with a first responder; to provide for penalties; to include such offense in the list of bail restricted offenses; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 391. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, DeLoach of the 167th and Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain boxing, wrestling, and martial art associations and federations; to revise a definition; to change the applicability of certain provisions as to matches, contests, or exhibitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 392. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 84th, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5B of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax courts, so as to revise the dates for certain events regarding the Georgia Tax Court; to provide new dates for the beginning of the term and duties of the chief court judge; to provide new dates for the beginning date for accepting cases by the court; to provide for the transfer and disposition of certain cases pending before the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 393. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Sainz of the 180th, Crawford of the 89th, Newton of the 127th and Rice of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-291 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to traffic laws applicable to bicycles, operation upon paved shoulder, and signaling of right hand turns, so as to require bicyclists to provide a signal of intention to turn absent certain circumstances; to provide for standards of operation for bicyclists approaching

certain intersections with stop signs; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 394. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Hugley of the 141st, Alexander of the 66th, Jones of the 60th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum wage law, so as to increase the minimum wage for certain employees and eligible full-time state employees; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 395. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Hugley of the 141st, Alexander of the 66th, Jones of the 60th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum wage law, so as to provide for an increase in the minimum wage; to provide a credit toward the minimum wage for employers of tipped workers; to eliminate various eligibility exemptions from the minimum wage; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 396. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4039), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 397. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the timelines for calling special elections and the dates on which special elections can be held; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 398. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th, Camp of the 135th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the production and sale of cottage food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures; to provide for definitions; to provide for inspections; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local regulation of cottage food items; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 399. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Burnough of the 77th, Blackmon of the 146th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 400. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Olaleye of the 59th, Washburn of the 144th, Bell of the 75th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12, 32, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, highways, bridges, and ferries, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for a system whereby certain local governments may seek

certifications from the Department of Community Affairs upon the enactment of certain policies that can be used to receive priority in grant and loan applications submitted to state agencies; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority give priority to certified local governments when awarding grants and loans; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide legislative findings; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 401. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Momtahan of the 17th, Ridley of the 22nd, Bell of the 75th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to prohibit insurers from considering advertising costs when making or using insurance rates; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 402. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Bell of the 75th, Drenner of the 85th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 46 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the establishment of renewable energy sources and renewable energy portfolio standard goals by the Public Service Commission for electric service providers; to provide for the inclusion of existing or planned renewable energy resources in integrated resource plans; to authorize the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to renewable energy facilities; to provide for limited liability; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 403. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Olaleye of the 59th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to enhance protections for homeowners and tenants by revising or repealing certain provisions inhibiting housing stability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 404. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Moore of the 91st and Carter of the 93rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Conyers, approved March 16, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3868), as amended, so as to revise the city boundaries; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 405. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Wiedower of the 121st, Evans of the 57th, Crawford of the 89th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, so as to require licensed adjusters to be licensed contractors; to limit an adjuster's license based on the type of contractor license held; to provide for licensed contractors to become licensed adjusters; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 406. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to increase the retirement age of superior court judges first taking office on or after July 1, 2026; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB 342	HB 343
HB 344	HB 345
HB 346	HB 347
HB 348	HB 349
HB 350	HB 351
HB 352	HB 353
HB 354	HB 355
HB 356	HB 357
HB 358	HB 359
HB 360	HB 361
HB 362	HB 363
HB 364	HB 365
HB 366	HB 367
HB 368	HB 369
HB 370	HB 371
HB 372	HB 373
HB 374	HB 375
HB 376	HB 377
HB 378	HB 379
HR 208	HR 209
SB 6	SB 8
SB 23	SB 35

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 91	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 117	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 163	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Bonner of the 73rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 53	Do Pass
HB 108	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bonner of the 73rd
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 85	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 86	Do Pass
HB 177	Do Pass	HB 181	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 162	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 90	Do Pass	HB 111	Do Pass
HB 112	Do Pass	HR 32	Do Pass, By Substitute
HR 42	Do Pass		

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

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to no longer than one hour on all legislation. Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 16th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 15	Banking and finance; update terminology; provisions (B&B-Williamson-112th)
HB 55	Alapaha Judicial Circuit; superior court; provide for an additional judge (Substitute)(Judy-Ford-170th)

HB 137 Contracts; increase dollar value of certain public works contracts exempt from provisions relating to retention of contractual payments (GAff-Anderson-10th)

HB 199 Courts; protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; modify provisions (Substitute)(Judy-Kelley-16th)

HB 216 Richard H. Smith Georgia CHIPS Advancement in Research and Economic Development Act; enact (ED&T-Smith-138th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 39. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Summers of the 13th, Robertson of the 29th, Watson of the 1st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45, Chapter 4 of Title 49, and Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the employees' insurance and benefits plans, public assistance, and general provisions relative to state government, respectively, so as to prohibit coverage of expenses for gender-affirming care under the state health benefit plan or with any state funds; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited exceptions; to prohibit state healthcare facilities and healthcare providers employed by the state from providing gender-affirming care; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 70. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within the City of Conyers, Georgia; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purpose of such districts; to provide for subsequent issues thereof; to provide for construction; to provide that no

notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for the dissolution and reactivation of districts under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 78. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Hickman of the 4th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Tybee Island Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 83. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 84. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Burns of the 23rd, Still of the 48th and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate benefiting the Georgia Transplant Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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Referred to the Committee on Health.

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Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate benefiting the Georgia Transplant Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

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

Representatives Hugley of the 141st et al., Olaleye of the 59th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., and Smith of the 70th et al.

Pursuant to HR 168, the House recognized and commended Dr. David A. Thomas upon his retirement from Morehouse College.

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

HB 15. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th, Dickey of the 134th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, so as to update terminology; to revise procedures concerning incorporators of credit unions; to revise requirements of articles of incorporation of credit unions; to revise licensure requirements for money transmissions, cashing payment instruments, mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, foreign banking institutions, and installment loans; to provide for revised auditing procedures for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to provide for corporate governance requirements for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to provide for liquidity requirements for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to revise requirements for applications to relocate for foreign banking institutions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 1.

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

HB 55. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of successors to the judge initially appointed; to require candidates for such judgeships to designate the seat for which they are running; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties included in such circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the designation of a chief judge; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties included in such circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraph (1) as follows:

"(1) Alapaha Circuit ~~2~~ 3"

SECTION 2.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit provided for in this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning July 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2028, and until a successor is elected and qualified. At the nonpartisan judicial election to be held in 2028, there shall be elected a successor to such additional judge appointed as provided for in this section, and he or she shall take office on the first day of January, 2029, and serve for a term of office of four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. All subsequent successors to such judge shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election conducted in the year in which the term of office of such judge shall expire and serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Such judges shall take office on the first day of January following the date of their election. Such elections shall be held and conducted as is now or may hereafter be provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 3.

Each person who offers for election as one of the judges of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall designate with the proper authority in all general elections the specific seat for which such person offers by naming the incumbent judge whom he or she desires to succeed and thereupon such person shall be permitted, if otherwise qualified, to run for such designated judgeship and no other. In the event that there is no incumbent judge in the seat for which such person desires to offer, the person shall qualify by announcing his or her intention to run for the office for which there is no incumbent.

SECTION 4.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit provided for in this Act shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignities, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any of the judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit may preside over any cause, whether in their own or in other circuits, and perform any official act as judge thereof, including sitting on appellate courts as provided by law.

SECTION 5.

The qualifications of such additional judge and his or her successors shall be the same as are now provided by law for all other superior court judges, and his or her compensation, salary, and expense allowance from the State of Georgia and from the counties comprising such circuit shall be the same as that of other judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit. The salary supplements enacted by the counties comprising such circuit for the present superior

court judges of such circuit shall also be applicable to the additional judge provided by this Act.

SECTION 6.

All writs and processes in the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall be returnable to the terms of such superior courts as they are now fixed and provided by law, or as they may hereafter be fixed or determined by law, and all terms of such courts shall be held in the same manner as though there were but one judge, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to provide the judges of such circuit with equal jurisdiction and authority to attend to and perform the functions, powers, and duties of the judges of such superior courts and to direct and conduct all hearings and trials in such courts.

SECTION 7.

Upon and after qualification of the additional judge of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit, the judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit may adopt, promulgate, amend, and enforce such rules of practice and procedure in consonance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as they deem suitable and proper for the effective transaction of the business of the courts; and, in transacting the business of the courts and in performing their duties and responsibilities, the judges shall share, divide, and allocate the work and duties to be performed by each. In the event of a disagreement among the judges in respect hereof, the majority shall rule, or failing a majority, the decision of the senior judge in point of service, who shall be known as the chief judge, shall be controlling.

SECTION 8.

The drawing and impaneling of all jurors, whether grand, petit, or special, may be conducted by any of the judges of the superior courts of such circuit; and such judges, collectively or individually, shall have full power and authority to draw and impanel jurors for service in such courts so as to have jurors for the trial of cases before any of such judges separately or before each of them at the same time.

SECTION 9.

The judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall be authorized and empowered to employ an additional court reporter for such circuit whose compensation shall be as now or hereafter provided by law.

SECTION 10.

All writs, processes, orders, subpoenas, and any other official paper issuing out of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit may bear teste in the name of any judge of such circuit and, when issued by and in the name of any judge of such circuit, shall be fully valid and may be held and determined before the same or any other judge of such circuit. Any judge of such courts may preside over any cause therein and perform any official act as judge thereof.

SECTION 11.

The governing authorities of the counties comprising the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall provide the judges of such circuit with suitable courtrooms and facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary to the proper functioning of the courts. All of the expenditures authorized in this Act are declared to be an expense of the superior court for which such expenditure was authorized and shall be payable out of such court's respective county treasury as such.

SECTION 12.

Nothing enumerated in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 13.

This Act shall become effective for the purpose of appointing the additional judge upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and for all other purposes on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 14.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

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

Georgia House of Representatives

February 12, 2025

Dear Mr. Reilly,

This letter is my formal request to change my vote from a NO to a YES on HB 55 which was presented by Representative Jaclyn Ford and passed by the House today. My NO vote was erroneous and not intended.

Appreciatively,

/s/ Ginny Ehrhart
Georgia House of Representatives

HB 137. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hawkins of the 27th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts for public works, so as to increase the dollar value of certain public works contracts exempt from provisions relating to retention of contractual payments; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts and purchases by public schools; to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public school property and facilities; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating

to state, county, and municipal road systems; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general authority, duties, and procedure for state purchasing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 152, nays 9.

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

HB 199. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information removed or redacted from public records; to require state and local governments to remove personally identifiable information from public records when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information restricted from public disclosure; to require state and local governments to restrict from public disclosure personally identifiable information when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, is amended by revising Article 8, relating to protection of personally identifiable data of judges and spouses, as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

15-5-110.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Personally identifiable information' means any personal phone number or home address ~~affirmatively identified by a protected person for inclusion in the data base established and maintained pursuant to Code Section 15-5-111~~ of a protected person.

(2) 'Protected person' means any current or former:

(A) Judge ~~Elected or appointed judge~~ or justice of this state and his or her spouse;

(B) Judge ~~Elected or appointed judge~~ of any county or municipality of this state and his or her spouse; and

(C) Judge ~~Appointed judge~~ or justice of the United States and his or her spouse.

~~(3) 'Public posting or display' means to communicate information or otherwise make information available to the general public.~~

~~(4)~~(3) 'Publicly available content' means any written or electronic document or record that provides information or that serves as a document or record maintained, controlled, or in the possession of a state or local government entity that may be obtained by any person from the ~~internet~~ state or local government entity's public website or from such state or local government agency upon request whether free of charge or for a fee.

~~(5)~~(4) 'State or local government entity' means any:

(A) Agency of the executive branch of this state; or

(B) Any ~~local governing authority of a~~ county or municipality of this state, including, but not limited to, any county or municipal superior court clerk's office, board of elections, board of tax assessors, or board of ethics.

15-5-111.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall:

(1) Establish a method for obtaining information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts as necessary for purposes of this article;

(2) Develop a form for a protected person to use when requesting the restriction from public disclosure of personally identifiable information pursuant to this article. Such form may include a process for verification of the election or appointment of such person as a judge or justice of this state or the United States or verification of such person's status as the spouse of a person serving as a judge or justice of this state or the United States ~~Establish and maintain a data base of protected persons and personally identifiable information~~;

(3) Make the form provided for in paragraph (2) of this Code section available to protected persons on its public website ~~Develop and manage a process to regularly identify each state or local government entity that possesses personally identifiable information~~; and

~~(4) Establish a procedure for protected persons to submit phone numbers and addresses for inclusion in a data base as personally identifiable information to be restricted from publicly available content and public posting or display; and~~

~~(5)~~(4) Coordinate ~~statewide~~ state-wide training and information sharing related to security procedure and practices relative to the judicial branch of government.

15-5-112.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity shall restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information that specifically identifies a protected person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall include, but shall not be limited to, records or filings in the office of the Secretary of State and the State Ethics Commission. ~~Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has been elected or appointed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that directs such entity to restrict access to such personally identifiable information pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.~~

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity that possesses records, filings, or other publicly available content that does not specifically identify a person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof but that includes personally identifiable information of such a protected person shall, upon request of the protected person, restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information, including, but not limited to, such protected person's property or tax records. A protected person may request that his or her personally identifiable information be restricted from public disclosure pursuant to this subsection by submitting a request in writing to the state or local government entity on the form provided for in Code Section 15-5-111. A state or local government entity receiving such request shall restrict from public disclosure the personally identifiable information within 30 days of receiving a valid request. ~~Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has resigned, retired, or been removed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that informs such entity that the restriction required pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section is no longer applicable.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, within 30 days of receipt of written notice from the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, a state or local government entity that has received such notice shall restrict personally identifiable information from publicly available content and public posting or display unless such entity has:~~

~~(1) Obtained written consent from the protected person that his or her phone number and address may be made available to the general public; or~~

~~(2) Received notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality thereof has resigned, retired, or been removed.~~

~~(d)~~(c) Any protected person may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any officer or employee of the state or local government entity in his or her

individual capacity for failure to comply with subsection ~~(c)~~ (b) of this Code section. Any relief granted by such action shall be limited to injunctive relief."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

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

HB 216. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 25th, Rice of the 139th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such commission; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 50, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority, so as to abolish the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium; to replace the advisory panel and executive committee governing said consortium with the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission; to provide for a definition; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman Sainz
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sampson
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sanchez
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Santos
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Schofield
Y Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Scoggins
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scott
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Seabaugh
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Sharper
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Silcox
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Smith, L
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, M
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, TP
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, V
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Stephens
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stinson
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, D
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, R
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	E Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Thomas
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Townsend
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Wade
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Werkheiser
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

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

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 252. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, McCollum of the 30th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending the impact of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), community service boards (CSBs), and first responders; and for other purposes.

HR 253. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2025, as Pace Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 254. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Demola the Violinist; and for other purposes.

HR 255. By Representatives New of the 40th, Howard of the 71st, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Troy Cosby upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 256. By Representative Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Barbara Jean Allen; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Berry of the 56th, Park of the 107th, Westbrook of the 163rd et al., Hugley of the 141st, and Burchett of the 176th.

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 173 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Seventeenth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communications were received:

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

February 12, 2025

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

RE: Vote on HB 199

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Today, I write to ensure that my vote for House Bill 199 will be entered as YES in the House Journal. Unfortunately, my card was not all the way in, and I believe my vote was not counted correctly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tangie Herring
State Representative, District 145

Georgia State House

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square, SW, Suite 611-G
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 12, 2025

Mr. Speaker,

My vote for HB 137 would have been yes if it had been recorded. I was unable to make it back to my desk and press the button before they locked the machines.

I am happy to answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have.

In service and gratitude,

/s/ Michelle Au
Michelle Au, MD, MPH
Georgia House of Representatives
District 50

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square, Suite 601
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 13, 2025

To the Honorable William Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives,

Please accept this letter as my request to have my vote changed from "NV" to "Yes" on HB 137 voted on February 12, 2025. I've been having some issues with the Green Button at my desk not responding when I press it (requiring multiple presses), and I didn't realize that it did not capture my press on this Bill until after the machines were locked.

Additionally, I immediately explained my plight to Mr. Scotty and he affirmed that someone would look at the green button, in particular, for me. He also suggested I write this letter requesting a change in my vote.

I will be more diligent to make sure my vote is cast from this point forward. I appreciate your favorable consideration.

My Best,

/s/ Angie O'Steen
Rep. Angie O'Steen
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House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 512
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 13, 2025

Clerk Bill Reilly
GA House of Representatives
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Clerk Reilly,

I am requesting that my roll call vote on February 3, 2025 be changed in the journal to a YES vote. I was present the entire day, my machine malfunctioned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Demetrius Douglas
State Representative
House District 78

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

Adeyina	Cox	Herring	McClain	Sampson
Alexander	Crowe	Hilton	McCollum	Sanchez
Anderson	Davis	Hitchens	McDonald	Santos
Au	Dawson	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Baker	DeLoach	Holland	E Meeks	E Scoggins
Ballard	Dempsey	Holly	E Momtahan	Scott
Ballinger	Dickey	Hong	Moore	Seabaugh
Barnes	Donatucci	Horner	Myles	Sharper
Barton	Douglas	Howard, J	Neal	Silcox
Bazemore	Drenner	Howard, K	New	Smith, L
Beckles	Dubnik	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, M
Bennett	Dunahoo	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, TP
Berry	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Olaleye	Smith, V
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Oliver	Stephens

Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Stinson
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, M	Panitch	Tarvin
Burchett	Fleming	Jasperse	Paris	Taylor, D
Burnough	Flournoy	Jones, A	Park	Taylor, R
Byrd	Ford	Jones, J	Parrish	Thomas
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, S	Parsons	Townsend
Camp	Frye	Jones, T	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, J	Gaines	Kahaian	Petrea	Wade
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kelley	Powell	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kendrick	Prince	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Glaize	LaHood	Reese	Wiedower
Carpenter	Greene	Leverett	Reeves	Wilkerson
Carter	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, A
Chastain	Gullett	Lim	Rice	Williams, N
E Cheokas	Gunter	Lumsden	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, D	Hagan	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Clifton	Hatchett	Martin	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Cooper	Hawkins	Mathiak	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Henderson	Mathis		

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Barrett of the 24th, Bell of the 75th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Crawford of the 89th, Cummings of the 39th, Draper of the 90th, Heffner of the 130th, Jenkins of the 136th, Martinez of the 111th, Miller of the 62nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Romman of the 97th, Sainz of the 180th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Jason Hamby, Liberty Baptist Church, Dawsonville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 407. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Crawford of the 89th, Holly of the 116th, Tran of the 80th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for costs of doing business with Georgia grown hemp owners and suppliers; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 408. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Cannon of the 58th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance licensing, so as to repeal prelicensing education requirements applicable to certain insurance licenses; to provide a three-day maximum on the reexamination waiting period for applicants; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 409. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 68th, Moore of the 91st and Heffner of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all retirement income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 410. By Representatives DeLoach of the 167th, Lumsden of the 12th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance, so as to provide for efficiency in the practices of the Department of Insurance; to revise the statutory deposit requirement for foreign insurers; to remove fees for branch licensees; to revise application requirements for a domestic stock and mutual insurer; to remove the publication requirement for application, amendments, and surrenders for such insurer; to remove such publication requirement for charters, consolidations, and mergers of fraternal benefit societies; to revise application requirements for farmers' mutual fire insurance companies; to remove the licensure requirement for agency branches; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 411. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Banks County, approved August 19, (Ga. L. 1916, p. 349), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4500), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 412. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Polk County Water Authority, approved April 14, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 3108), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to the reappointment of members of the

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 413. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Campbell of the 171st, Ridley of the 22nd and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding agriculture, so as to prohibit local ordinances that prohibit the operation of mobile sawmills on agricultural lands; to provide for agricultural products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 414. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Gunter of the 8th, Scoggins of the 14th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 415. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Barrett of the 24th, Petrea of the 166th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to enact the "Homeowners Protection Act"; to provide for a rental intention affidavit regarding dispossessory proceedings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 416. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Blackmon of the 146th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 417. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Hitchens of the 161st, Dickey of the 134th and Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 418. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Tran of the 80th, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of employment of minors, so as to require the establishment of blocked trust accounts for minors rendering artistic or creative services in this state; to provide for the Commissioner of Labor to investigate and determine conditions of employment of child performers prior to the commencement of such employment; to provide for requirements related to such accounts for minors engaged in online content creation; to provide for civil actions and damages; to require the conditions of employment for a child performer to not be detrimental to such minor's health, well-being, and education; to provide for scheduling restrictions and for discretionary exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 419. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Gambill of the 15th, Martin of the 49th, Jackson of the 128th, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to university system, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within the University System of Georgia; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by units within the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 420. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Stinson of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require certain health benefit policies to cover genetic testing for an inherited mutation and cancer imaging under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to exclude such coverage from any cost-sharing requirements; to protect the eligibility of health savings accounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 421. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 422. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require the state employees' health insurance plan include high deductible health plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 423. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority as relevant to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to add members to the board of directors of such authority; to require all new 9-1-1 systems conform to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1 service standards; to revise the role of the executive director of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 424. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Dickey of the 134th, Burchett of the 176th, Wade of the 9th, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 425. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th, Hatchett of the 155th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to provide for a tax credit for the purchase of an emergency power generator and related components to convenience stores and grocery stores; to provide for taxpayer certification of tax credits; to provide for sunsets of the tax credit and carry-forward period; to provide for applicability; to provide for pursuit of remedies; to provide for rules and

regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 426. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Burchett of the 176th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to nonpartisan elections of judges of the probate court and magistrates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date, a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 427. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Greene of the 154th, Smith of the 18th, Gullett of the 19th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recording relative to property, so as to provide for notice to the owner and deed holder when another deed is filed by another party; to provide for a 45 day waiting period; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 428. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to codify the right to in vitro fertilization for individuals; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 429. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles, so as to exempt from ad valorem taxation motor vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued in this state before March 1, 2013; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 430. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Clifton of the 131st, Ballard of the 147th, Ford of the 170th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for venue for certain petitions regarding the state sexual offender registry; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 431. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Hatchett of the 155th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for a limitation on interchange fees charged by payment card networks for credit or debit card transactions at retailers; to provide requirements for payment card networks in relation to such interchange fees; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 432. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trout license, Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp, big game license, and alligator harvest permit, so as to

provide for Georgia turkey stamps; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 433. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 434. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the offense of selling a child for financial gain; to provide for a definition; to provide for a penalty; to provide for limitations; to provide for a cause of action; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to adoption, so as to provide for conforming cross references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 435. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-12-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual exploitation of children, reporting violation, civil forfeiture, and penalties, so as to expand limitations to include the Division of Family and Children Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 436. By Representatives Griffin of the 149th, Miller of the 62nd, Hugley of the 141st, Lim of the 98th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 2B, relating to promise scholarship accounts, including both Articles 1 and 2 of said chapter, relating to the Georgia Education Savings Authority and the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," respectively; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 437. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hong of the 103rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations for local school system outreach efforts regarding the English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 438. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to allow all sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for regular retirement benefits at the age of 55 years, certain disability benefits, and certain provisions for purchasing creditable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 439. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 148th, Anderson of the 10th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting

and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, so as to revise deductions allowed to dealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HR 250. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Ridley of the 22nd, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the governing authority of any county or consolidated government shall be authorized to adopt an alternative method of appraisal and assessment of real property located within such county for taxation; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 251. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Burchett of the 176th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB 380	HB 381
HB 382	HB 383
HB 384	HB 385
HB 386	HB 387
HB 388	HB 389
HB 390	HB 391
HB 392	HB 393
HB 394	HB 395
HB 396	HB 397
HB 398	HB 399
HB 400	HB 401

HB 402	HB 403
HB 404	HB 405
HB 406	SB 39
SB 70	SB 78
SB 83	SB 84

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 113	Do Pass
HB 140	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 16	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 56	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 172	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Sainz of the 180th District, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate Cooperation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HR 132 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sainz of the 180th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 252	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 349	Do Pass
HB 355	Do Pass	HB 356	Do Pass
HB 359	Do Pass		

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

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 143 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 205 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 246 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Hagan of the 156th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rural Development has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 51 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 262 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hagan of the 156th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 58 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 17th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 36	Guardian and ward; revise list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult (Judy-Leverett-123rd)
HB 74	Georgia Lottery for Education Act; correct a reference (RegI-Powell-33rd)
HB 81	Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; enter into (Ed-Ballard-147th)
HB 105	Public officers and employees; increase indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death (Ed-Wade-9th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 252. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating

thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Newnan, except for any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Base year" means the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is first granted to the most recent owner of such homestead.

(3) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, with the additional qualification that it shall include not more than five contiguous acres of homestead property.

(b) Each resident of the City of Newnan is granted an exemption on such person's homestead from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of such homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead. This exemption shall not apply to taxes assessed on improvements to such homestead or additional land that is added to such homestead after January 1 of the base year. If any real property is removed from such homestead, the base year assessed value shall be adjusted to reflect such removal, and the exemption shall be recalculated accordingly. The value of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

(c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of Newnan, or the designee thereof, providing such information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the governing authority of the City of Newnan, or the designee thereof, to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption. The governing authority of the City of Newnan, or the designee thereof, shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of Newnan, or the designee thereof, in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the given taxing jurisdiction to which the such law applies. In any such event, the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the taxpayer's respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property taxation shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the particular taxing jurisdictions to which more than one base year value homestead exemption applies.

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of Newnan shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Newnan for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall

conduct that election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Coweta County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount
( ) NO equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Newnan. It shall be the municipal election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the municipal election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the municipal election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Newnan may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the municipal election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the municipal election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the municipal election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

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

HB 349. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Baker of the 64th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, approved February 15, 1952 (Ga. L. 1952,

p. 2703), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 25, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3501), so as to change provisions relating to filling of vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 355. By Representative Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess. p. 2154), as amended, so as to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of councilmember or mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 356. By Representative Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Doraville Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 359. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

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

House of Representatives

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

February 13th, 2025

Clerk's Office
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
RE: Vote Change

I would like to change my vote on the five local legislations below from a "Not Voting" to a "YES" vote.

HB 349 by Representative Alexander of the 66th
DOUGLAS COUNTY: House Bill 349 revises vacancy provisions for the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County.

HB 355 by Representative Tran of the 80th
CITY OF DORAVILLE: House Bill 355 provides vacancy provisions for the City Council of the City of Doraville.

HB 356 by Representative Tran of the 80th
CITY OF DORAVILLE: House Bill 356 creates the City of Doraville Building and Public Facilities Authority.

HB 359 by Representative Kelley of the 16th
CITY OF CEDARTOWN: House Bill 359 provides for a referendum to authorize the City of Cedartown to exercise all redevelopment and other powers.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION II, PARAGRAPH IV OF THE STATE CONSITUTION, THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BILLS RELATING TO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS ROLL-CALL VOTE FOR PASSAGE:

HB 252 by SUBSTITUTE by Representative Smith of the 70th
CITY OF NEWNAN: House Bill 252 provides a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes in an amount by which the current year assessed value exceeds the base value of the homestead.

Faithfully,

SOLOMON ADESANYA

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative
Office Building
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February 13, 2025

Office of the Clerk of the House,

Please record a Yes vote on the February 13, 2025 local calendar.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rep. Kim Schofield
Rep. Kim Schofield, D63

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 5. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 47. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 6th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SR 95. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION naming the forthcoming new legislative office complex the "Sonny Perdue Legislative Center"; and for other purposes.

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

HB 5. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the board of commissioners of Decatur County, approved March 4, 1935 (Ga. L. 1935, p. 630), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3718), so as to change the district residency requirements for candidates for the office of commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 6. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a Board of Commissioners of Mitchell County, approved February 20, 1873 (Ga. L. 1873, p. 279), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3676), so as to revise provisions relating to filling vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 13. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the compensation of the Echols County Board of Education; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 28. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Colquitt County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for

compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 29. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Colquitt County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 32. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Cook County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 33. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Cook County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 39. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment, collection, and distribution of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Habersham County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the maintenance of such technology fee funds; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 103. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Troup County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $22,000.00 and who are 65 years of age or over, approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3844), as amended; so as to increase the existing homestead exemption; to increase the income cap; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 160. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing a city court in the city of Carrollton, in the county of Carroll, approved December 21, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 438), as amended, so as to provide an additional judge for such court; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge of such court; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 174. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Jones of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 5. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization

requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 47. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 6th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SR 95. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION naming the forthcoming new legislative office complex the "Sonny Perdue Legislative Center"; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Properties.

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

Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd et al., Gaines of the 120th et al., Oliver of the 84th, Schofield of the 63rd et al., Scott of the 76th, Taylor of the 92nd et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Gilliard of the 162nd et al., Dempsey of the 13th et al., Paris of the 142nd et al., Reese of the 140th et al., and Wiedower of the 121st et al.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 223 Do Pass, by Substitute

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

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

HB 36. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

N Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	N Holcomb	E Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin

N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 99, nays 70.

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

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Please accept my apology for failing to push my button for voting purposes. I want my vote to reflect NO for HB 36.

Regards,

/s/ Charlice Byrd
District 20

HB 74. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Jasperse of the 11th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to correct a reference; to provide for the application of the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act to certain provisions of the Code relating to bona fide coin operated amusement machines; to provide for exemptions from the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act regarding the

Georgia Lottery Corporation for certain matters not related to bona fide coin operated amusement machines; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
E Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

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

HB 81. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Persinger of the 119th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education compacts, so as to enter into the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provisions of the compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

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

HB 105. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-9-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability generally, designation of method of payment, and procedure for making payments, so as to increase the indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 259. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Hilton of the 48th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Mike Looney, Georgia's 2024 Superintendent of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 260. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sanaa Scipio; and for other purposes.

HR 261. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Petrea of the 166th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Patt Gilliard-Gunn; and for other purposes.

HR 262. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jackson of the 68th, Davis of the 87th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2025, as Lupus Advocacy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 263. By Representative Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Crisis Recovery Network coordinated by the Southern Regional Education Board; and for other purposes.

HR 264. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION celebrating this year's Valentine's Day weddings; and for other purposes.

HR 265. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Gary Minyard, recipient of the 2024 Pioneers in Education Award; and for other purposes.

HR 266. By Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Brandon "Beezy" Waller; and for other purposes.

HR 267. By Representative Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brother Keiton Robinson; and for other purposes.

HR 268. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Howard of the 71st, Huddleston of the 72nd, Cannon of the 172nd, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Green Industry Association; and for other purposes.

HR 269. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating the Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Savannah State University National Alumni Association on its 65th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 270. By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Miller of the 62nd, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st, Sanchez of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Tenisha Bibbs; and for other purposes.

HR 271. By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Howard of the 129th, Prince of the 132nd, Myles of the 126th and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James Leroy Kendrick Jr.; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Stinson of the 150th et al., Reese of the 140th, Kendrick of the 95th, Clark of the 108th, Bazemore of the 69th et al., Paris of the 142nd et al., Sainz of the 180th et al., Hilton of the 48th, Draper of the 90th, and Jackson of the 165th et al.

Representative Frye of the 122nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Regulated Industries and recommitted to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications:

HB 402. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Bell of the 75th, Drenner of the 85th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 46 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the establishment of renewable energy sources and renewable energy portfolio standard goals by the Public Service Commission for electric service providers; to provide for the inclusion of existing or planned renewable energy resources in integrated resource plans; to authorize the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to renewable energy facilities; to provide for limited liability; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Panitch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 460. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Holcomb of the 101st and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 24-5-501 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain communications privileged, so as to exclude from evidence certain communications made between attorney and client when the client is in a penal institution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

Representative Thomas of the 21st asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 461. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Powell of the 33rd, Mathis of the 133rd, McCollum of the 30th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the safe operation of a motorcycle or bicycle through an inoperative traffic-control signal; to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks with pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flash beacons; to make it unlawful to activate such devices when there is no intent to cross a roadway; to remove provisions regarding height of handlebars for motorcycles; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Tuesday, February 18, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Eighteenth Legislative Day

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

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 604-B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 17, 2025

Mr. Bill Reilly, Clerk of the House of Representatives
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Due to an emergency at the end of session on Thursday, February 13, I was unable to vote "yes" on each of the following bills:

- HB 36: Guardian and ward; revise list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult (Judy-Leverett-123rd)
- HB 74: Georgia Lottery for Education Act; correct a reference (RegI-Powell-33rd)
- HB 81: Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; enter into (Ed-Ballard-147th)
- HB 105: Public officers and employees; increase indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death (Ed-Wade-9th)

Please consider excusing my absence regarding my non-vote on these bills. I was called away on a family emergency toward the end of session that morning.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ L.C. Myles
Representative L.C. Myles
District 126

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

Adesanya	Corbett	Heffner	Mathiak	Roberts
Adeyina	Cox	Henderson	Mathis	Romman
Alexander	Crawford	Herring	McClain	Sainz
Anderson	Crowe	Hilton	McCollum	Sampson
Au	Davis	Hitchens	McDonald	Sanchez
Baker	Dawson	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Ballard	DeLoach	Holland	Meeks	Scoggins
Ballinger	Dempsey	Holly	Miller	E Scott
Barnes	Dickey	Hong	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barrett	Donatucci	Horner	Momtahan	Sharper
Barton	Douglas	Howard, J	E Moore	Silcox
Bazemore	Draper	Howard, K	New	Smith, L
Beckles	Drenner	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, M
Bell	Dubnik	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, TP
Bennett	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Olaleye	Smith, V
Berry	Efstration	Jackson, D	Oliver	Stephens
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	O'Steen	E Stinson
Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, M	Panitch	Tarvin
Burchett	Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Taylor, D
Burnough	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Taylor, R
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Thomas
Cameron	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Townsend
Camp	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Tran
Campbell, J	Frye	Kahaian	Petrea	Wade
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kelley	Powell	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kendrick	Prince	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gilliard	LaHood	Reese	Wiedower
Carpenter	Greene	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, A
Carter	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williams, N
Chastain	Gullett	Lumsden	Rice	Williamson
Cheokas	Gunter	Lupton	Richardson	Willis
Clark, D	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Yearta
Clifton	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jor	Burns, Speaker
Cooper	Hawkins			

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

Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Cummings of the 39th, Glaize of the 67th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Lead Pastor Reverend Larry Rollins, Cordele First Church, Cordele, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 440. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Prince of the 132nd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to clarify and revise exemptions to criminal penalties; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 441. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Carpenter of the 4th, Byrd of the 20th, Mathis of the 133rd, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for a coercion defense to a charge of murder for defendant mothers of unborn children; to provide for construction; to provide for exceptions; to provide for concurrent prosecuting authority of the Attorney General and prosecuting attorneys in certain cases; to provide for applicability; to remove exceptions that allow for assault and battery on an unborn child; to amend Code Section 19-7-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to in whom parental power lies, how such power lost, and recovery for homicide of a child or unborn child, so as to provide for the right to recovery for the life of a child beginning at the stage of fertilization; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 442. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Stephens of the 164th, Townsend of the 179th, Burnough of the 77th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that student performers shall not be counted absent from school due to performing in certain productions, subject to certain conditions, for no more than all or part of 25 school days; to authorize the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop such certification forms and promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for authorizations by parents or guardians relating to the education records of student performers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 443. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to provide for recreational and commercial fishing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 444. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Reeves of the 99th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 445. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 446. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Gullett of the 19th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Barton of the 5th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigations and hearings of the Public Service Commission, so as to revise provisions concerning discovery rights in proceedings before the Public Service Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 447. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Chastain of the 7th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to provide for the crimes of gift card theft, gift card forgery, and gift card fraud; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 448. By Representative Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Gilmer County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 449. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 70th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to subject certain companies providing water services in this state to regulation by the Public Service Commission; to provide for the review of certain increases to the rates and charges of such companies by the commission; to provide for financial record keeping of such companies; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for assessments and legislative recommendations by the commission; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 450. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding probate, so as to provide for the definition of "qualified beneficiary"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 451. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that local boards of education shall be authorized to provide instruction

in hunting safety in grades six through 12; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum in hunting safety; to provide for instructor requirements; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 452. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd, Campbell of the 35th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Berry of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide that persons convicted of family violence offenses or subject to family violence temporary protective orders cannot receive, possess, transport, purchase, or transfer firearms; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 453. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Panitch of the 51st, Campbell of the 35th, Berry of the 56th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to enact the "Georgia Red Flag Protective Order Act"; to provide definitions; to provide for risk protection order hearings and issuance; to provide for temporary ex parte risk protection orders; to provide for service of notice; to provide for the termination and extension of orders; to provide for surrender and return of firearms, ammunition, and weapons carry licenses; to provide for the reporting of orders; to provide for penalties and liability; to provide for instructional and informational materials to be produced by the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 454. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parks, historic areas, memorials, and

recreation, so as to create the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund and Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide matching grants to organizations seeking to acquire property interests in certain battlefields; to provide for procedures, requirements, and limitations for such fund and program; to provide for application and review criteria; to provide for expenditure of funds; to provide for annual accounting; to require that any acquisition include a perpetual conservation easement placing restrictions on the use or development of the property or interest therein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 455. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Dubnik of the 29th, Carpenter of the 4th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to provide for the information to be provided on applications for bingo games; to revise the provisions regarding the properties used for bingo games; to revise the limits on the number of bingo game sessions which are allowed per month; to revise the amount of prize money which may be paid; to revise the compensation for persons assisting in the conduct of bingo games; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 456. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Alexander of the 66th, Buckner of the 137th, Jones of the 25th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for an additional period to appeal certain property assessments; to require the annual notice of assessment for property taxes to include an estimate of the current year's taxes and a statement regarding such estimate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 457. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Powell of the 33rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 22nd and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 28 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to occupational therapists, so as to authorize occupational therapists to perform dry needling as a physical agent modality if certain training and education requirements are met; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 458. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, New of the 40th and Neal of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties regarding controlled substances, so as to clarify that the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of four grams or more of fentanyl and fentanyl analog structural class is included within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 459. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Schofield of the 63rd, Bennett of the 94th, Hugley of the 141st, Lim of the 98th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to authorize the Department of Public Health to implement a program to increase public awareness of cardiovascular health and cardiovascular disease; to provide for partnerships and educational materials; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 462. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to authorize Toombs County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a

referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 463. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval and identification of additional terms and conditions by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 464. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Kahaian of the 81st, Berry of the 56th, Byrd of the 20th and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse relative to defenses to criminal prosecutions, so as to provide for immunity for a prospective offender while seeking assistance from law enforcement as a victim of certain offenses; to provide for limitations regarding prosecution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 465. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Neal of the 79th, Stephens of the 164th, Sharper of the 177th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide alert system for missing disabled adults, so as to provide for the "Autism Missing Person Alert System Act"; to provide for certain entities to cooperate in the development of the alert system; to provide for requirements for the alert system; to provide for requirements for the activation of the alert system; to provide for the

geographic scope of such alert; to provide for an emphasis on the search of waterways in locating missing individuals with autism spectrum disorder; to provide for a limitation on liability for participants responding to the alert system; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for conforming changes; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 466. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Williams of the 168th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate the marsh tacky horse as the official Georgia heritage horse breed; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 257. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Frye of the 122nd, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating and authorizing the House Special Committee on Oversight of Federal Funds; to provide for the issuance of compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents and materials; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HR 258. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Sainz of the 180th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Clark of the 100th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A RESOLUTION Applying to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

HB 407	HB 408
HB 409	HB 410
HB 411	HB 412
HB 413	HB 414
HB 415	HB 416
HB 417	HB 418
HB 419	HB 420
HB 421	HB 422
HB 423	HB 424
HB 425	HB 426
HB 427	HB 428
HB 429	HB 430
HB 431	HB 432
HB 433	HB 434
HB 435	HB 436
HB 437	HB 438
HB 439	HB 460
HB 461	HR 250
HR 251	SB 5
SB 47	SR 95

Representative Carpenter of the 4th District, Chairman of the Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 353 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carpenter of the 4th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 225 Do Pass
HB 283 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 18th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Structured Rule

HB 92 Revenue and taxation; postpone date by which local governing authorities can opt out of base year homestead exemption (Substitute) (W&M-Blackmon-146th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 50 1125S)
HB 223 Revenue and taxation; exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene (Substitute) (W&M-Burchett-176th)
HR 42 General Assembly; motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; ratify Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Orders (W&M-Gambill-15th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 21. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for a violation of the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests issued by the Department of Homeland Security; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 44. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the minimum required millage rate or effective millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills; to provide for a 25 percent reduction of equalization grant awards for local school systems whose millage rate or effective millage rate does not meet the minimum requirement; to require annual reporting by the Department of Education; to repeal a definition; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 76. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate benefitting the Georgia Veterans Service

Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 99. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for a definition of law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 21. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for a violation of the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests issued by the Department of Homeland Security; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 44. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the minimum required millage rate or effective millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills; to provide for a 25 percent reduction of equalization grant awards for local school systems whose millage rate or effective millage rate does not meet the minimum requirement; to require annual reporting by the Department of Education; to repeal a definition; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 76. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate benefitting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 99. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for a definition of law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

Pursuant to HR 89, the House commended the Georgia FFA Association and recognized February 18, 2025, as FFA Day at the state capitol.

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

Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Williams of the 148th, Roberts of the 52nd et al., Dickey of the 134th et al., Jackson of the 165th et al., Werkheiser of the 157th, Berry of the 56th et al., and Townsend of the 179th et al.

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

HB 172. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Frye of the 122nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary

education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HR 42. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A RESOLUTION ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 10.01.24.02, 10.08.24.01, and 10.15.24.01 suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

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

HB 223. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene; to provide for refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments and crop insurance proceeds for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene; to provide for refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene; to provide for transferability of such credits; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for a limited period of time for building materials used to repair or replace greenhouses and real property structures or fixtures used exclusively for the production of animals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Chapter 7, relating to income taxes, by adding new paragraphs to subsection

(a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, to read as follows:

"(11.3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and ending on or before December 31, 2029, income received as payments from a federal disaster relief or assistance grant program administered by this state or its instrumentalities or the United States Department of Agriculture, if such federal grant program was established specifically to address agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene which was a weather event declared to be a major disaster in this state by the President of the United States during the 2024 calendar year, to the extent such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income;

(11.4) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and ending on or before December 31, 2029, federal crop insurance proceeds received for the destruction or damage to crops due to Hurricane Helene which was a weather event declared to be a major disaster in this state by the President of the United States during the 2024 calendar year, to the extent such proceeds are included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income;"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.37.

(a)(1) The General Assembly finds and determines that Hurricane Helene has had a catastrophic impact on the citizens and the economy of Georgia, has particularly devastated the timber industry on which the citizens of Georgia are heavily dependent for their livelihood, and has created both a public fire hazard and a danger of insect infestations due to the massive amounts of downed timber caused by the severity of this natural disaster.

(2) The General Assembly further finds and declares that it is appropriate and advisable to provide relief to the timber industry in the form of a tax credit targeted to those taxpayers that have suffered substantial economic losses and that will have to incur significant expenses for salvaging downed timber, site clearance, restoration, and reforestation over the coming years.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Disaster area' means the real property encompassed by the borders of the 66 counties included in the renewal of the State of Emergency pronounced in the Executive Order of the Governor dated October 29, 2024, and filed in the official records of the office of the Governor as Executive Order No. 10.29.24.01.

(2) 'Eligible timber property' means timber which on September 24, 2024, was being grown by a taxpayer in a disaster area as part of a trade or business or a transaction entered into for profit.

(3) 'Timber' means trees grown for the primary purpose of commercial production of food or wood or wood fiber products.

(4) 'Timber casualty loss' means the amount of the diminution of value included in the computation of the casualty loss deduction for such casualty losses claimed and allowed

pursuant to Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as casualty losses incurred by a taxpayer between September 24, 2024, and December 31, 2024, as a result of damage to or destruction of eligible timber property caused by Hurricane Helene.

(c)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed tax credits against the tax imposed by this article in an amount equal to 100 percent of such taxpayer's timber casualty loss; provided, however, that the credit amount shall not exceed the number of the taxpayer's affected acres of eligible timber property in such disaster areas multiplied by $400.00.

(2) To be allowed such tax credits, a taxpayer shall submit an application for preapproval of such credits based on timber casualty losses incurred by such taxpayer by December 31, 2025.

(d)(1) The commissioner shall require preapproval applications to contain such information as is necessary to substantiate a taxpayer's eligibility for tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(2) The commissioner is authorized to require electronic submission of preapproval applications in the manner specified by the commissioner.

(3) The commissioner shall review completed preapproval applications in the order in which such applications were submitted and shall provide notice to each taxpayer that submitted an application within 30 days of receipt stating whether such taxpayer's application is complete or incomplete.

(4) In no event shall the commissioner preapprove tax credits pursuant to this Code section in an amount that exceeds $200 million in aggregate.

(5) In the event that properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications are submitted for an amount that exceeds the amount of funds available to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(6) The commissioner shall approve properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications and issue a preapproval certificate to the taxpayer by January 31, 2026, certifying the amount of credits such taxpayer is eligible to claim if the taxpayer meets the conditions of this Code section.

(e) In no event shall the amount of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section exceed $200 million in aggregate.

(f)(1)(A) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be eligible to be claimed only by the taxpayer to which the commissioner issued a preapproval certificate.

(B) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall only be claimed in the taxable year in which the taxpayer first completes:

(i) The restoration of each acre for which timber casualty losses were incurred to a condition that has an adequately stocked stand that is expected to result in forest products or ecological services in the foreseeable future; or

(ii) The replanting of timber in a quantity projected to yield at maturity at least 90 percent of the value of the timber casualty loss claimed. Such timber shall be planted within the same county in which the eligible timber property was being

grown when the timber casualty loss was incurred. Timber market conditions as of September 25, 2024, shall be used for the purposes of establishing projected value.

(2) To claim tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section, a taxpayer shall attach to such taxpayer's state tax return certification from the taxpayer that the requirements of this Code section have been met and any other information required by the commissioner, including information which demonstrates that it has completed the restoration or replanting of timber required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Any tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be claimed on or before December 31, 2030.

(g)(1) The total amount of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section for a taxable year may exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Such tax credits allowed in excess of a taxpayer's income tax liability shall be refundable to such taxpayer, provided that such taxpayer is the same taxpayer that incurred the timber casualty loss.

(2) Tax credits claimed pursuant to this Code section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for ten years from the close of the taxable year in which the credits are claimed.

(h) Tax credits claimed pursuant to this Code section but neither used by the taxpayer against its income tax liability nor refunded may be transferred or sold one time to one single other Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Only the taxpayer that claimed the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall make the transfer or sale of such tax credits;

(2) The taxpayer that claimed the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall submit to the commissioner written notification of any transfer or sale of such tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of the tax credits. Such written notification shall include:

(A) Such taxpayer's credit balance prior to transfer;

(B) The credit certificate number;

(C) The remaining balance of credits after transfer;

(D) The tax identification number of the transferee;

(E) The date of transfer;

(F) The amount of credits transferred; and

(G) Other information as may be required by the department;

(3) Failure to comply with any provision of this subsection shall result in the disallowance of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section until the taxpayer that claimed the credits is in full compliance;

(4) The transfer or sale of the tax credits shall not extend the time during which such tax credits may be used. The carry-forward period for tax credits that are transferred or sold shall begin on the date on which such tax credits were originally claimed;

(5) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credits that were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer; provided, however, that a transferee shall not be eligible to transfer or receive a refund of such tax credits. To the extent that the transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credits at the time of the transfer, the commissioner shall disallow the tax credits claimed by the transferee or

recapture the tax credits from the transferee or transferor. The transferee's recourse shall not be against the commissioner; and

(6) The transferee shall acquire the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section for a minimum of 60 percent of the amount of the tax credits so transferred.

(i)(1) A taxpayer claiming, transferring, or selling tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be required to reimburse the department for any department initiated audits relating to the tax credits, provided that such amount shall not exceed the value of the credits claimed by the taxpayer. This paragraph shall not apply to routine tax audits of such taxpayer that may include the review of the tax credits provided in this Code section.

(2) The commissioner shall have access to timber property for the purpose of determining eligibility for both the preapproval and claiming of tax credits allowed and conducting audits pursuant to this Code section, provided that prior notice is given to any taxpayer that submitted a preapproval application or transferred or claimed tax credits pursuant to this Code section and the owner of the underlying real property.

(3) The commissioner may pursue all remedies available by law as necessary to recapture tax credits wrongfully preapproved, allowed, or claimed by a taxpayer or a taxpayer's transferee.

(4) The commissioner shall be authorized to consult with the Georgia Forestry Commission as necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this Code section.

(j) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to sales and use taxes, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-3.3, relating to exemptions for agricultural operations and establishment of Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund, as follows:

"(3)(A) 'Agricultural production inputs' means seed; seedlings; plants grown from seed, cuttings, or liners; fertilizers; insecticides; livestock and poultry feeds, drugs, and instruments used for the administration of such drugs; fencing products and materials used to produce agricultural products regardless of whether the fencing products or materials become incorporated into real property; fungicides; rodenticides; herbicides; defoliants; soil fumigants; plant growth regulating chemicals; desiccants, including, but not limited to, shavings and sawdust from wood, peanut hulls, fuller's earth, straw, and hay; feed for animals, including, but not limited to, livestock, fish, equine, hogs, or poultry; sugar used as food for honeybees kept for the commercial production of honey, beeswax, and honeybees; cattle, hogs, sheep, equine, poultry, or bees when sold for breeding purposes; ice or other refrigerants, including, but not limited to, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, ammonia, and propylene glycol used in the processing for market or the chilling of agricultural products in storage facilities, rooms, compartments, or delivery trucks; materials, containers, crates, boxes, labels, sacks, bags, or bottles used for packaging agricultural products when the product is either sold in the containers, sacks, bags, or bottles directly to the

consumer or when such use is incidental to the sale of the product for resale; and containers, plastic, canvas, and other fabrics used in the care and raising of agricultural products or canvas used in covering feed bins, silos, greenhouses, and other similar storage structures.

(B)(i) For the period beginning on the effective date of this Act and ending on December 31, 2025, such term also means building materials used to repair or replace:

(I) Greenhouses; and

(II) Real property structures or fixtures used exclusively for the production of animals, including, but not limited to, poultry sheds and livestock barns.

(ii) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-63, contractors shall not incur any use tax on any building materials that a qualified agricultural producer purchases tax-exempt under division (i) of this subparagraph for use in an agricultural operation and furnishes to such contractor for installation into real property."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

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

HB 92. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Erwin of the 32nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-44.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to base year homestead exemption, so as to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the required contents of property tax bills; to revise a state-wide base year homestead exemption; to clarify that a surviving spouse does not need to reapply for such exemption; to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such exemption; to provide for hearing requirements; to provide for the applicability of an election to opt out; to provide for an additional period to apply for a homestead exemption in certain circumstances; to provide for the contents of annual notices of assessment; to provide for forms for such notices; to provide for requirements for calculating and certifying estimated roll-back rates; to revise

definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (2.1) as follows:

"(2.1) 'Estimated roll-back rate' means, for any given levying or recommending authority, the current year's estimated millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments~~:~~

~~(A) As~~ as calculated and certified ~~to the tax commissioner~~ by the levying or recommending authority pursuant to Code Section 48-5-306.2 ~~for county and educational tax purposes; and~~

~~(B) As calculated and certified to the collecting officer of the municipality by the levying authority for municipal tax purposes~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-34, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, ~~regarding any ad valorem property tax bill where~~ if the millage rate adopted by a ~~tax~~ taxing authority exceeds the estimated roll-back rate and such estimated roll-back rate was provided in the annual notice of assessment, such tax bill shall include a notice containing the name of such taxing authority and the following statement in bold print:

'The adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate as stated in the annual notice of assessment that you previously received for this taxable year, which will result in an increase in the amount of property tax that you will owe.'"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-44.2, relating to base year homestead exemption, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and subsections (e) and (i) as follows:

"(4) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that no more than five acres of the land immediately surrounding the residence shall be included."

"(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary for such person or such person's surviving spouse to make

application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person or such person's surviving spouse. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption."

"(i) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district may elect to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by subsection (b) of this Code section with respect to such political subdivision through the adoption of a resolution to do the same by March ~~1, 2025,~~ 31, 2029, after completing the following steps:

(1) The governing authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday, and at least one of which shall be held no more than 30 days prior to the effective date of such resolution. The governing authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the political subdivision and post such advertisement on its website, which shall read as follows:

'INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The (name of governing authority) intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for (name of the political subdivision). All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).'

Simultaneously with this notice the governing authority shall provide a press release to the local media.

(2) The advertisement required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, be not less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for its intention to opt out of the homestead exemption.

(3) No resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption shall:

(A) Become ~~become~~ effective with respect to a political subdivision unless the procedures and hearings required by this subsection are completed and a copy of such resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by ~~March 1, 2025~~ March 31, 2029; or

(B) Be applicable for the tax year for which such resolution was adopted unless the procedures and hearings required by this subsection are completed and a copy of such resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by March 31 of such tax year."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-45, relating to application for homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) An applicant seeking a homestead exemption as provided in Code Section 48-5-44 and qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 48-5-40 shall file a written application and schedule with the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation at any time during the calendar year subsequent to the property becoming the primary residence of the applicant up to and including the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes for the calendar year, except that, in the case of a property which is subject to a reassessment by the board of tax assessors, such application and schedule may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment.

(2) The failure to file properly the application and schedule on or before the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes of a calendar year in which the taxes are due shall constitute a waiver of the homestead exemption on the part of the applicant failing to make the application for such exemption for that year."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraph (1) of and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer. The annual notice shall ~~conform with~~ be given on the applicable state-wide ~~uniform~~ assessment notice form which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

(A) The amount of the previous assessment;

(B) The amount of the current assessment;

(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

(D) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

(E) The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced;

(F) The name, phone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

(G) If available, the public ~~internet~~ website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors;

(H) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request; and

(I)(i) For each levying or recommending authority that certified its estimated roll-back rate to the board prior to the issuance of such notice, the ~~The~~ current year's estimated roll-back rate for each such levying or recommending authority; or

(ii) For any levying or recommending authority that did not certify its estimated roll-back rate to the board prior to the issuance of such notice, the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes required to be paid on the assessed property in the current year based on the previous year or the most applicable year's millage rate and the amount of the current assessment."

"(2.1) The annual notice of assessment required under this subsection may state the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes required to be paid on the assessed property in the current year."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-306.2.

(a) The levying authority of each county shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate by March 31 to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner.

(b) The levying authority of each municipality shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate by March 31 to the collecting officer of the municipality and the board or boards of tax assessors for the county or counties within which the municipality is located.

(c) The recommending authority of each school district shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate by March 31 to the collecting officer of the school district and the board or boards of tax assessors for the county or counties within which the school district is located."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 8.

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

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for the required contents of property tax bills; to revise a state-wide base year homestead exemption; to clarify that a surviving spouse

does not need to reapply for such exemption; to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such exemption; to provide for procedures to rescind an election to opt out of such exemption; to provide for an additional period to apply for a homestead exemption in certain circumstances; to provide for the contents of annual notices of assessment; to provide for forms for such notices; to provide for requirements for calculating and certifying estimated roll-back rates; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (2.1) as follows:

"(2.1) 'Estimated roll-back rate' means, for any given levying or recommending authority, the current year's estimated millage rate minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments:

~~(A) As~~ as calculated and certified ~~to the tax commissioner~~ by the levying or recommending authority pursuant to Code Section 48-5-306.2 ~~for county and educational tax purposes; and~~

~~(B) As calculated and certified to the collecting officer of the municipality by the levying authority for municipal tax purposes~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-34, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, ~~regarding any ad valorem property tax bill where~~ if the millage rate adopted by a ~~tax~~ taxing authority exceeds the estimated roll-back rate and such estimated roll-back rate was provided in the annual notice of assessment, such tax bill shall include a notice containing the name of such taxing authority and the following statement in bold print:

'The adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate as stated in the annual notice of assessment that you previously received for this taxable year, which will result in an increase in the amount of property tax that you will owe.'"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-44.2, relating to base year homestead exemption, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and subsections (e) and (i) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(4) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that no more than five acres of the land immediately surrounding the residence shall be included."

"(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary for such person or such person's surviving spouse to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person or such person's surviving spouse. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption."

"(i)(1) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district may elect to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by ~~subsection (b) of~~ this Code section with respect to such political subdivision through the adoption of a resolution to do the same by March ~~1~~ 31, 2025, after completing the following steps:

~~(1)~~(A) The governing authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The governing authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving the residents of the political subdivision and post such advertisement on its website, which shall read as follows:

'INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The (name of governing authority) intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for (name of the political subdivision).

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).'

Simultaneously with this notice the governing authority shall provide a press release to the local media~~.~~; and

~~(2)~~(B) The advertisement required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph ~~(1) of this subsection~~ shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, be not less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for its intention to opt out of the homestead exemption.

~~(3)~~(2) No resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption shall become effective with respect to a political subdivision unless the procedures and hearings required by this subsection are completed and a copy of such resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by March ~~1~~ 31, 2025.

(3) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district that has elected to opt out pursuant to this subsection may rescind such election by adopting a resolution to do so and filing a copy of such resolution with the Secretary of State by March 31, 2025."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-45, relating to application for homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) An applicant seeking a homestead exemption as provided in Code Section 48-5-44 and qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 48-5-40 shall file a written application and schedule with the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation at any time during the calendar year subsequent to the property becoming the primary residence of the applicant up to and including the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes for the calendar year, except that, in the case of a property which is subject to a reassessment by the board of tax assessors, such application and schedule may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment.

(2) The failure to file properly the application and schedule on or before the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes of a calendar year in which the taxes are due shall constitute a waiver of the homestead exemption on the part of the applicant failing to make the application for such exemption for that year."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraph (1) of and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer. The annual notice shall ~~conform with~~ be given on the applicable state-wide ~~uniform~~ assessment notice form which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

(A) The amount of the previous assessment;

(B) The amount of the current assessment;

(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

(D) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

(E) The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced;

(F) The name, phone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

(G) If available, the public ~~internet~~ website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors;

(H) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request; and

(I)(i) For each levying or recommending authority that certified its estimated roll-back rate to the board prior to the issuance of such notice, the ~~The~~ current year's estimated roll-back rate for each such levying or recommending authority; or

(ii) For any levying or recommending authority that did not certify its estimated roll-back rate to the board prior to the issuance of such notice, the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes required to be paid on the assessed property in the current year based on the previous year or the most applicable year's millage rate and the amount of the current assessment."

"(2.1) The annual notice of assessment required under this subsection may state the estimated amount of ad valorem taxes required to be paid on the assessed property in the current year."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-306.2.

(a) The levying authority of each county shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate by March 31 to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner.

(b) The levying authority of each municipality shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate by March 31 to the collecting officer of the municipality and the board or boards of tax assessors for the county or counties within which the municipality is located.

(c) The recommending authority of each school district shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate by March 31 to the collecting officer of the school district and the board or boards of tax assessors for the county or counties within which the school district is located."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 8.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 1.

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

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 277. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, Cannon of the 58th, Holland of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Cornelius Lashon Taylor; and for other purposes.

HR 278. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Hatchett of the 155th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Leo Mazzone upon his induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 279. By Representative Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Noris Price; and for other purposes.

HR 280. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, O'Steen of the 169th, Newton of the 127th, Schofield of the 63rd, Barnes of the 86th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2025, as Nurses Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 281. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION Recognizing and commending Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey®; and for other purposes.

HR 282. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Barrett of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2024 Technical College System of Georgia award winners; and for other purposes.

HR 283. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Taylor of the 173rd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2025, as Community Health Centers Day and commending the Georgia Primary Care Association; and for other purposes.

HR 284. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Powell of the 33rd and Frye of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mr. Nicholas Rucker; and for other purposes.

HR 285. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ms. Rhea Brashear; and for other purposes.

HR 286. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Washburn of the 144th, Rhodes of the 124th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mr. Sharoko Farley; and for other purposes.

HR 287. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Seabaugh of the 34th and Parsons of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ms. Patria Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 288. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 30, 2025, as No-Kill Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 289. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, Dempsey of the 13th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating The Woodbine Opry upon its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 290. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, Dickey of the 134th, Griffin of the 149th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy and Principal Dr. Cassandra Washington; and for other purposes.

HR 291. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Crowe of the 118th, Santos of the 117th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mercer University and recognizing February 20, 2025, as Mercer University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 292. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Whitney N. Blanco; and for other purposes.

HR 293. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Stacey Samedi; and for other purposes.

HR 294. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sherrod Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 295. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Alicia Lyttle; and for other purposes.

HR 296. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Patience Babajide; and for other purposes.

HR 297. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Laneisha Roberts; and for other purposes.

HR 298. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kristin Bell; and for other purposes.

HR 299. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Evan Marie Carr; and for other purposes.

HR 300. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION commending Denise N. Smith; and for other purposes.

HR 301. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Persinger of the 119th and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION commending Barrow County's 2025 STAR Students and STAR Teachers; and for other purposes.

HR 302. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Park of the 107th, Au of the 50th, Hong of the 103rd, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jimmy Chang; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Jasperse of the 11th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., Romman of the 97th, Hilton of the 48th, Frye of the 122nd, and Wade of the 9th.

Representative Stephens of the 164th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 317. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 70th, Greene of the 154th, Williams of the 168th and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for establishment of community development districts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Stephens of the 164th moved that the following Resolution of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HR 192. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 70th, Greene of the 154th, Williams of the 168th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of community development districts; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Corbett of the 174th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Motor Vehicles:

HB 208. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Retirement:

HB 406. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to increase the retirement age of superior court judges first taking office on or after July 1, 2026; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Crowe of the 118th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight and recommitted to the Committee on Banks & Banking:

HB 159. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, Camp of the 135th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related

matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the House be immediately transmitted to the Senate:

HB 92. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Erwin of the 32nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-44.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to base year homestead exemption, so as to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Dickey of the 134th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 495. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Burns of the 159th, Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 18, relating to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to transfer the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation to the Department of Agriculture; to provide for a director; to provide for assumption of business and responsibilities of the Centers of Innovation Agribusiness and collaboration with other entities; to provide for the Georgia Rural Development Council; to provide for duties and satellite offices; to provide for funds; to provide for reporting and approval of strategic plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 249 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

The following communications were received:

TO: HONORABLE BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Doug Stoner has been elected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 6th Congressional District for a term expiring April 1, 2030.

/s/ Burt Jones
HONORABLE BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ Jon Burns
HONORABLE JON BURNS
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TO: HONORABLE BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Joe Stein has been elected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 7th Congressional District for a term expiring April 1, 2029.

/s/ Burt Jones
HONORABLE BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ Jon Burns
HONORABLE JON BURNS
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TO: HONORABLE BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Tim Golden has been elected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 8th Congressional District for a term expiring April 1, 2030.

/s/ Burt Jones
HONORABLE BURT JONES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ Jon Burns
HONORABLE JON BURNS
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Nineteenth Legislative Day

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

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

Adesanya	Clark, J	Hagan	Lupton	Richardson
Adeyina	Clifton	Hatchett	Martin	Ridley, Jas
Alexander	Cooper	Hawkins	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Anderson	Corbett	Henderson	Mathiak	Sainz
Au	Cox	Herring	Mathis	Sampson
Baker	Crawford	Hilton	McClain	Santos
Ballard	Davis	Hitchens	McCollum	Schofield
Ballinger	Dawson	Holcomb	McDonald	Scoggins
Barnes	DeLoach	Holland	McQueen	Seabaugh
Barrett	Dempsey	Hong	Meeks	Sharper
Barton	Dickey	Horner	Miller	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Howard, J	Momtahan	Smith, L
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, K	E Moore	Smith, TP
Bell	Drenner	Huddleston	Myles	Smith, V
Bennett	Dubnik	Hugley	New	Stephens
Berry	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Newton	Stinson
Blackmon	Efstration	Jackson, D	Okoye	Tarvin
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, M	Oliver	Taylor, R
Burchett	Evans	Jasperse	O'Steen	Thomas
Burnough	Fleming	Jenkins	Panitch	Townsend
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, A	Paris	Tran
Cameron	Ford	Jones, J	Park	Wade
Camp	Franklin	Jones, S	Parrish	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, T	Parsons	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kahaian	Persinger	Williams, A
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kelley	Petrea	E Williams, MF
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Kendrick	Powell	Williams, N
Carpenter	Glaize	LaHood	Prince	Williamson
Carson	Greene	Leverett	Reese	Willis
Chastain	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Yearta
Cheokas	Gullett	Lim	Rhodes	Burns, Speaker
Clark, D	Gunter	Lumsden	Rice	

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

Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Crowe of the 118th, Cummings of the 39th, Draper of the 90th, Heffner of the 130th, Holly of the 116th, Mitchell of the 88th, Roberts of the

52nd, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Scott of the 76th, Washburn of the 144th, and Wiedower of the 121st.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Dr. Patrick Latham, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Cartersville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 467. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to revise provisions for the protection of government statues, monuments, plaques, banners, and other commemorative symbols; to provide for

construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 468. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Heard County Board of Education, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5078), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3613), so as to revise the compensation of the members of the Heard County Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 469. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th, Crawford of the 89th, Au of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to repeal certain provisions allowing personnel to carry weapons within school safety zones and at school functions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 470. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Romman of the 97th, Park of the 107th, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses involving illegal aliens, so as to prohibit activities related to immigration enforcement in certain locations; to provide for such prohibition to apply to federal, state, and local government employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 471. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Dubnik of the 29th, Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to require that licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; to provide for a form; to provide for department duties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 472. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Crowe of the 118th, Stephens of the 164th, Holcomb of the 101st, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying weapons or long guns in unauthorized locations, so as to add certain facilities of the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority to the locations in which the carrying of weapons or long guns is prohibited; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 473. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 474. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, so as to repeal an exemption for charges paid for continuous use of rooms, lodgings, or accommodations after the first 30 days of continuous occupancy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 475. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital production, so as to revise a definition; to revise rules and regulations; to authorize certain fees; to require companies to pay court costs if the denial of certification is upheld by a court on appeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Creative Arts & Entertainment.

HB 476. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 477. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Crawford of the 89th, Bennett of the 94th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to prohibit insurers from raising private passenger motor vehicle insurance rates more often than once every calendar year; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 478. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act, so as to require that AI generated content used in commerce and trade include a disclaimer indicating such content was generated using artificial intelligence; to provide for the form of such disclaimers; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 479. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Dubnik of the 29th, Kelley of the 16th, Carpenter of the 4th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to allow for tax credits in excess of the amount that can be claimed in a given year to be carried forward to subsequent years; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 480. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Hugley of the 141st, McQueen of the 61st, Williams of the 168th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for a permanent absentee voter list; to provide for procedures regarding such list; to provide for maintenance of such list; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 481. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Leverett of the 123rd, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th and Draper of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to the dates on which special elections to present

questions to the voters can be held; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 482. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Evans of the 57th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, so as to provide for superior court judicial officers in certain judicial circuits; to provide for the appointment, qualifications, terms, duties, and employment status of such judicial officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 483. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for protections for inspectors of code enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon inspectors of code enforcement in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 484. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Efstration of the 104th, Scoggins of the 14th, Anderson of the 10th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to provide for the digitization and electronic publication of the Georgia Laws; to provide for assistance and oversight by the Georgia Code Revision Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Code Revision.

HB 485. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Efstration of the 104th, Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to repeal various provisions enacted prior to 2013 which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; to repeal and replace Code Sections 10-1-254, 40-13-60, 48-7-2, and 48-13-6, relating to prohibited acts in sale of octane or cetane fuels and burden of rebutting prima-facie case, disposition of traffic violations and jurisdiction of bureau, unlawful failure to pay income tax, file return, keep records, supply information, or exhibit books and penalty, and levy of occupation tax by counties and municipalities on businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations and hearing on tax increase, respectively, so as to correct unconstitutional provisions; to amend an Act revising the "Georgia Veterinary Practice Act," approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 615/HB 347), so as to repeal provisions which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Code Revision.

HB 486. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to designate the City of Incheon, South Korea as the sister city-state of the State of Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 487. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Dubnik of the 29th, Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that, beginning in the 2031-2032 school year, a computer science course shall be a high school graduation requirement; to provide for certain computer science courses to be substituted for units of credit graduation requirements in certain other subject areas; to provide for such exception; to revise legislative findings;

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 488. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Miller of the 62nd, Oliver of the 84th, Lim of the 98th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to perinatal facilities, so as to explicitly prohibit limited services pregnancy centers from engaging in false or misleading advertising about the products or services provided at such centers; to provide for definitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide for notice and procedures; to provide for penalties; to provide for cause of action; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 489. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Miller of the 62nd, Oliver of the 84th, Lim of the 98th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to repeal and reserve Article 2, relating to positive alternatives for pregnancy and parenting grant program; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 490. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to provide for a required human trafficking training program for hotels; to provide for definitions; to provide for retraining; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HB 491. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Rhodes of the 124th, Howard of the 71st, Mathis of the 133rd, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 and Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting and noncommercial fishing, respectively, so as to remove an exception for the use of air guns to hunt wildlife; to revise provisions concerning the taking of catfish by bow and arrow; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 492. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, so as to repeal an exemption for charges paid for continuous use of rooms, lodgings, or accommodations after the first 30 days of continuous occupancy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 493. By Representatives Howard of the 71st, Huddleston of the 72nd, Ridley of the 6th, Mathis of the 133rd, Ford of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate pineywoods cattle as the official Georgia heritage cattle breed; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 494. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Heffner of the 130th, Okoye of the 102nd, Alexander of the 66th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mopeds, so as to require mopeds to be covered by a form of minimum financial responsibility for accident damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 496. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Miller of the 62nd, Ridley of the 22nd, Jackson of the 68th and Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to provide for limitations on stops, searches, seizures, or arrests regarding the scent of marijuana, cannabis, or hemp on its own; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 497. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Miller of the 62nd, Ridley of the 22nd, Jackson of the 68th and Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally, so as to provide that an inmate be allowed to dress in plain clothes during trial proceedings; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 498. By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th, Newton of the 127th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Augusta-Richmond County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 499. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Schofield of the 63rd, Westbrook of the 163rd, Burnough of the 77th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to create an exemption from sales and use tax for menstrual discharge collection devices as defined in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 500. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Cooper of the 45th, Camp of the 135th, Hilton of the 48th and Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act," so as to increase access to and amount of benefits; to revise a definition; to increase the lifetime maximum for benefits; to revise the income and resources of an applicant that may be considered to determine eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 501. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Myles of the 126th, Campbell of the 35th, Griffin of the 149th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise procedures for the removal of members of the State Election Board who were elected by a house of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 502. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, LaHood of the 175th, Fleming of the 114th, Camp of the 135th, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for preferential treatment during advance voting to voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to provide for preferential treatment during certain hours on election day to voters accompanied by children two years of age or younger; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 503. By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Griffin of the 149th, Campbell of the 35th and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that the State Election Board may only promulgate, amend, adopt, or repeal nonemergency rules and regulations in odd-numbered years; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 504. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th and Barton of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations relative to vehicle value protection agreements; to require providers of such agreements maintain certain security or liability insurance policies; to require certain disclosures; to provide for cancellation rights; to provide for refunds; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 505. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for the development of career development plans for secondary students; to add requirements for career development plans; to provide for the development of an electronic platform for career development plans; to provide requirements for such electronic platform; to provide for the collection of data and evaluation of career development plans; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 506. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation treatments; to provide for requirements; to provide for submission of a state plan amendment

or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 507. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Powell of the 33rd, Stephens of the 164th, Drenner of the 85th and Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electrical service, so as to enact the "Georgia Homegrown Solar Act of 2025"; to provide definitions; to allow customers of an electric utility to aggregate demand from multiple locations and subscribe to certain off-site solar facilities; to provide for nondiscriminatory interconnection of such facilities; to provide for consumer protections for customers; to allow customers to access their own meter usage and provide such usage data to authorized third parties; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 272. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Dickey of the 134th, Townsend of the 179th, Paris of the 142nd, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress to adopt legislation requiring the United States Department of Agriculture to modify eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for students enrolled in institutions of higher education; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 273. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Yearta of the 152nd, Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the City of Incheon, South Korea as the sister city-state of the State of Georgia.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HR 274. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Miller of the 62nd, Oliver of the 84th, Lim of the 98th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the General Assembly to appropriate an additional $2 million annually to the Georgia Pregnancy and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, in lieu of all moneys currently being appropriated to fund crisis pregnancy centers; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 275. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, McQueen of the 61st and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION supporting an increase in the minimum school drop out age from 16 to 17 years old in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 276. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Bennett of the 94th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the Equal Rights Amendment as the law of the land; to ratify a proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

HB 440	HB 441
HB 442	HB 443
HB 444	HB 445
HB 446	HB 447
HB 448	HB 449
HB 450	HB 451
HB 452	HB 453
HB 454	HB 455
HB 456	HB 457
HB 458	HB 459
HB 462	HB 463
HB 464	HB 465
HB 466	HB 495
HR 257	HR 258
SB 21	SB 44
SB 76	SB 99

Representative Rhodes of the 124th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 115	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 167	Do Pass
HB 287	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rhodes of the 124th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 352	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 52	Do Pass	HB 79	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 134	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 136	Do Pass, by Substitute

HB 141	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 153	Do Pass
HB 169	Do Pass, by Substitute		

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

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 19th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 38	Education; needs based financial aid program; revise definition of eligible student (HEd-Martin-49th)
HB 117	Food service establishments; require notification of the country of origin of seafood items (Substitute)(A&CA-Petrea-166th)
HB 148	Accountants; education and experience requirements; revise provisions (RegI-Carson-46th)
HB 162	Georgia Bureau of Investigation; restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; provide (Substitute) (JudyNC-Hagan-156th)
HB 177	Domestic relations; protection for household pets in both family violence and dating violence protective orders; provide (Judy-Cooper-45th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 52. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to authorize certain local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from the taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber in certain disaster areas; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title and legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 58. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the licensing and operation of emergency organ transport vehicles as ambulance services; to provide for the operation of such vehicles on public roadways; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to exempt emergency organ transport vehicles from those vehicles required to obtain an emergency vehicle permit from the Department of Public Safety; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 81. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as provide for protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales or lease transactions by affiliates of franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors; to amend Code Section 40-2-39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration and licensing of new motor vehicle dealers, temporary site permits, administrative fines, and penalty, so as to provide for activities which qualify as activity as a new motor vehicle dealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 52. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to authorize certain local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from the taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber in certain disaster areas; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title and legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 58. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the licensing and operation of emergency organ transport vehicles as ambulance services; to provide for the operation of such vehicles on public roadways; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to exempt emergency organ transport vehicles from those vehicles required to obtain an emergency vehicle permit from the Department of Public Safety; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 81. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as provide for protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales or lease transactions by affiliates of franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors; to amend Code Section 40-2-39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration and licensing of new motor vehicle dealers, temporary site permits, administrative fines, and penalty, so as to provide for activities which qualify as activity as a new motor

vehicle dealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

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

Representatives Davis of the 87th et al., Carson of the 46th et al., Cooper of the 45th et al., Herring of the 145th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Howard of the 129th et al., Erwin of the 32nd et al., Dubnik of the 29th et al., Jackson of the 128th, Rice of the 139th et al., and Cheokas of the 151st et al.

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

HB 38. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Reeves of the 99th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the needs based financial aid program, so as to revise the definition of "eligible student"; to extend an automatic repealer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 3.

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

House of Representatives

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Good morning,

Representative Long Tran of house district 80 was away from his desk momentarily while votes were being tallied for HB 38. He would like for his vote of **yes** to be reflected.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Long X. Tran
Georgia State Representative House
District 80

HB 117. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Williams of the 168th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require notification of the country of origin of seafood items; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commercial food service establishments, so as to require notification of foreign imported shrimp; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-2-378.1.

All commercial food service establishments in this state that serve imported shrimp shall conspicuously display on their menus a disclosure by each menu item containing shrimp stating 'FOREIGN IMPORTED,' or display 'FOREIGN IMPORTED SHRIMP' on placards visible to the public."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
E Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
N Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	E Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 7.

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

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 158	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 398	Do Pass
HB 424	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 495	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

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

HB 148. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Williamson of the 112th, Powell of the 33rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to revise provisions relating to the education and experience requirements of certified public accountants; to revise provisions relating to licensure of firms practicing public accountancy; to revise provisions relating to reciprocity; to conform terminology; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budget and audits, so as to conform a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
E Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

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

HB 162. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of First Offender Act sentences until such status is revoked; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, so as to provide for the restriction and seal of first offender sentences at the time of sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 35-3-34, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain

information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, as follows:

"(B)(i) The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 ~~and has been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~ or Code Section 15-1-20, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1. ~~The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced as provided in Code Section 15-1-20, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.~~

(ii) During the period of time after a defendant~~,~~ who has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~,~~ has completed active probation supervision through the remainder of such sentence, the center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.

(iii) The center may provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~, as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1, while a defendant is under active probation supervision for such offense, or as provided in a court order~~ only for the following purposes:

(I) As specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1;

(II) To criminal justice agencies for purposes of employment in accordance with procedures established by the center;

(III) Pursuant to any disclosure or consideration of criminal history record information required by federal or state law including, but not limited to, those disclosures required for federally insured financial institutions; or

(IV) For the purpose of any determination regarding the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 35-3-35, relating to disclosure and dissemination of records to public agencies and political subdivisions and responsibility and liability of issuing center, as follows:

"(B)(i) The center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 ~~and has been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1. The center shall not provide

records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced as provided in Code Section 15-1-20, including records relating to such defendant's bench warrants, failure to appear, and probation for such offense, except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.

(ii) During the period of time after a defendant, who has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order, has completed active probation supervision through the remainder of such sentence, the center shall not provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences except as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1.

(iii) The center may provide records of arrests, charges, or sentences when an individual has been sentenced pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order~~, as specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1, while a defendant is under active probation supervision for such offense, or as provided in a court order~~ only for the following purposes:

(I) As specifically authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1;

(II) To criminal justice agencies for purposes of employment in accordance with procedures established by the center;

(III) Pursuant to any disclosure or consideration of criminal history record information required by federal or state law including, but not limited to, those disclosures required for federally insured financial institutions;

(IV) For the purpose of any determination regarding the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; or

(V) To criminal justice agencies, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-3-30;"

SECTION 3.

Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders relative to probation, is amended by revising Code Section 42-8-62.1, relating to limiting public access to first offender status, petitioning, and sealing record, is amended as follows:

"42-8-62.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Criminal history record information' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-30.

(2) 'Prosecuting attorney' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(3) 'Restrict,' 'restricted,' or 'restriction' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(4) 'Victim' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-17-3.

(b)(1) At the time of sentencing, ~~or during the term of a sentence that was imposed before July 1, 2016, the defendant may seek to~~ the court shall limit public access to his

or her first offender sentencing information~~, and the court may, in its discretion, order any of~~ by ordering the following:

(A) Restrict dissemination of the defendant's first offender records, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section;

(B) The criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, be sealed and unavailable to the public, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section; and

(C) Law enforcement agencies, jails, or detention centers to restrict the defendant's criminal history record information of arrest, including any fingerprints or photographs taken in conjunction with such arrest, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section.

(2) ~~When considering the defendant's request under this subsection, the court shall weigh the public's interest in the defendant's criminal history record information being publicly available and the harm to the defendant's privacy and issue written findings of fact thereupon.~~ Reserved.

~~(3) The court shall specify the date that such prohibited dissemination, sealing, and restrictions will take effect.~~

(c) An individual who ~~has been exonerated of guilt and discharged pursuant to this article, including those individuals exonerated of guilt and discharged prior to July 1, 2016,~~ was sentenced pursuant to this article prior to July 1, 2025, and has not had their sentence revoked and adjudicated guilty, may petition the court that ~~granted~~ ordered such ~~discharge~~ sentence for an order to ~~seal and make unavailable to the public the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index~~ limit public access to his or her case information pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Notice of such petition shall be sent to the clerk of court and the prosecuting attorney. A notice sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery shall be sufficient notice.

(d) Within 90 days of the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, the court shall order restriction and sealing of the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be sealed and made unavailable to the public, except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section ~~if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that:~~

~~(1) An exoneration of guilt and discharge has been granted pursuant to this article; and~~

~~(2) The harm otherwise resulting to the privacy of the individual outweighs the public interest in the criminal history record information being publicly available~~.

(e)(1) Within 60 days of the filing of the court's order under subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, the clerk of court shall cause every document in connection with such individual's case, physical or electronic, in its custody, possession, or control to be sealed to the public except as provided in subsection (h) of this Code section.

(2) Upon sealing and making unavailable to the public, the clerk of court shall display on the file in bold print on the cover of the file a notice to all court personnel that such file is sealed from the public view and dissemination of the contents to anyone other than those authorized by this Code section is prohibited. Such notice shall be sealed from public view and only available to the parties listed in subsection (h) of this Code section. Parties provided for in subsection (h) of this Code section shall maintain access to the record.

(f) When a court orders sealing of court records under subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, the court ~~may~~ shall also order that records maintained by law enforcement agencies, jails, and detention centers be restricted and unavailable to the public. Such entities shall comply with such ~~restriction~~ order within 30 days of receiving a copy of such order.

~~(g)(1) Information sealed or restricted pursuant to this Code section shall always be available for inspection, copying, and use:~~

~~(A) As provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-65;~~

~~(B) By the Judicial Qualifications Commission;~~

~~(C) By a prosecuting attorney or public defender who submits a sworn affidavit to the clerk of court that attests that such information is relevant to a criminal proceeding;~~

~~(D) Pursuant to a court order; and~~

~~(E) By an individual who is the subject of sealed court files or restricted criminal history record information upon court order.~~

~~(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practical.~~

(g) If a court of competent jurisdiction revokes the First Offender Act sentence and adjudicates the defendant guilty of the underlying First Offender Act offense while such defendant is serving a first offender sentence, restriction and sealing of such court records shall be removed, and such records may be disseminated by the court, law enforcement agencies, jails, and detention centers.

(h)(1) The following entities shall be entitled to access the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, and all other records of the court during the period of time a defendant has been sentenced pursuant to this article but has not been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order. No court order or affidavit shall be required for the following entities to access such records unless otherwise provided:

(A) As authorized by Code Section 42-8-63.1;

(B) To criminal justice agencies, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-3-30;

(C) As authorized by subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-65;

(D) To any prosecuting attorney. Prosecuting attorneys shall be authorized to share relevant case information with the victim of the underlying first offender offense pursuant to the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, as provided in Code Section 17-17-1;

(E) To any judge or court personnel;

(F) To any public defender;

(G) To an individual who is the subject of sealed court files or restricted criminal history record information;
(H) To the Judicial Qualifications Commission;
(I) To the Department of Community Supervision;
(J) To the State Board of Pardons and Paroles;
(K) Pursuant to any disclosure or consideration of criminal history record information required by federal or state law including, but not limited to, those disclosures required for federally insured financial institutions;
(L) For the purpose of any determination regarding the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; or
(M) When such records are made available for inspection, copying, and use pursuant to a court order.

(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practical."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-8-62.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Criminal history record information' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-30.

(2) 'Prosecuting attorney' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(3) 'Restrict,' 'restricted,' or 'restriction' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-3-37.

(b) At the time a defendant who has been sentenced pursuant to this article has been exonerated and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order, the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, and all other records of the court shall be restricted except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section.

(c) An individual who has been exonerated of guilt and discharged without court adjudication of guilt as a matter of law or pursuant to a court order pursuant to this article prior to July 1, 2025, may petition the court that granted such discharge for an order to seal and make unavailable to the public the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index. Notice of such petition shall be sent to the clerk of court and the prosecuting attorney. A notice sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery shall be sufficient notice.

(d) Within 90 days of the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, the court shall order the criminal file, docket books, criminal minutes, final record, all other records of the court, and the defendant's criminal history record information in the custody of the clerk of court, including within any index, to be sealed and made unavailable to the public.

(e) Within 60 days of exoneration and discharge under subsection (b) of this Code section or the filing of the court's order under subsection (d) of this Code section, the clerk of court shall cause every document in connection with such individual's case, physical or electronic, in its custody, possession, or control to be sealed.

(f) When a court orders sealing of court records under this Code section, the court shall also order that records maintained by law enforcement agencies, jails, and detention centers be restricted and unavailable to the public. Such entities shall comply with such restriction within 30 days of receiving a copy of such order.

(g)(1) Information sealed or restricted pursuant to this Code section shall always be available for inspection, copying, and use:

(A) As provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 42-8-65;

(B) By the Judicial Qualifications Commission;

(C) By judges of courts of competent jurisdiction in the State of Georgia;

(D) By a prosecuting attorney or public defender who submits a sworn affidavit to the clerk of court that attests that such information is relevant to a criminal proceeding. No prosecuting attorney or public defender shall be required to obtain a court order to obtain such information that is relevant to a criminal proceeding;

(E) Pursuant to a court order; and

(F) By an individual who is the subject of sealed court files or restricted criminal history record information.

(2) The confidentiality of such information shall be maintained insofar as practical."

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
E Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

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

HB 177. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Reeves of the 99th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide protection for household pets in both family violence and dating violence protective orders; to provide for a definition and an exclusion; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	E Sainz
Y Alexander	Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
E Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 3.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 359. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Baker of the 64th, Draper of the 90th et al., Dempsey of the 13th et al., Williams of the 168th, Chastain of the 7th et al., and Hugley of the 141st et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 305. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Reese of the 140th, Sampson of the 153rd, Crawford of the 89th, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Richard B. Sagers; and for other purposes.

HR 306. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Willis of the 55th, Bazemore of the 69th, Dawson of the 65th and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mother Hattie Lou Prothro-Newton; and for other purposes.

HR 307. By Representatives Howard of the 71st, Burchett of the 176th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 70th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Investigator Taylor Jaimeson Bristow; and for other purposes.

HR 308. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Buckner of the 137th, Townsend of the 179th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the Multi-Agency Alliance for Children; and for other purposes.

HR 309. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th and McCollum of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Rilyn Rodgers; and for other purposes.

HR 310. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th, Kahaian of the 81st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge Holly W. Veal on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 311. By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Howard of the 129th, Prince of the 132nd and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Coach Andre Lacey and the Paine College golf teams for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the growth of collegiate golf and for fostering diversity and inclusion in the sport; and for other purposes.

HR 312. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Oliver of the 84th and Prince of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Collie Greenwood; and for other purposes.

HR 313. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the inspiring journey and achievements of Nolan Sental Smith Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 314. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Jones of the 60th, Evans of the 57th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating Chelsea Rathburn as the distinguished Poet Laureate of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 315. By Representatives Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jacob Crumbley; and for other purposes.

HR 316. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2025, as Effingham County Day at the capitol and saluting the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

HR 317. By Representatives Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Fort Benning Lodge #579; and for other purposes.

HR 318. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Reese of the 140th, Berry of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. William J. Smith Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 319. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Dubnik of the 29th, Rice of the 139th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2025, as Reach Out and Read Day at the state capitol to recognize the power of reading to young children every day; and for other purposes.

HR 320. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Henderson of the 113th, Carter of the 93rd, Jackson of the 68th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 321. By Representative Dubnik of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the STEM education and workforce development initiatives through the STEM Summit held on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology; and for other purposes.

HR 322. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Hatchett of the 155th, Cooper of the 45th, Chastain of the 7th, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Boy Scouts of America in Georgia and recognizing February 26, 2025, as Scouts Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 323. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Jackson of the 68th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Chapter of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) for its 41 years of service and recognizing March 6, 2025, as Georgia Chapter of NOBLE Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 324. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd, Martin of the 49th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Student Leadership NORTH; and for other purposes.

HR 325. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Hall High School cross country program for its outstanding achievements during the 2024 season; and for other purposes.

HR 326. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Hawkins of the 27th, Hong of the 103rd, Dubnik of the 29th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Hall Middle School boys and girls cross country teams for winning the 2024 GHSA Middle School State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 327. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Bell of the 75th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Clayton County Government, the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, and the ATL Airport Chamber of Commerce and recognizing February 6, 2025, as Clayton County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Representative Gilliard of the 162nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security and recommitted to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging:

HB 465. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Neal of the 79th, Stephens of the 164th, Sharper of the 177th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide alert system for missing disabled adults, so as to provide for the "Autism Missing Person Alert System Act"; to provide for certain entities to cooperate in the development of the alert system; to provide for requirements for the alert system; to provide for requirements for the activation of the alert system; to provide for the geographic scope of such alert; to provide for an emphasis on the search of waterways in locating missing individuals with autism spectrum disorder; to provide for a limitation on liability for participants responding to the alert system; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for conforming changes; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Dickey of the 134th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs:

HB 495. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Burns of the 159th, Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 18, relating to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to transfer the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation to the Department of Agriculture; to provide for a director; to provide for assumption of business and responsibilities of the Centers of Innovation Agribusiness and collaboration with other entities; to provide for the Georgia Rural Development Council; to provide for duties and satellite offices; to provide for funds; to provide for reporting and approval of strategic plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver of the 84th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

HB 399. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Burnough of the 77th, Blackmon of the 146th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative New of the 40th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Governmental Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 426. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Park of the 107th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to nonpartisan elections of judges of the probate court and magistrates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date, a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Twentieth Legislative Day

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

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

Adeyina	Cox	Hawkins	Martinez	Roberts
Alexander	Crawford	Heffner	Mathiak	Romman
Anderson	Crowe	Henderson	Mathis	Sainz
Au	Cummings	Herring	McClain	Sampson
Baker	Davis	Hilton	McCollum	Sanchez
Ballard	Dawson	Hitchens	McDonald	Santos
Ballinger	DeLoach	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Barnes	Dempsey	Holland	Meeks	Scoggins
Barrett	Dickey	Holly	Miller	Scott
Barton	Donatucci	Hong	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Douglas	Horner	Momtahan	Silcox
Beckles	Draper	Howard, J	Moore	Smith, L
Bell	Drenner	Howard, K	Myles	Smith, M
Bennett	Dubnik	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, TP
Berry	Dunahoo	Hugley	New	Smith, V
Blackmon	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Newton	Stephens
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stinson
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Tarvin
Burchett	Evans	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burnough	Fleming	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, R
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, A	Paris	Thomas
Cameron	Ford	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Camp	Franklin	Jones, S	Parrish	Tran
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, T	Parsons	Wade
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kahaian	Persinger	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kelley	Petrea	Wiedower
Cannon, P	Gilliard	E Kendrick	Powell	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Glaize	LaHood	Prince	Williams, A
Carter	Greene	Leverett	Reese	E Williams, MF
Chastain	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Lim	Rhodes	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Lumsden	Rice	Willis
Clifton	Hagan	Lupton	Richardson	Yearta
Cooper	Hatchett	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Corbett				

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Carson of the 46th, Clark of the 108th, Jenkins of the 136th, Oliver of the 84th, Ridley of the 22nd, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, and Werkheiser of the 157th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Minister Randy Barnhart, First Christian Church of Carrollton, Carrollton, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 508. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Bell of the 75th and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to prohibit the sale, transfer, use, possession, importation, or manufacture of certain firearms and magazines; to provide for the continued possession of certain firearms and magazines; to provide for exceptions and exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 509. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Glaize of the 67th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that certain persons disqualified from holding office pursuant to operation of the United States Constitution shall not be nominated or elected to office; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacation of office, so as to provide for vacation of office by operation of certain provisions of the United States Constitution or by engaging in activities that could result in a person being defined as a subversive person; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 510. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Alexander of the 66th, Davis of the 87th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child support guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration of support, so as to provide for the duration of child support for postsecondary education; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 511. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Burchett of the 176th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 and Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance and computation of taxable net income, respectively, so as to provide for deductions from taxable income for contributions by taxpayers to catastrophe savings accounts and interest earned on such accounts; to establish limits for contributions to such accounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 512. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Hugley of the 141st, Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to revise provisions related to property owners' associations; to require such associations to provide annual certificates of good standing for the payment of assessments and other charges; to require such associations to offer participation in alternative dispute resolution prior to the creation of a lien for unpaid assessments and other charges; to amend Code Section 44-14-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fee for a future conveyance and limited circumstances relative to property, so as to provide for a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 513. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to revise provisions related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services be borne by unincorporated residents; to provide for annual reports thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 514. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Parsons of the 44th and Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 515. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th and Heffner of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Augusta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 516. By Representatives New of the 40th, Hawkins of the 27th, Ballard of the 147th, Scoggins of the 14th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 517. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Ballard of the 147th, Olaleye of the 59th, Greene of the 154th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-154 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the remedial education program under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a grant program for supplemental remedial education services in literacy and math for all students in kindergarten through grade 12 who attend one of the lowest performing five percent of public schools in the state; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 518. By Representative Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to searches and seizures, so as to authorize the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to create and operate a state-wide sexual assault kit tracking system; to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the creation of the Forensic Medical Examination Advisory Committee; to provide for composition; to provide for rules; to provide for training protocols regarding forensic medical examinations; to provide for forensic testing; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 519. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Mathis of the 133rd, Reeves of the 99th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits, so as to provide that the amount of the federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit against state income taxes; to provide for conditions, eligibility, limitations, and recaptures; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 520. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Powell of the 33rd, Momtahan of the 17th, Williams of the 168th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to repeal in its entirety Chapter 26, relating to the practice of midwifery; to revise provisions relating to peer review to include midwives; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the licensure and regulation of midwives; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an exception under the "Georgia

Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 521. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal deannexation, so as to revise procedures related to the deannexation of certain properties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 522. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th, Mathiak of the 82nd and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to prohibit certain healthcare providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the vaccine status of the potential recipient; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 523. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation pursuant to application by 100 percent of landowners, so as to provide that such annexations are contingent upon approval of the county in which the subject property is located; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 524. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Mitchell of the 88th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and Romman of the 97th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding public officers and employees, so as to provide that elected officers or officials shall not have their employment terminated solely as a result of being elected to or holding an elected office; to provide for termination of such employment if holding such office impairs more than half of the elected officer's or official's employment duties; to provide for mandatory leave without pay for certain public employees holding certain elected offices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 525. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to discovery, so as to change provisions relating to discovery in misdemeanor cases; to provide for reciprocal discovery on behalf of the accused; to require the accused to provide a list of witness and alibi information to the prosecuting attorney; to provide for procedures; to provide for a penalty for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 526. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th, Washburn of the 144th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for an extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 527. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Holcomb of the 101st, Campbell of the 35th, Carpenter of the 4th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-15-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protocol committee on child abuse, written protocol, training of members, and written sexual abuse and exploitation protocol, so as to provide for the creation and revision of certain child abuse protocol procedures for cases of alleged child abuse; to modify the

composition of the committee; to provide for noncompliance and contempt of court; to provide for filing of protocol; to provide for certain protocol provisions; to provide for the adoption of rules and procedures; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 528. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hagan of the 156th, Hugley of the 141st, Stephens of the 164th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to revenue and taxation, so as to require certain high resource use facilities to provide disclosures regarding community impact and energy and water usage; to require such disclosures prior to entering into a contract for tax incentives or applying for a governmental permit, approval, or license to construct or operate a high resource use facility; to provide for the required contents of such disclosures; to provide for method and means of submission and publication; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 529. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Holcomb of the 101st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and continuous service offers; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 530. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, so as to provide for authorization for the electronic filing of pleadings in probate court; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for access to pleadings for certain staff and litigants; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 531. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 532. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-6A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant when state owns property and calculations, so as to revise provisions related to certain counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Chapter 14 of Title 48, relating to grants and special revenue disbursements; to amend Code Section 48-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant to counties with 20,000 or more acres of unimproved real estate owned by Department of Natural Resources, so as to revise provisions related to counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Code Section 12-6A-12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 533. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Holcomb of the 101st, Efstration of the 104th, Wiedower of the 121st, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 17 and 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure and General Assembly, respectively, so as to allow for wrongful conviction compensation claims; to provide for a short title; to provide for notice of claims; to require administrative law judges within the Office of State Administrative Hearings to hear and evaluate such claims; to provide for the burden of proof and evidence to be considered by an administrative law judge; to require the Supreme Court of Georgia and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to provide certain individuals with a copy of this Act; to provide for definitions; to exclude wrongful conviction compensation claims from the purview of the Claims Advisory Board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 534. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fairburn to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 535. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, so as to provide for credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 536. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Fairburn; to provide for a short title and definitions; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for trust funds; to provide for charges; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for area of operation; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 537. By Representative Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide for the maximum amount of local sales and use taxes that may be imposed; to revise provisions related to a special district sales and use tax; to provide for conditions under which such tax may be imposed; to provide for clarifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 303. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Johnny Floyd and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 304. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

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

HB 467	HB 468
HB 469	HB 470
HB 471	HB 472
HB 473	HB 474
HB 475	HB 476
HB 477	HB 478
HB 479	HB 480
HB 481	HB 482
HB 483	HB 484
HB 485	HB 486
HB 487	HB 488
HB 489	HB 490
HB 491	HB 492
HB 493	HB 494
HB 496	HB 497
HB 498	HB 499
HB 500	HB 501
HB 502	HB 503
HB 504	HB 505
HB 506	HB 507
HR 272	HR 273
HR 274	HR 275
HR 276	SB 52
SB 58	SB 81

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Banks and Banking has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 240	Do Pass
HB 241	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 377	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 318	Do Pass
HB 414	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 154	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 227	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 322	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 329	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 150	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 172	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 348	Do Pass	HB 410	Do Pass
HB 420	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 35	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 435 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ballinger of the 23rd
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 123	Do Pass	HB 171	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 176	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 222	Do Pass
HB 242	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 460	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 320 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 295	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 309	Do Pass
HB 315	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 350	Do Pass
HB 423	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 78 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Franklin of the 160th
Vice-Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 14 Do Pass
HB 233 Do Pass
HB 444 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Greene of the 154th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Properties has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 254 Do Pass
HR 121 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greene of the 154th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 156 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 20th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 51	Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; finance and perform certain duties for projects relating to natural gas facilities; authorize (Substitute)(RDev-Burchett-176th)
HB 53	Georgia veterans; allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries (D&VA-Bonner-73rd)
HB 73	Seminole County; Board of Education; provide nonpartisan elections (IGC-Greene-154th)
HB 85	Superior Court Judicial Compensation Reform Act; enact (Substitute)(Judy-Leverett-123rd)
HB 86	Public officers and employees; calculating and setting the salaries of certain state officials; revise provisions (Judy-Leverett-123rd)
HB 116	Public Safety, Department of; Motor Carrier Compliance Division to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; change name (MotV-McDonald III-26th)

HB 147 Georgia Technology Authority; annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; provide (T&II-Thomas-21st)
HB 155 Local government; selection and objection to arbitrators; revise procedures (Substitute)(GAff-Anderson-10th)
HB 262 Community Health, Department of; grant program for purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; provide (RDev-O'Steen-169th)

Structured Rule

HB 90 Revenue and taxation; increase maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property (W&M-Efstration-104th)
HR 32 General Assembly; increase maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property - CA (Substitute)(W&M-Efstration-104th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 45. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 59. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 77. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 89. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to increase the amount of a tax credit based on the federal tax credit for certain child and dependent care expenses to 40 percent of such federal tax credit; to provide for a child income tax credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and proration; to provide for rules and regulations; to revise a tax credit for employers providing child care; to decrease the number of children who use the facility that are required to be children of employees to qualify for such credit; to increase the amount of the credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 137. By Senator Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to revise provisions related to jurisdiction of the municipal court; to revise transition

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

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

SR 56. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

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

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Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

Pursuant to HR 283, the House recognized February 20, 2025, as Community Health Centers Day and commended the Georgia Primary Care Association.

Pursuant to HR 48, the House congratulated Great Dane upon the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Pursuant to HR 237, the House recognized and commended John Suttles.

Pursuant to HR 282, the House recognized and commended the 2024 Technical College System of Georgia award winners.

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

Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Glaize of the 67th et al., Campbell of the 35th et al., Jackson of the 68th et al., Clark of the 100th, Reeves of the 99th et al., Bell of the 75th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Mitchell of the 88th et al., New of the 40th et al., Berry of the 56th et al., and Newton of the 127th.

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

HB 56. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hitchens of the 161st, Sainz of the 180th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, so as to provide for tuition grants to spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to revise legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide

for eligibility; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Public and Community Health:

HB 89. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th and Hong of the 103rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the department of public health, so as to require healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric or other clinical records; to amend Code Section 37-3-166 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to treatment of clinical records, when release permitted, scope of privileged communications, liability for disclosure, and notice to sheriff of discharge, so as to permit the release of clinical records of a deceased patient to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to remove the requirement that a medical examiner's inquiry for pregnant female deaths be done through a regional perinatal center; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 53. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for definitions; to provide for fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

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

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

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 511E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 20, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to inform you that I inadvertently pressed the voting button after the designated time and was unable to cast my vote in a timely manner. I would like to request that my vote be recorded as a "Yes" on HB 53.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

/s/ Inga S. Willis
Representative Inga Willis
District 55

House of Representatives
512-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

Good afternoon,

Representative Floyd Griffin wants to clarify his vote of YES for HB 53 today February 20th. His voting machine didn't pick up the vote at the time. He also would like to clarify that he spoke in favor of the bill.

Thank you.

/s/ Floyd L. Griffin

HB 51. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Greene of the 154th, O'Steen of the 169th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, is amended in Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (5), (6), (10.1), and (10.2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) 'Environmental facilities' means any projects, structures, and other real or personal property acquired, rehabilitated, constructed, or planned:

(A) For the purposes of supplying, distributing, and treating water and diverting, channeling, or controlling water flow and head including, but not limited to, surface or ground water, canals, reservoirs, channels, basins, dams, aqueducts, standpipes, penstocks, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells, purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, connections, water meters, mechanical equipment, electric generating equipment, rights of flowage or division and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, distribution, pumping, treatment, storing, or disposing of water;

(B) For the purposes of collecting, treating, or disposing of sewage including, but not limited to, main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet, or other sewers, outfall, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, ground water rechange basins, backflow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorus removal equipment and other plants, soil absorption systems, innovative systems or equipment, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralization, storing, and disposing of sewage;

(C) For the purposes of collecting, treating, recycling, composting, or disposing of solid waste, including, but not limited to, trucks, dumpsters, intermediate reception stations or facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, shredders, treatment plants, landfills, landfill equipment, barrels, binders, barges, alternative technologies and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, improvements, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices

thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, treatment, or disposal of solid waste; ~~or~~

(D) For the purposes of carrying out a community land conservation project or a state land conservation project pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 36; or

(E) For the purposes of storing, supplying, and distributing natural gas outside any certified area of a nonmunicipal gas company, as such term is defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 46-1-1, including, but not limited to, pipelines, storage tanks and facilities, natural gas distribution systems, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the storage, supply, and distribution of natural gas.

(6) 'Environmental services' means the provision, collectively or individually, of water facilities, sewerage facilities, solid waste facilities, natural gas facilities, community land conservation projects or state land conservation projects pursuant to Chapter 22 Title 36, or management services."

"(10.1) 'Natural gas facility' means any environmental facility described in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (5) of this Code section.

(10.2) 'Nongovernmental entity' means a nonprofit organization the primary purposes of which are the permanent protection and conservation of land and natural resources.

~~(10.2)~~(10.3) 'Nonprofit corporation' means any corporation qualified as a not for profit corporation by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-23-5, relating to purpose, powers, and duties, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (33), by deleting the period and substituting in lieu thereof "; and" at the end of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (34), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(35) To promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 50-23-12, relating to personal liability of members, officers, and employees of the authority, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any solid waste system, sewerage system, natural gas system, environmental facility, or water system owned by a local government; or"

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 120, nays 55.

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

HB 147. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th, Gullett of the 19th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to provide for an annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; to provide for annual reports of such; to provide for the authority to develop and establish certain policies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
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Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

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

HB 85. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of superior court judges; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to provide procedures for superior court judges to opt to receive compensation pursuant to such revised procedures; to provide for grandfathering of certain judges so as to not reduce the compensation paid to such judges; to authorize locality pay by counties to superior court judges in lieu of county salary supplements; to abolish most county salary supplements provided to superior court judges; to authorize the continuation of county salary supplements for chief judges; to authorize continuation of fringe benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to preserve existing rights and obligations related to retirement benefits provided by counties to superior court judges; to provide for retirement benefits relative to optional locality pay; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of superior court judges; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation

of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide for an automatic lifting of such suspension relative to judges; to preserve the authority of the General Assembly to amend or repeal such suspended local laws; to preserve the authority of local governments to use other mechanisms to change salary calculation during such suspension; to provide for legislative construction; to provide for a definition; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Superior Court Judicial Compensation Reform Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-29, relating to salary of judges, as follows:

"15-6-29.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the ~~The~~ annual salary of the judges of the superior courts shall be as provided in Code Section 45-7-4 and may be as provided in Code Section 15-6-29.1. The annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 shall be paid by The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia in 12 equal monthly installments.

(b)(1) Each superior court judge in office on July 1, 2025, shall have the option to receive the annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 and any locality pay provided for by Code Section 15-6-29.2, in lieu of his or her compensation which is otherwise provided by laws in effect on June 30, 2025. The option provided by this paragraph shall be exercised by such judge's filing a written notification thereof with The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and the governing authority of each county comprising such judge's judicial circuit. A superior court judge in office on July 1, 2025, shall not be required or obligated to exercise the option provided by this paragraph, but if and when any such judge voluntarily and expressly exercises such option, such judge's exercise of such option shall be final and irrevocable. The failure to exercise the option shall be an election to continue to receive compensation as previously calculated by law in effect on June 30, 2025, and as outlined in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and until such option is exercised. The option exercised pursuant to this paragraph shall go into effect the next pay period beginning five business days following the exercise of such option.

(2) To ensure that no superior court judge in office on July 1, 2025, has his or her salary, allowance, or county salary supplements decreased during his or her term of office, any superior court judge in office on July 1, 2025, who does not exercise the irrevocable option provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall continue to be

compensated in precisely the same manner as he or she was compensated as of June 30, 2025, including, but not limited to, county supplements, in accordance with Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph V of the Constitution.

(c) The annual salary shall be the total compensation to be paid by the state to the superior court judges and shall be in lieu of any and all other amounts to be paid from The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, except as provided in Code Sections 15-6-29.1, 15-6-29.2, 15-6-30, and 15-6-32.

~~(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising the circuit the same county salary supplement, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of the judicial circuit. Such salary supplement for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required in order to authorize such salary supplement, but nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the enactment of local legislation relating to such salary supplements. A publication of notice of intention to introduce local legislation as provided for in Code Section 28-1-14 shall be required for any local legislation granting, changing the amount of, or removing a salary supplement; but no publication of notice of intention shall be required for a bill creating one or more new superior court judgeships.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 15-6-29.1, relating to accountability court supplement and limitation, by repealing subsection (c) in its entirety.

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-6-29.2.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, on or after July 1, 2025, the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit may provide each judge of such circuit who either was not in office as a superior court judge as of July 1, 2025, or made an irrevocable election authorized by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, with locality pay as authorized by this Code section, and such judges shall not be eligible for county salary supplements provided by local Act. In no event shall locality pay exceed 10 percent of the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to such judge. All such locality pay shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any county salary supplements previously provided by the county or counties. All judges within a judicial circuit who are in office as of July 1, 2025, and exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, or who take office after July 1, 2025, shall receive equal locality pay from any given county within such circuit that has opted to provide such pay.

(b) In no event shall the annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit in aggregate exceed the lesser of:

(1) 10 percent of the state annual salary paid to a superior court judge pursuant to Code Section 45-7-4; or

(2) $20,106.00;

provided, however, that if the state annual salary paid to superior court judges exceeds $201,060.00, then the maximum allowable amount of annual locality pay provided to a judge by the county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall instead be equal to the difference between $20,106.00 and half of the amount by which such state annual salary exceeds $201,060.00. The intent of this paragraph is to provide for a gradual decrease in the maximum amount of allowable locality pay as the state annual salary provided by Code Section 45-7-4 to superior court judges exceeds $201,060.00 and continues to increase.

(c) When a new superior court judgeship is created by law for any judicial circuit, the new superior court judge shall upon taking office become entitled to and shall receive from the county or counties comprising such circuit the same locality pay, if any, then in effect for the other judge or judges of such circuit. Such locality pay for such new judge shall be authorized by this subsection and no other legislation or local legislation shall be required to authorize such locality pay.

(d) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 and subsection (e) of this Code section and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2025, no county or counties comprising a judicial circuit shall provide county salary supplements to a superior court judge.

(e)(1) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide a local salary supplement to the chief judge of such circuit that was otherwise authorized by law on June 30, 2025. On or after July 1, 2025, no local supplement for a chief judge shall be enacted or increased.

(2) For all judges who elect to exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, to the extent the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section to a particular judge do not equal or exceed such judge's aggregate salary and local supplement in effect at the time of such judge's exercise of such option, then the county or counties of the circuit shall pay an additional supplement in an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate salary and supplement in effect at the time of such judge's exercise of such option and the aggregate salary provided for by subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-29 and locality pay provided for by subsection (a) of this Code section. When an additional supplement is required by this paragraph in a circuit consisting of more than one county, then each county shall pay such additional supplement in proportion to each county's contribution to the local supplement in effect at the time of such judge's exercise of the option to participate. In no event shall the additional supplement required by this paragraph result in a judge's aggregate salary that exceeds the aggregate salary and supplement existing at the time of a judge's exercise of such option.

(f) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Code section shall operate to prevent a county or counties comprising a judicial circuit from continuing to provide fringe benefits to any judge of such circuit in the same manner that such benefits were provided on June 30, 2025.

(g) Nothing in this Code section or subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall operate to alter, amend, contract, expand, extend, limit, modify, or terminate retirement benefits or rights thereto in existence prior to July 1, 2025. All judges who exercise the option provided by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29 shall have no right to any benefit existing at the time such option is exercised reduced. To the extent otherwise permitted by law, each county within a judicial circuit is authorized, but not required, to provide retirement benefits based upon the locality pay it provides pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, is amended by repealing and reserving paragraph (20) of subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'base salary' means the annual salary fixed for the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on July 1 of the second preceding state fiscal year.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-6-29, the annual salary of each superior court judge shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act, provided that such salary shall not exceed 90 percent of the base salary provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 6.

Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-3-12.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of July 1, 2025, all local laws and local ordinances or resolutions in effect as of such date that provide for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to any superior court judge's salary, supplement, or other compensation shall be suspended as a matter of law with respect to any increase in the salary, supplement, or other compensation paid to a superior court judge during the term of such suspension; provided, however, that such suspension shall not be applicable to any local law or local ordinance or resolution adopted after July 1, 2025.

(2) During the period of the suspension provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection:

(A) No change in the salary of a superior court judge shall result in a change in the calculation of any compensation to be paid to a state, county, or local officer, official, or employee by any county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision; and

(B) The compensation paid to any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee whose compensation is expressly based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary, supplement, or other compensation shall remain at the same amount as provided at the beginning of such period of suspension, unless and until such suspension terminates with respect to such individual pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section or the compensation paid to any such state, county, or local officer, official, or employee is modified pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not repeal or amend any local law or local ordinance or resolution, but the provisions of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions related to calculating compensation based on a superior court judge's salary, supplement, or other compensation shall be merely suspended and shall remain suspended with respect to any change in such compensation until such suspension is lifted or such compensation is modified pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section with respect to a given public officer, official, or employee.

(b)(1) As of July 1, 2026, the suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be terminated with respect to all judges. Any salary or compensation change for a judge that otherwise would have gone into effect between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, by operation of a local law or local ordinance or resolution if such suspension had not been in effect shall become effective for calculations of such judge's prospective salary or other compensation that may be earned on or after July 1, 2026, unless the local law or local ordinance or resolution that provides for a salary, supplement, or other compensation to be paid to such judge is repealed prior to July 1, 2026, or is amended, prior to July 1, 2026, to expressly modify the terms of such judge's compensation.

(2) The suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall remain in place for all officers, officials, and employees described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section other than judges, unless and until the compensation payable to any such other officer, official, or employee is modified pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(3) The termination of a suspension provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for such suspension, and no such retroactive payments shall be made.

(c)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent the General Assembly from at any time repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that is suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, and any such repeal or amendment shall become effective in the time and manner stated in the law implementing such repeal or amendment, without regard to the suspension provided for in this Code section.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall operate to prevent a county, municipality, consolidated government, or other political subdivision from, at any time, enacting any salary, supplement, or other compensation changes for any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee if otherwise authorized by general or local law, and any

such change shall become effective in the time and manner stated in such lawful enactment, without regard to the suspension provided for in this Code section.

(3) In no event shall any action described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection:

(A) Authorize the payment of or entitle any superior court judge to any salary supplement or any locality pay in excess of the limits set forth in Code Section 15-6-29.2; or

(B) Authorize the payment of or entitle any person to retroactive compensation that he or she otherwise may have earned except for any period of suspension.

(d) The General Assembly finds that increases to superior court judges' compensation that become effective on or after July 1, 2025, may automatically trigger increases to other public officers, officials, and employees for whom existing legislation automatically ties their compensation to that of superior court judges and that these automatic increases in compensation would generally result in sudden financial hardship for local governments. Accordingly, it is the intent of this Code section that:

(1) The salary of any state, county, or local officer, official, or employee whose salary, supplement, or other compensation is based on a percentage of, total compensation for, or similar mathematical relationship to a superior court judge's salary or supplement shall, during the period of any such suspension imposed by this Code section, remain the same as such salary, supplement, or other compensation was at the beginning of such period;

(2) Such state, county, or local officer, official, or employee shall continue to receive such salary, supplement, or other compensation during the period of such suspension at the same rate or amount as at the beginning of such period; and

(3) The amount of such salary, supplement, or other compensation shall remain unchanged until the occurrence of an event described in subsections (a) through (c) of this Code section, which includes:

(A) Such suspension being terminated pursuant to this Code section;

(B) With respect to a salary, supplement, or other compensation set by local law, the General Assembly takes some affirmative action to set the salary, supplement, or other compensation by repealing or amending, in whole or in part, any local law that is suspended pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and such repeal or amendment becomes effective; or

(C) With respect to a salary, supplement, or other compensation set by local ordinance or resolution, the county, municipality, consolidated, or other local government takes some affirmative action to set the salary, supplement, or other compensation and such action becomes effective."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 8.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	N Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 7.

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

HB 86. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia State Tax Court; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	N Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 6.

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

HB 73. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Seminole County, approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3994), as amended, so as to provide that future elections for members of the board of education shall be nonpartisan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
N Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	N Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	N Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 138, nays 29.

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

HB 116. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to change the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; to require law enforcement officers within such division be trained, sworn, and certified; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	N Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
E Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 5.

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

HB 155. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, is amended by revising Code Section 36-36-114, relating to arbitration panel, composition and membership, assistance in formulating record, and regulation, as follows:

"36-36-114.

(a) Not later than the ~~fifteenth calendar~~ twentieth business day following the date that the department ~~received the~~ first receives an objection of a proposed annexation as provided for in Code Section 36-36-113, ~~an arbitration~~ a panel of five arbitrators shall be appointed by the department using the selection process detailed ~~as provided~~ in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(b)(1) ~~The arbitration panel shall be composed of five members to be selected as provided in this subsection.~~ The department shall develop and maintain three pools of potential arbitrators, comprised as follows:

(A) One ~~one~~ pool which consists of persons who are currently or within the previous six years have been municipal elected officials, managers, or administrators;

(B) One ~~one~~ pool which consists of persons who are currently or within the previous six years have been county elected officials, managers, or administrators; and

(C) One ~~one~~ pool which consists of persons with a master's degree or higher in public administration or planning and who are currently employed by an institution of higher learning in this state, other than the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia.

(2) Each ~~The~~ pool shall be sufficiently large to ensure as nearly as practicable that no person shall be required to serve on more than four panels in any one calendar year and serve on no more than one panel in any given county in any one calendar year.

(3) The department is authorized to coordinate with the Georgia Municipal Association, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, ~~the Council of Local Governments,~~ and similar organizations in developing and maintaining such pools.

(c)(1) Within 15 business days of the date that the department first receives an objection of a proposed annexation as provided for in Code Section 36-36-113, ~~Upon receiving notice of a disputed annexation,~~ the department shall ~~choose at random four names~~ submit to the county and municipal corporations a list of 11 potential arbitrators consisting of four potential arbitrators randomly selected by the department from the pool of municipal officials, four ~~names~~ potential arbitrators randomly selected by the department from the pool of county officials, and three ~~names~~ potential arbitrators randomly selected by the department from the pool of academics; provided, however, that the department shall ensure that none of such selections shall include a person who:

(A) Is ~~is~~ a resident of the county which has interposed the objection or any municipal corporation located wholly or partially in such county~~,~~;

(B) Actively seeks employment in the county which has interposed the objection or any municipal corporation located wholly or partially in such county;

(C) Is or has been employed within the preceding six years by the county which has interposed the objection or any municipal corporation located wholly or partially in such county; or

(D) Has ~~and further provided that none of such selections shall include a person who has~~ already served on four other arbitration panels in the then-current calendar year.

(2) Until noon on the twentieth business day following the date that the department receives the notice of disputed annexation:

(A) The municipal corporation shall be permitted to strike or excuse up to two of the ~~names chosen~~ four arbitrators that were randomly selected by the department from the county officials pool by submitting written notice of any such strikes to the department;

(B) The ~~the~~ county shall be permitted to strike or excuse up to two of the ~~names chosen~~ four arbitrators that were randomly selected by the department from the municipal officials pool by submitting written notice of any such strikes to the department; and

(C) The ~~the~~ county and municipal ~~corporation~~ corporations shall each be permitted to strike or excuse one of the ~~names chosen~~ three arbitrators that were randomly selected by the department from the academic pool by submitting written notice of any such strikes to the department.

(3) At the close of the period for permitted strikes as allowed in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the department shall finalize the arbitration panel for the given annexation dispute by appointing:

(A) Two arbitrators among from the county officials subset identified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who were not stricken;

(B) Two arbitrators from the municipal officials subset identified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who were not stricken; and

(C) One arbitrator from the academic subset identified in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who was not stricken.

(4) In the event that more than the required number of arbitrators remains within any given subset, the department shall randomly appoint the number of arbitrators needed for such subset from among those arbitrators remaining within such subset.

(5) In the event that an arbitrator refuses or becomes unable to serve on a given panel to which he or she has been appointed pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the department shall randomly appoint a new arbitrator to such panel by randomly selecting an eligible arbitrator from the specific pool of arbitrators from which the original arbitrator was randomly selected under paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that such new arbitrator shall not have been previously stricken by the county or municipality.

(d) Prior to being eligible to serve on any of the three pools, persons interested in serving on such panels shall receive joint training in alternative dispute resolution together with zoning and land use training, which may be designed and overseen by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia in conjunction with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association, provided such training is available. Provided that the General Assembly appropriates sufficient funds in an applicable fiscal year, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia shall provide at least one training program per year to train new potential panel members.

(e) At the time any person is selected to serve on a panel for any particular annexation dispute, he or she shall sign the following oath: 'I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully perform my duties as an arbitrator in a fair and impartial manner without favor

or affection to any party, and that I have not and will not have any ex parte communication regarding the facts and circumstances of the matters to be determined, other than communications with my fellow arbitrators, and will only consider, in making my determination, those matters which may lawfully come before me.'

(f) The department shall develop and maintain a list of court reporters and hearing officers that may be employed by the department at the request of an arbitration panel to assist the panel in formulating the record before the panel. An arbitration panel may by majority vote of its members elect to employ court reporters and hearing officers from such list. Any costs or charges related to the employment of court reporters and hearing officers pursuant to this subsection shall be evenly divided between the city and the county.

(g) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for uniform procedures and operations of arbitration panels established pursuant to this article. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' to the contrary, such proposed rules and regulations shall be submitted to the chairperson of the House Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Operations."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 36-36-115, relating to meetings of arbitration panel, duties, findings and recommendations, and compensation, as follows:

"36-36-115.

(a)(1)(A) The arbitration panel appointed pursuant to Code Section 36-36-114 shall meet as soon after appointment as practicable and shall receive evidence and argument from the municipal corporation, the county, and the applicant or property owner and shall by majority vote render a decision which shall be binding on all parties to the dispute as provided for in this article not later than 60 days following such appointment, provided that the chairperson of the arbitration panel shall be authorized to extend such deadline one time for a period of up to ten business days~~.~~; provided, however, that ~~Notwithstanding anything in this subparagraph to the contrary,~~ the municipal corporation and county may by mutual agreement, postpone the arbitration procession for a period of up to 180 days to negotiate a potential settlement, and such postponement shall stay the 60 day deadline provided herein.

(B) Meetings of the panel may occur in person, virtually, or via teleconference. The meetings of the panel in which evidence is submitted or arguments of the parties are made, whether such meeting is in person, virtual, or via teleconference, shall be open to the public pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50.

(C) The panel shall first determine the validity of the grounds for objection as specified in the objection. If an objection involves the financial impact on the county as a result of a change in zoning or land use or the provision of maintenance of infrastructure, the panel shall quantify such impact in terms of cost. As to any objection which the panel has determined to be valid, the panel, in its findings, may establish reasonable zoning, land use, or density conditions applicable to the

annexation and propose any reasonable mitigating measures as to an objection pertaining to infrastructure demands.

(2) In arriving at its determination, the panel shall consider:

(A) The existing comprehensive land use plans of both the county and city;

(B) The existing land use patterns in the area of the subject property;

(C) The existing zoning patterns in the area of the subject property;

(D) Each jurisdiction's provision of infrastructure to the area of the subject property and to the areas in the vicinity of the subject property;

(E) Whether the county has approved similar changes in intensity or allowable uses on similar developments in other unincorporated areas of the county;

(F) Whether the county has approved similar developments in other unincorporated areas of the county which have a similar impact on infrastructure as complained of by the county in its objection; and

(G) Whether the infrastructure or capital outlay project which is claimed adversely impacted by the county in its objection was funded by a county-wide tax.

(3) The county shall provide supporting evidence that its objection is consistent with its land use plan and the pattern of existing land uses and zonings in the area of the subject property, which may include, but not be limited to, adopted planning documents and capital or infrastructure plans.

(4) The cost of the arbitration shall be equally divided between the city and the county; provided, however, that if the panel determines that any party has advanced a position that is not valid, the costs shall be borne by the party or parties that have advanced such position.

(5) The reasonable costs of participation in the arbitration process of the property owner or owners whose property is at issue shall be borne by the county and the city in the same proportion as costs are apportioned under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(6) The panel shall deliver its written findings and recommendations to the parties and the department by verifiable delivery. The written findings and recommendations shall include a signed statement for each panel member as to whether or not he or she voted in support of or against such findings and recommendations. The department shall maintain a data base and record of arbitration panel results and at least annually publish a report on such decisions and make such report freely available on the department's website.

(b) If the decision of the panel contains zoning, land use, or density conditions, the findings and recommendations of the panel shall be recorded in the deed records of the county with a caption describing the name of the current owner of the property, recording reference of the current owner's acquisition deed and a general description of the property, and plainly showing the expiration date of any restrictions or conditions.

(c) The arbitration panel shall be dissolved on the tenth day after it renders its findings and recommendations but may be reconvened as provided in Code Section 36-36-116.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, the members of the arbitration panel shall receive the same per diem, expenses, and

allowances for their service on the panel as authorized by law for members of the General Assembly plus $100.00 in total for all days of service for serving on an arbitration panel.
(e) If the panel so agrees, any one or more additional annexation disputes which may arise between the parties prior to the panel's initial meeting may be consolidated for the purpose of judicial economy if there are similar issues of location or similar objections raised to such other annexations or the property to be annexed in such other annexations is within 2,500 feet of the subject property."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

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

HB 90. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 111, nays 62.

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

By unanimous consent, the following Bill and Resolution of the House were postponed until the next legislative day:

HB 262. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Burchett of the 176th, Campbell of the 171st, Corbett of the 174th and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a grant program for the purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; to provide that the department shall consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in establishing grant criteria; to provide for the department to establish grant amounts; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative Carson of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 559. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Crowe of the 118th, Martin of the 49th, Buckner of the 137th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to revise a sunset date for an exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

Representative Martin of the 49th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 560. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST), so as to revise provisions related to negotiations for the distribution of tax proceeds; to limit the application of certain requirements with respect to absent counties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 329. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Guy Jehue Rutland Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 330. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION honoring Melisa Mims for her outstanding contributions to the community through Showtime Pros Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 331. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Bruce Thompson, recipient of the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Chairman's Award; and for other purposes.

HR 332. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Ringgold High School JROTC Tiger Guard drill team; and for other purposes.

HR 333. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2025 as Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month; and for other purposes.

HR 334. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Forsyth Central High School One Act Play program for winning the 2024 GHSA Class 6A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 335. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Hawkins of the 27th, Mathis of the 133rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 13, 2025, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 336. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th and Miller of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Shepherd Center upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 337. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the North Forsyth High School competition cheerleading team for winning the 2024-2025 GHSA Class 6A Competition Cheerleading State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 338. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, LaHood of the 175th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Association of Georgia General Aviation Airports as an industry association for general aviation airports in the State of Georgia and its corporate affiliates; and for other purposes.

HR 339. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Corbin McKay, Cartersville High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 340. By Representative Gambill of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION commending Melissa Moore, Cartersville High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 341. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Monica Whitfield, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Volunteer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 342. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Shaw Industries Group, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Manufacturer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 343. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Bartow County Sheriff's Office, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Community Partner of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 344. By Representative Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the members of the Georgia Black Republican Council; and for other purposes.

HR 345. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Council Member Angelette Mealing for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 346. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Association of Black Women in Construction; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, February 21, 2025

Twenty-First Legislative Day

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

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

Adeyina	Cooper	Gunter	Lupton	Ridley, Jor
Alexander	Corbett	Hagan	Martin	Roberts
Anderson	Cox	Hatchett	Martinez	Sainz
Au	Crawford	Hawkins	Mathiak	Sampson
Baker	Crowe	Henderson	Mathis	Scoggins
Ballard	Cummings	Herring	McClain	Scott
Ballinger	Davis	Hilton	McCollum	Seabaugh
Barnes	Dawson	Hitchens	McDonald	Silcox
Barrett	DeLoach	Holcomb	Meeks	Smith, L
Barton	Dempsey	Holland	Mitchell	Smith, M
Bazemore	Dickey	Hong	Momtahan	Smith, TP
Beckles	Donatucci	Horner	Myles	Smith, V
Bell	Douglas	Howard, J	Neal	Stephens
Berry	Draper	Howard, K	Newton	Stinson
Blackmon	Drenner	Huddleston	Okoye	Tarvin
Bonner	Dubnik	Hugley	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Buckner	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Oliver	Taylor, R
Burchett	Efstration	Jackson, D	O'Steen	Thomas
Burnough	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	Panitch	Townsend
Byrd	Erwin	Jackson, M	Paris	Tran
Cameron	Evans	Jones, A	Park	Wade
Camp	Fleming	Jones, J	Parrish	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parsons	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Ford	Jones, T	Persinger	Wiedower
Cannon, C	Franklin	Kahaian	Petrea	Wilkerson
Cannon, P	Frye	Kelley	Powell	Williams, A
Carpenter	Gaines	Kendrick	Prince	Williams, N
Carter	Gambill	LaHood	Reeves	Williamson
Chastain	Gilliard	Leverett	Rhodes	Willis
Cheokas	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Yearta
Clark, D	Griffin	Lim	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Clifton	Gullett	Lumsden	Ridley, Jas	

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

Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Carson of the 46th, Glaize of the 67th, Heffner of the 130th, Holly of the 116th, Jasperse of the 11th, McQueen of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd, Moore of the 91st, New of the 40th, Reese of the 140th, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Mike Cole, McCaysville Church of God, McCaysville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 538. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Schley County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 539. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption of $4,000.00 from all county school district ad valorem taxation, except taxes levied to retire bonded indebtedness, which applies to the homestead of each resident of the Gwinnett County school district actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead, approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4199), so as to increase said homestead exemption to $10,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 540. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide an additional homestead exemption from Gwinnett County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $2,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are certain public service employees, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4346), so as to expand such exemption to disabled veterans and all employees of the Gwinnett County School District and the Buford City School District; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 541. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Prince of the 132nd and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to expand the definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 542. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Griffin of the 149th, Carter of the 93rd, Romman of the 97th and Clark of the 108th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to promise scholarship accounts, so as to require participating private schools to comply with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Act and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973; to require participating schools to implement participating students' IEPs and Section 504 plans; to provide for rules and policies requiring parents of participating students to provide complete copies of such plans to participating schools; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 543. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st, Bell of the 75th, Dawson of the 65th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require testing of drinking water in child care learning centers and schools for lead contamination; to provide for notice and reporting of test results and remediation plans; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an exemption; to prohibit waivers; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 544. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Miller of the 62nd, Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-310 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student directory information, registering to vote and with selective service, and pledge of allegiance, so as to establish the Jimmy Carter Award for Civic Engagement; to provide for policies and procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 545. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for preparation and filing of transcript of evidence and proceedings where appellant designates matter to be omitted from record on appeal and extensions of time for completion of transcript, so as to provide for transcript requests; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 546. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Scoggins of the 14th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 547. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Meeks of the 178th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to permit the combination of multiple covenants of a single owner into a single, new, ten-year covenant; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 548. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cheokas of the 151st and Sampson of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority, approved March 30, (Ga. L. 1977, p. 4220), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3954), so as to

restate the law governing the authority; provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the existence and membership of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for conflicts of interest; to provide for powers of the authority; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for rules, regulations, and other procedures; to provide for immunity; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide that authority property is not subject to levy and sale; to provide for the Act's effect on other governments; to provide for earnings and dissolution; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 549. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, McCollum of the 30th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reimbursement of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer, collection procedure, and required documentation, so as to extend the time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may be sought; to provide for types of training eligible for reimbursement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 550. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2B-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for participating schools, responsibilities of education savings authority, prohibited requirements, and agency not established, so as to require participating schools to prepare school safety plans that meet certain requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 551. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathis of the 133rd and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to

amend Code Section 43-47-8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to license applications for used motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle parts dealers, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental licenses, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 552. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th and Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise the definition of neglect; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes against the person, so as to provide for an exception to certain offenses of reckless conduct and child cruelty for parents and legal custodians permitting children to participate in independent activities under certain conditions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 553. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Taylor County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 554. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, Erwin of the 32nd, Ballard of the 147th, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health of students, so as to enact the "APEX Now Program"; to provide support for mental health services to students and school personnel experiencing incidents of violence, threats of violence, natural disasters, and other crisis situations; to provide for such

program to be established within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for the development and promulgation of a mental health crisis plan; to provide for a 24 hour online and telephonic hotline; to provide for prospective parental consent; to provide for contracting for services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 555. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Efstration of the 104th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to prohibit business enterprises from owning an interest in more than 2,000 single-family residential properties or ten multifamily residential properties; to provide for the forfeiture of rental payments paid in connection with an unlawful lease of residential property; to provide a private cause of action for the return of rental payments paid in connection with an unlawful lease of residential property; to provide for the disclosure of information by brokers; to provide an effective date; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 556. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Williams of the 148th, McDonald III of the 26th, Gunter of the 8th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 52-7-8.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to operation of watercraft, identification, and operation by minors, so as to provide for boat liveries and education courses; to provide for a penalty; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 557. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dunahoo of the 31st, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional

judge by the Governor; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 558. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th and Newton of the 127th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 561. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th, Greene of the 154th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to surface mining, so as to prohibit the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Natural Resources Department from issuing, modifying, or renewing any permit or accepting any bond to conduct surface mining operations on Trail Ridge for future permit applications and amendments; to provide a definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 562. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th, Greene of the 154th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to surface mining, so

as to provide for a five-year moratorium on the acceptance of applications for new permits and the acceptance of requests to modify existing permits by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to expand the area of land affected by surface mining operations on Trail Ridge; to provide a definition; to provide exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 563. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 143rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to authorize licensed physical therapists to certify an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals for persons with disabilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 564. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Glaize of the 67th, Crawford of the 89th, Santos of the 117th and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health of students, so as to provide that the Department of Education shall develop a mental health crisis plan to rapidly provide mental health services to students experiencing incidents of violence, threats of violence, natural disasters, or other crisis situations; to provide for a definition; to provide for the development and distribution of promotional materials, training programs, and curricula; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 565. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Franklin of the 160th, Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase the annual aggregate

limit for tax credits available for qualified education donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 328. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Chief Jeffrey E. Turner and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

HB 508	HB 509
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HB 559	HB 560
HR 303	HR 304
SB 45	SB 59
SB 77	SB 89
SB 137	SR 56

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 217 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 226	Do Pass	HB 380	Do Pass
HB 381	Do Pass	HB 396	Do Pass
HB 404	Do Pass	HB 412	Do Pass
HB 448	Do Pass	HB 462	Do Pass
HB 468	Do Pass	HB 476	Do Pass
HB 498	Do Pass		

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

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 327	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 378	Do Pass
HB 392	Do Pass	HB 426	Do Pass
HR 251	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 253 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ballinger of the 23rd
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 208 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 308 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 393 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 164	Do Pass
SR 7	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 21st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 58	Aviation; adoption of local ordinances, resolution, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; authorize (Substitute)(T&II-Richardson-125th)
HB 167	Game and fish; authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments (GF&P-Hagan-156th)
HB 181	Vital records; issuance of a Certificate of Foreign Birth by the state registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; provide (Judy-Ehrhart-36th)
HB 192	Top State for Talent Act; enact (Ed-Gambill-15th)
HB 196	State employees' health insurance plan; drugs dispensed for self-administration; provisions (Substitute)(Hth-Kelley-16th)
HB 205	Board of Homeland Security; development of a list of approved unmanned aircraft systems; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Clark-100th)
HB 283	Motor vehicles; issuance of a refusal to sign citation; provide (MotV-Neal-79th)
SB 16	Public Officials; bail bond business; modify provisions (GAff-Huddleston-72nd) Brass-6th

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 226. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cochran, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5162), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 380. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3570) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5050); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 381. By Representatives Greene of the 154th and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5725), so as to add Clay, Marion, and Webster counties to the authority; to revise provisions for the appointment of members; to add references to said additional counties to provisions related to credit not pledged, tort immunity, and effects on other governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 396. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4039), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 404. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Moore of the 91st and Carter of the 93rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Conyers, approved March 16, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3868), as amended, so as to revise the city boundaries; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 412. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Polk County Water Authority, approved April 14, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 3108), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to the reappointment of members of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 448. By Representative Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Gilmer County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to

provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 462. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to authorize Toombs County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 468. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Heard County Board of Education, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5078), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3613), so as to revise the compensation of the members of the Heard County Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 476. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of

election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 498. By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th, Newton of the 127th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Augusta-Richmond County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 96. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to modernize and update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 98. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Strickland of the 42nd, Ginn of the 47th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to provide for county conservators generally; to provide for respective rights and responsibilities of county conservators and county guardians; to provide that county administrators shall serve as ex officio county conservators; to make conforming changes; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the change of designation of county guardian to county conservator by operation of law under certain circumstances and subject to an exception; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 102. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to revise provisions relative to dogfighting; to prohibit fighting of dogs and game cocks; to prohibit possession or sale of fighting related objects; to provide for punishment; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 4-8-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificates of registration, requirements for issuance of certificate, individuals excluded from receiving registration, limitation of ownership, and annual renewal, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 138. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Setzler of the 37th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide for the transition of certain services related to newly incorporated municipalities in certain counties; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes related to insurance, so as to revise provisions related to population data related to newly incorporated municipalities and municipal taxes on life insurance and other insurance companies; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SR 23. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION applying to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

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

SB 96. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to modernize and update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Code Revision.

SB 98. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Strickland of the 42nd, Ginn of the 47th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to provide for county conservators generally; to provide for respective rights and responsibilities of county conservators and county guardians; to provide that county administrators shall serve as ex officio county conservators; to make conforming changes; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the change of designation of county guardian to county conservator by operation of law under certain circumstances and subject to an exception; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

SB 102. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to revise provisions relative to dogfighting; to prohibit fighting of dogs and game cocks; to prohibit possession or sale of fighting related objects; to provide for punishment; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 4-8-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificates of registration, requirements for issuance of certificate, individuals excluded from receiving registration, limitation of ownership, and annual renewal, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 138. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Setzler of the 37th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide for the transition of certain services related to newly incorporated municipalities in certain counties; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes related to insurance, so as to revise provisions related to population data related to newly incorporated municipalities and municipal taxes on life insurance and other insurance companies; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

SR 23. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION applying to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

Representatives Reese of the 140th et al., Sainz of the 180th et al., and Cummings of the 39th et al.

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

HB 167. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dubnik of the 29th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, so as to authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya Adeyina	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	E Romman
Y Alexander	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Anderson	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Au	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Baker	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ballard	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballinger	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Barnes	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barrett	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Barton	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Bazemore	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Beckles	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Bell	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bennett	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Berry	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Byrd	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carter	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, J	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clifton	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 159, nays 0.

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

HB 58. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Leverett of the 123rd, Thomas of the 21st, Clifton of the 131st, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to prohibit certain actions by operators of unmanned aircraft systems; to provide for a penalty; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, is amended by revising Code Section 6-1-4, relating to unmanned aircraft system defined, preemption for unmanned aircraft systems, and operations, as follows:

"6-1-4.

(a)~~(1)~~ As used in this Code section, the term '~~unmanned~~:

(1) 'Ticketed entertainment event' means any music, sporting, or performing arts event or a public fireworks exhibition or display permitted pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 25 held in a location with gated entries or barriers that prevent access to the general public and in which a revocable license that has been issued by an owner, operator, or lessee of such property is required for attendance at such event.

(2) 'Unmanned aircraft system' means ~~a~~:

(A) A powered, aerial vehicle that:

~~(A)~~(i) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

~~(B)~~(ii) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

~~(C)~~(iii) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and

~~(D)~~(iv) Can be expendable or recoverable.

~~(2)~~(B) Such term shall not include a satellite.

(b) Any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state regulating the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems shall be deemed preempted and shall be null, void, and of no force and effect; provided, however, that a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state may:

(1) Enforce any ordinance that was adopted on or before April 1, 2017;

(2) Adopt an ordinance that enforces Federal Aviation Administration restrictions; or

(3) Adopt an ordinance that provides for or prohibits the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property except with respect to the operation of an unmanned aircraft system for commercial purposes.

(c) The state, through agency or departmental rules and regulations, may provide for or prohibit the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property.

(d)(1) It shall be unlawful to operate an unmanned aircraft system within 400 feet of or above a ticketed entertainment event.

(2) A person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of the unauthorized operation of an unmanned aircraft system and shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(3) This subsection shall not apply when a person who operates an unmanned aircraft system:

(A) Has obtained consent by any person with legal authority over a ticketed entertainment event;

(B) Is authorized by federal regulations to operate an unmanned aircraft system and is operating such system in a lawful manner and consistent with federal regulations;

(C) Is an employee of the property where the ticketed entertainment event is held and is conducting official business; or

(D) Is an employee of a water, sewer, electrical, telephone, cable, or other regulated utility service provider and is conducting official business."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	E Romman
Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	E Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	N Tarvin
Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Campbell, L	E Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 153, nays 4.

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

HB 192. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Dubnik of the 29th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to include specific references to programs included in the High-demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board with respect to the State Board of Education's minimum course of study in career education for students in grades six through 12; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to provide for evaluation methodology, reports, and purpose; to

provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	E Romman
Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	E Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 1.

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

HB 181. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Camp of the 135th, Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records, so as to provide for the issuance of a "Certificate of Foreign Birth" by the state registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; to provide for necessary forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 154, nays 0.

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

House of Representatives

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Good morning,

Representative Tran missed the voting for HB 181. He would like for his vote to be reflected as Yay for the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Long X. Tran
Georgia State Representative House
District 80

HB 283. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-13-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to signature on citations required, effect of failure to sign, exemption for out-of-state drivers, and electronic capture of signature, so as to provide for the issuance of a refusal to sign citation; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya Adeyina	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Alexander	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Anderson	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Au	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Baker	N Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ballard	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballinger	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Barnes	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	E Scott
Y Barrett	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	N Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 6.

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

HB 205. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 and Article 2A of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to aviation and the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to provide for the development of a list of approved unmanned aircraft systems for use in this state by the Board of Homeland Security; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 and Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation and organization and administration of emergency management, respectively, so as to provide for the

development of a list of approved unmanned aircraft systems for use in this state by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards for the development of such list; to authorize local ordinances relating to unmanned aircraft systems on such list in certain instances; to authorize the operation of unmanned aircraft systems in this state on such approved list in or on public property; to encourage the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems from such approved list and prohibit the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems not on such approved list by state agencies or local governments after a certain date; to exempt records relating to the development of an approved unmanned aircraft system list from open records requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, is amended by revising Code Section 6-1-4, relating to unmanned aircraft system defined, preemption for unmanned aircraft systems, and operations, as follows:

"6-1-4.

(a)~~(1)~~ As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Approved unmanned aircraft system' means an unmanned aircraft system approved by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency pursuant to Code Section 38-3-39.

(2) 'Unmanned '~~unmanned~~ aircraft system' means a powered, aerial vehicle that is not a satellite and that:

(A) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

(B) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

(C) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and

(D) Can be expendable or recoverable.

~~(2) Such term shall not include a satellite.~~

(b) Any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state regulating the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems shall be deemed preempted and shall be null, void, and of no force and effect; provided, however, that a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state may:

(1) Enforce any ordinance that was adopted on or before April 1, 2017;

(2) Adopt an ordinance that enforces Federal Aviation Administration restrictions; ~~or~~

(3) Adopt an ordinance that ~~provides for or~~ prohibits the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property ~~except with respect to the operation of an unmanned aircraft system for commercial purposes~~; or

(4) Adopt an ordinance that provides for the launch or intentional landing of an approved unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property.

(c) The state, through agency or departmental rules and regulations, may ~~provide for or~~ prohibit the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property. The state, through agency or departmental rules and regulations, may provide for the launch or intentional landing of an approved unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property.

(d) To the extent practicable, a state agency or county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state shall purchase or acquire only approved unmanned aircraft systems; provided, however, that, on and after January 1, 2028, no state agency or county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state shall purchase or acquire an unmanned aircraft system that is not an approved unmanned aircraft system."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization and administration of emergency management, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-39.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'unmanned aircraft system' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 6-1-4.

(b) No later than December 1, 2025, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall develop a list of unmanned aircraft systems approved for use within this state. Such list shall be developed in coordination with the Department of Administrative Services, be developed after consultation with experts in the field of data collection and privacy, and include unmanned aircraft systems determined by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to:

(1) Be compliant with Federal Aviation Administration standards;

(2) Have been cleared for use by the United States Department of Defense;

(3) Be compliant with requirements of the federal National Defense Authorization Act of 2024, P.L. 118-31;

(4) Be designed in a manner that prevents the transmission of data to unauthorized persons or entities under normal operating conditions; and

(5) Present no threat to the security of this state.

(c) The list developed pursuant to this Code section shall be published upon the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency public website.

(d) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall review and update the list compiled pursuant to this Code section every six months. Any records of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency relative to the development of such list shall be exempt from Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records."

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	E Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	E Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 1.

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

SB 16. By Senator Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses concerning public officers and employees, so as to modify provisions relating to public officials engaging in the bail bond business; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	E Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	N Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	E Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 159, nays 6.

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

HB 196. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Hugley of the 141st, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-22.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Georgia estimated acquisition cost and select specialty pharmacy rates' means this state's monthly average drug acquisition cost as of the first day of each month as determined by the Department of Community Health.

(2) 'Insurer' means a corporation licensed to transact accident and sickness or major medical insurance business in this state, a healthcare corporation, a health maintenance organization, a pharmacy benefits manager, or any other entity that provides healthcare coverage or services pursuant to a state health plan. Such term shall not include any licensed group model health maintenance organization with an exclusive medical group contract and which operates its own pharmacies which are licensed under Code Section 26-4-110.

(3) 'National average drug acquisition cost' means the monthly survey of retail pharmacies conducted by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to determine average acquisition cost for Medicaid covered outpatient drugs.

(4) 'Pharmacy' means a pharmacy or pharmacist licensed or holding a nonresident pharmacy permit pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26.

(5) 'Pharmacy benefits manager' means a person, business entity, or other entity that performs pharmacy benefits management as such term is defined in Chapter 64 of Title 33. The term 'pharmacy benefits manager' includes a person or entity acting for a pharmacy benefits manager in a contractual or employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits management for a health plan, including operating or administering a prescription card or prescription discount program directly or on behalf of a pharmacy benefits manager or insurer for covered persons for drugs not covered or being reimbursed by the covered person's pharmacy benefits manager or health plan. Such term shall not include services provided by pharmacies operating under a hospital pharmacy license. Such term shall not include health systems while providing pharmacy services for their patients, employees, or beneficiaries, for indigent care, or for the provision of drugs for outpatient procedures. Such term shall not include services provided by pharmacies affiliated with a facility licensed under Code Section 31-44-4 or a licensed group model health maintenance organization with an exclusive medical group contract and which operates its own pharmacies which are licensed under Code Section 26-4-110.

(6) 'State health plan' means:

(A) The state employees' health insurance plan established pursuant to this article;

(B) The health insurance plan for public school teachers and the health insurance plan for public school employees established pursuant to Subparts 2 and 3, respectively, of Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20; and

(C) The health benefit plan established for members, employees, and retirees of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 31-2-4.

(b) On and after January 1, 2026, an insurer shall reimburse a pharmacy for a drug dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in the state health plan in an amount equal to:

(1) The national average drug acquisition cost on the day of claim administration or, if unavailable, the rate provided in the Georgia estimated acquisition cost and select specialty pharmacy rates on the day of claim administration or, if unavailable, the wholesale acquisition cost on the day of claim administration; and

(2) A professional dispensing fee that is not less than the professional dispensing fee paid by the state under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

(c) An insurer shall calculate a beneficiary's cost share or deductible based solely on the ingredient cost of a prescription drug and shall be prohibited from passing along the cost of the professional dispensing fee to a beneficiary through a cost share, deductible, or any other out-of-pocket payment by the beneficiary.

(d) An insurer shall not circumvent the requirements regarding pharmacy reimbursement in this Code section in any manner, including without limitation by adjudicating claims through a prescription drug discount card or program.
(e) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a violation of this Code section by an insurer shall give rise to a private right of action for damages and equitable remedies for the pharmacy or beneficiary aggrieved."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative O'Steen of the 169th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rural Development:

HB 262. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Burchett of the 176th, Campbell of the 171st, Corbett of the 174th and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a grant program for the purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; to provide that the department shall consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in establishing grant criteria; to provide for the department to establish grant amounts; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Bell of the 75th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications:

HB 389. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Holland of the 54th, Sharper of the 177th, Drenner of the 85th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to prohibit condominium associations, property owners' associations, and homeowners' associations from preventing property owners from installing solar energy devices on common roofs or roof structures; to provide for the burden of costs for removal and reinstallation of solar energy devices; to allow for repair of common roofs or roof structures; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Cannon of the 172nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Education and recommitted to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks:

HB 451. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that local boards of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum in hunting safety; to provide for instructor requirements; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Williams of the 168th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 576. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Smith of the 18th, Lumsden of the 12th, Jackson of the 128th and Hugley of the 141st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to require that the processing of transactions initiated by users of peer-to-peer payment platforms be delayed; to provide for the cancellation of such transactions during such delay period; to provide for penalties; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

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

Representative Cooper of the 45th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 348. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Clark of the 100th, Cameron of the 1st, Hilton of the 48th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Artword Howard; and for other purposes.

HR 349. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Military College on its 145th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 350. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Dickey of the 134th, Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Joshua "Josh" Michael Rogers; and for other purposes.

HR 351. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th, Beckles of the 96th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nancy Taiye Aragbaye; and for other purposes.

HR 352. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th, Beckles of the 96th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Edafetanure Sodje; and for other purposes.

HR 353. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th, Beckles of the 96th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kayode Adekunle; and for other purposes.

HR 354. By Representative Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Phenomenal Hues Global Network; and for other purposes.

HR 355. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Katie Andrews of Central Forsyth High School for winning the 2024 GHSA 6A-7A State All Around Gymnastics Competition; and for other purposes.

HR 356. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Kelley of the 16th, Martin of the 49th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia State University College of Law for being a paragon of excellence in clinical legal education in and beyond the State of Georgia and commending its respective clinics for their towering accomplishments; and for other purposes.

HR 357. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Prince of the 132nd, Hagan of the 156th, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Seth Millican of the Georgia Transportation Alliance for his years of service and commitment to advancing transportation policy in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 358. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Prince of the 132nd, Hagan of the 156th, Jackson of the 128th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Maddison Hendershot of the Georgia Transportation Alliance for her years of service and commitment to advancing transportation policy in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 359. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating Black Economic Empowerment and Black Excellence in honor of Black History Month; and for other purposes.

HR 360. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 5, 2025, as Small Business Day at the state capitol and commending the "Capitalize Georgia: Empowering Financial Futures and Business Excellence Symposium"; and for other purposes.

HR 361. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing June 7, 2025, as TIUA School of Business Entrepreneur Day; and for other purposes.

HR 362. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2025, as Girls Empowerment Day; and for other purposes.

HR 363. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Anita Reynolds Howard; and for other purposes.

HR 364. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Hugley of the 141st, Willis of the 55th, Kendrick of the 95th and Bennett of the 94th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Eta Chapter on its 50th Chartering Anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 365. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Georgia Association of Manufacturers on the 125th anniversary of its formation; and for other purposes.

HR 366. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Alexander of the 66th, Bell of the 75th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Joy Walston for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Kelley of the 16th et al., Sanchez of the 42nd, Campbell of the 35th, Jackson of the 68th, Cannon of the 58th, Sainz of the 180th, Williams of the 168th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Panitch of the 51st et al.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 24, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 24, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, February 24, 2025

Twenty-Second Legislative Day

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

The following communications were received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 511-G
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Speaker Jon Burns,

Subject: Apology and Request for Vote Correction

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere apologies for a misunderstanding that occurred during the proceedings on Friday, February 23, 2025. I was at my desk, preparing to conduct a parliamentary inquiry in support of HB 196, which I believe will serve as a vital resource for my local generational pharmacy in Augusta.

Unfortunately, in the midst of my preparations, I inadvertently failed to formally register my vote. I kindly ask that you record a "yes" vote on HB 196 on my behalf.

Thank you for your understanding, and I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully
Karlton L. Howard
House District 129

Georgia House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 511-C
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 15, 2025

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

RE: HB53, Vote #48, 2/20/25

Dear Clerk:

Please allow the record to reflect my Yea vote for the above referenced bill as opposed to Abstain.

I was at the ropes when the vote was held, but present for the day.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert Dawson

RD/sc

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

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Baker	Davis	Hilton	McClain	Sampson
Ballard	Dawson	Hitchens	McCollum	Schofield
Ballinger	DeLoach	Holcomb	McDonald	Scoggins
Barnes	Dempsey	Holland	McQueen	Scott
Barton	Dickey	Holly	Meeks	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Donatucci	Hong	Mitchell	Sharper
Beckles	Douglas	Horner	Momtahan	Silcox
Bell	Draper	Howard, J	Moore	Smith, L
Bennett	Drenner	Howard, K	Myles	Smith, TP
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Burnough	Evans	Jackson, E	Oliver	Taylor, R
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Campbell, L	Frye	Jones, T	Parsons	Washburn
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Cannon, P	Gambill	Kelley	Petrea	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gilliard	Kendrick	Powell	Wiedower
Carter	Glaize	LaHood	Prince	Williams, A
Chastain	Greene	Leverett	Reese	Williams, N

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Clark, D	Gullett	Lim	Rhodes	Willis
Clark, J	Gunter	Lumsden	Rice	Yearta
Cooper	Hagan	Lupton	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hatchett	Martin	Ridley, Jas	

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

Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Barrett of the 24th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carson of the 46th, Crowe of the 118th, Dubnik of the 29th, Heffner of the 130th, Jenkins of the 136th, Miller of the 62nd, Neal of the 79th, Paris of the 142nd, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, Stinson of the 150th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Father Theodore Ehmer, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Macon, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 566. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Jones of the 25th, Carpenter of the 4th, Frye of the 122nd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "NO FAKES Act of 2025"; to protect intellectual property rights in the voice and visual likeness of individuals; to provide for the characteristics of a right to use the voice or visual likeness in a digital replica; to provide for licensing and transferability of a right; to require the Secretary of State to maintain a directory of designated agents; to provide for civil liability for the unauthorized use of a digital replica; to provide for penalties; to bar liability arising from retroactive application of this Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Creative Arts & Entertainment.

HB 567. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions and conditions; to provide for authorized practices; to provide for a referred dentist; to provide for ownership of documents; to provide for a limited number of dental hygienists to perform teledentistry under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to allow for coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 568. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Euharlee to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations;

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 569. By Representatives Howard of the 71st and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to revise certain notice provisions relating to benefits and appeals; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 570. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th, Ridley of the 6th and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government and state government, respectively, so as to acknowledge that certain international organizations have no jurisdiction in this state; to prohibit the implementation or enforcement of any rule, regulation, fee, tax, policy, or mandate of certain international organizations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 571. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jackson of the 128th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 572. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Braselton, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4319), so as to

annex certain properties into the town; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 573. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 21A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Medicaid care management organizations, so to remove dentists from participation with care management organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 574. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Townsend of the 179th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-9-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to applicability of workers' compensation to employers and employees generally, so as to provide that the chapter shall not apply to employees of an employer covered by and providing coverage under the federal Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 901, et seq., as amended, and its extensions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 575. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 577. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Ridley of the 6th, Dempsey of the 13th, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to enact the "Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 578. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Greene of the 154th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 18th, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, so as to provide for a $1.50 increase in the monthly 9-1-1 charge assessed by local governments; to provide for a $1.50 increase in the monthly wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge assessed by local governments; to provide for a $1.50 increase in the prepaid 9-1-1 charge assessed by local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 579. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wiedower of the 121st, Prince of the 132nd, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to revise provisions relating to licensure to engage in the practice of a profession, business, or trade in this state; to amend Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services, so as to conform a cross-reference; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 580. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Jackson of the 68th, Drenner of the 85th, Glaize of the 67th, Olaleye of the 59th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require local boards of education to provide instruction in cursive writing; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for instruction in cursive writing and to determine the appropriate grade levels for such instruction; to

provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 581. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Wiedower of the 121st, Cannon of the 172nd, Neal of the 79th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to provide for regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of malt beverages; to provide for definitions; to authorize manufacturers of malt beverages to sell or donate malt beverages they produce, subject to certain limitations and conditions; to provide for direct donation of malt beverages by brewers and brewpubs to certain charitable events; to provide that sales for consumption off the premises are not subject to a daily maximum; to permit small brewers to sell a limited quantity of malt beverages at wholesale; to provide for remittance of excise and use taxes on donated malt beverages; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 582. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 17, and 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, and evidence, respectively, so as to provide for defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim; to provide a privilege for participation in victim centered programs and victim-offender dialogues; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for civil immunity for facilitators in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 583. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so

as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 584. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 26, 31, and 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, and mental health, respectively, so as to reassign licensing and oversight of drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 585. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Martin of the 49th, Thomas of the 21st and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an excluded driver under a motor vehicle insurance policy; to provide for definitions; to require an insurer to identify any excluded drivers in proof or evidence of required minimum insurance coverage; to provide for rules; to provide a penalty for an excluded driver operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance; to provide for a penalty for an excluded driver operating a vehicle without insurance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 586. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Hatchett of the 155th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intangible recording tax, so as to revise the notes for which such tax is imposed; to provide for procedures; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 587. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Cartersville in the County of Bartow, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3697), as amended, so as to provide for a finance director; to remove the duties of an ex officio treasurer from the city clerk; to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Cartersville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 588. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Cannon of the 58th, Au of the 50th and Park of the 107th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to provide coverage for fertility diagnostic care, fertility treatment, and for fertility preservation services; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for rules; to provide for certain policies, contracts, certificates, and renewals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 589. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Cannon of the 58th, Au of the 50th and Park of the 107th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide coverage for fertility diagnostic care, fertility treatment, and for fertility preservation services; to provide for amending the Georgia Medicaid plan; to provide for a plan amendment or waiver when necessary; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 590. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the regulation of trailer manufacturers; to establish the State Board of Trailer Manufacturers; to provide for membership, meetings, and duties of such board; to provide for the issuance of licenses to manufacture trailers within this state; to provide for application and licensing requirements; to require maintenance of certain records; to provide for inspections; to authorize the suspension and revocation of such licenses; to provide for the power to enjoin unlawful activity; to provide for a penalty; to provide for punishment; to provide for timing for compliance; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 591. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Cleveland to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 592. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cleveland; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a mayor pro tem; to provide for a city manager and powers and duties thereof; to provide for acting city managers; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 347. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Glaize of the 67th, Douglas of the 78th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION urging all Georgia high schools to establish flag football programs for girls; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

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

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Representative Carpenter of the 4th District, Chairman of the Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 475 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carpenter of the 4th
Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 267 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 22nd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 78 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; total percentage of funds invested in alternative investments; raise limit (Substitute) (Ret-Franklin-160th)

HB 124 Insurance; require coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders; provisions (Ins-Scoggins-14th)

HB 182 Life insurance; excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; prohibit (Ins-Lumsden-12th)

HB 232 Interstate Massage Compact Act; enact (RegI-Silcox-53rd)

HB 287 Environmental Protection Division; Environmental Advisory Council; update reference date to standards, rules, and regulations (GF&P-Rhodes-124th)

HB 352 Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act; enact (Substitute) (P&CH-Seabaugh-34th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 10. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 12. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; to revise definitions; to revise provisions related to judicial enforcement of inspection requests; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 68. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 13, 40, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, contracts, motor vehicles, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for substantive and comprehensive revision of provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions; to provide limitations relative to pain and suffering testimony; to provide for timing of answers and discovery; to provide for

dismissals of civil actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 161. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Gordon County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 236. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Bartow County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 252. By Representatives Smith of the 70th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Newnan ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 356. By Representative Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Doraville Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 10. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 12. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; to revise definitions; to revise provisions related to judicial enforcement of inspection requests; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 68. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 13, 40, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, contracts, motor vehicles, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for substantive and comprehensive revision of provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions; to provide limitations relative to pain and suffering testimony; to provide for timing of answers and discovery; to provide for dismissals of civil actions; to provide for definitions; to provide

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

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 161. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Gordon County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

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

Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th et al., Clark of the 108th, Olaleye of the 59th et al., Horner of the 3rd et al., Cummings of the 39th et al., Smith of the 138th, Stephens of the 164th et al., and Hitchens of the 161st et al.

Pursuant to HR 180, the House recognized and commended Georgia Reads Coach Malcolm Mitchell.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications:

HB 249. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Anderson of the 10th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Drenner of the 85th and Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to generation and distribution of electricity generally, so as to revise provisions relating to solar power facility agreements; to revise provisions relating to the waiver of certain requirements of such agreements; to provide for the certification by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources that solar power

facility agreements meet certain requirements; to provide civil penalties; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 296. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 420. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Stinson of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require certain health benefit policies to cover genetic testing for an inherited mutation and cancer imaging under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to exclude such coverage from any cost-sharing requirements; to protect the eligibility of health savings accounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 287. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, LaHood of the 175th, McDonald III of the 26th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and

director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, so as to update the reference date to standards, rules, and regulations; to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to update the reference date to rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, so as to update the reference date to rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

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

HB 182. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

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

HB 124. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, Clark of the 100th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 and Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance and the state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, respectively, so as to require coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines; to provide for definitions; to allow for deductibles; to prohibit special deductibles; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

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

HB 352. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Mathis of the 133rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Reese of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, so as to revise coverage criteria to include Medicaid recipients with gestational diabetes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, so as to revise coverage criteria to include Medicaid recipients with gestational diabetes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025, the department shall include coverage for continuous glucose monitors as a benefit under Medicaid via the most cost-effective benefit delivery channel. The criteria for such coverage shall be updated to align with current standards of care and shall include, but shall not be limited to, requirements that:

(1) The recipient has been diagnosed with diabetes mellitus by a treating practitioner;

(2) The recipient's treating practitioner has concluded that the recipient or the recipient's caregiver has had sufficient training in using a continuous glucose monitor as evidenced by the provision of a prescription therefor; and

(3) The recipient:

(A) Is treated with ~~at least one daily administration of~~ insulin; ~~or~~

(B) Has gestational diabetes; or

(C) Has a history of problematic hypoglycemia with documentation of at least one of the following:

(i) Recurrent level 2 hypoglycemic events (glucose less than 54 mg/dL (3.0 mmol/L)) that persist despite two or more attempts to adjust medication, modify the diabetes treatment plan, or both; or

(ii) A history of a level 3 hypoglycemic event (glucose less than 54 mg/dL (3.0 mmol/L)) characterized by altered mental or physical state requiring third-party assistance for treatment for hypoglycemia."

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

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

HB 78. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Richardson of the 125th, Yearta of the 152nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Georgia

Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 47-20-87, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) Alternative investments by an eligible large retirement system shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 percent of the eligible large retirement system's assets at any time.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed ~~15~~ 20 percent of its assets at any time.

(B.1) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 15 percent of its assets at any time.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the ~~Teachers'~~ Teachers Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.

~~(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of such system's assets at any time.~~"

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 9.

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

HB 232. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Interstate Massage Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy to administer the compact in this state; to provide definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 5.

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

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

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 22nd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

SR 7 State Highway System; dedicate certain portions (Substitute) (Trans-Jasperse-11th) Dolezal-27th

Modified Structured Rule

HB 34 Professional licensing boards; continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licenses with applicable continuing education requirements; establish (Substitute)(RegI-Washburn-144th)

HB 164 Highways, bridges, and ferries; allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load; repeal automatic repeal provisions (Trans-Meeks-178th)

Structured Rule

HB 136 Income tax; contributions to foster child support organizations; expand tax credit (Substitute)(W&M-Newton-127th)

HB 153 Sales and use tax; maintenance and replacement parts for certain machinery used to mix or transport concrete; extend exemption sunset date (W&M-Camp-135th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 153. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Smith of the 138th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax exemptions for manufacturing equipment, industrial materials, packing supplies, and energy, so as to extend the sunset date for an exemption for maintenance and replacement parts for certain machinery or equipment used to mix or transport

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 3.

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

HB 136. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Blackmon of the 146th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cox of the 28th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations; to expand the types of organizations that qualify as foster child support organizations; to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to create a new tax credit for insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide that such credit shall not be used against succeeding years' tax liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.24, relating to tax credits for contributions to foster child support organizations, as follows:

"48-7-29.24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Aging foster children' means:

(A) Foster children aged 16 through 18 ~~that would benefit based on projected status at age 18, as determined by the division~~; and

(B) Former foster children ~~up to and including age 21, or age 25 if legally possible,~~ aged 16 through 25 who ~~have not been adopted or reunited with families~~ were in foster care for at least six months after reaching age 14.

(2) 'Aging-out program' means a program with the primary function of supporting aging foster children and justice involved youth.

(2.1) 'Business enterprise' means any insurance company or the headquarters of any insurance company required to pay the tax provided for in Code Section 33-8-4.

(3) 'Division' means the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(4) 'Foster child support organization' means:

(A) The aging-out program of the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation;

(B) The aging-out program of the University System of Georgia Foundation, provided that such program is certified by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget as an aging-out program; or

(C) Any domestic nonprofit corporation which maintains nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and tax exempt status under Code Section 48-7-25, that has the primary function of:

(i) Operating an aging-out program that primarily supports aging foster children or operating as or supporting a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or child-caring institution; or

(ii) Disbursing funds directly to one or more of the entities identified in subparagraphs (A) or (B) or division (C)(i) of this paragraph.

(4.1) 'Justice involved youth' means youth aged 18 through 25 who:

(A) Were previously or are currently committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to a court order as authorized by paragraph (11) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-601; and

(B) As a result of such commitment, have been previously placed or are currently placed in a nonsecure facility or community setting.

(4.2) 'Mentorship services' means support services directly provided to an aging foster child or justice involved youth by a mentor, such as role modeling, informal counseling, guiding, motivating, and sharing time together.

(5) 'Qualified contributions' means the preapproved contribution of funds made during the taxable year by a taxpayer or a business enterprise to a qualified organization under the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(6) 'Qualified expenditures' means expenditures made by a qualified organization for the following purposes; provided, however, that such term shall not include any expenditures for which the qualified organization has received or is eligible to receive reimbursement from the department:

(A) The costs associated with tuition waivers granted pursuant to Code Section 20-3-660;

(B) Wraparound services for ~~individuals~~ aging foster children and justice involved youth who are:

(1) Enrolled in ~~attending~~ a public or private postsecondary educational institution ~~under a waiver granted pursuant to Code Section 20-3-660~~; ~~or~~

(2) Enrolled in a program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(3) Enrolled in a recognized vocational school; or

(4) Participating in a registered apprenticeship program, provided that the participant and the organization for which the participant is an apprentice document that the participant is compliant with the rules of the apprenticeship program.

(C) Mentorship services provided to aging foster children and justice involved youth; provided, however, that such expenditures shall not include:

(1) Compensation for a single mentor which exceeds ~~no mentor shall be compensated in excess of~~ $100.00 per month for an aging foster child or justice involved youth or ~~$500.00~~ $1,200.00 per year for any aging foster child or justice involved youth; or

(2) Payments made to employees of a qualified organization who perform duties other than providing mentorship services for the organization.

(7) 'Qualified organization' means a foster child support organization that has been certified and listed by the division pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(8) 'Wraparound services' means services provided directly to aging foster children or justice involved youth to support their education through high school completion, vocational, and postsecondary education services, housing services, vocation services, medical services, counseling services, mentorship services, nutrition services, transportation services, ~~or~~ daily living essentials and clothing, and up to ~~$150.00~~ $200.00 per month in direct cash payments for use on personal necessities.

(b)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed ~~$20~~ $30 million per calendar year.

(2) Subject to the aggregate limit provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the limitations of ~~subsection~~ subsections (b.1), (b.2), and (k) of this Code section, each:

(A) Taxpayer ~~taxpayer~~ shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified contributions ~~made by the taxpayer on or after January 1, 2023~~, as follows:

~~(A)~~(i) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount of qualified contributions made;

~~(B)~~(ii) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the actual amount of qualified contributions made;

~~(C)~~(iii) Anything to the contrary contained in ~~subparagraph (A) or (B)~~ division (i) or (ii) of this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph notwithstanding, in the case of an individual taxpayer who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, the actual amount of qualified contributions it made; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership; or

~~(D)~~(iv) In the case of a ~~A~~ corporation or other entity not provided for in ~~subparagraphs (A)~~ divisions (i) through ~~(C)~~ (iii) of this ~~paragraph shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, for qualified contributions in an amount not to exceed~~ subparagraph, the actual amount of qualified contributions made; and

(B) Business enterprise shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 33-8-4 in an amount equal to its qualified contributions.

(b.1) For the period beginning on January 1 and ending on June 30 of each year, ~~an individual~~ a taxpayer shall not be allowed a credit for contributions, and the commissioner shall not preapprove any contributions, that exceed the following limits:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, $2,500.00;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $5,000.00;

(3) In the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, $5,000.00; or

(4) In the case of a corporation or other entity not provided for in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection, ~~10~~ 30 percent of such entity's income tax liability, or if such entity is a business enterprise, 30 percent of such entity's tax liability imposed by Code Section 33-8-4.

(b.2)(1) For the period beginning on July 1 and ending on December 31 of each year, to the extent that the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section has not been reached, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate additional requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer and the qualified organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration.

(2) A taxpayer that is preapproved for the tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section during the period provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall only be allowed such credit in an amount that shall not exceed 95 percent of the amount provided for such taxpayer in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(c) ~~Not later than October 1, 2022, the~~ The commissioner shall establish a page on the department's public website for the purpose of implementing this Code section. Such page shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) A link to the division's web based application for certification as a qualified organization as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section;

(2) The current list of all qualified organizations;

(3) The total amount of tax credits remaining and available for preapproval for each year;

(4) A web based method for taxpayers or business enterprises seeking the preapproval status for contributions; and

(5) The information received by the department from each qualified organization pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (g) except for division (g)(1)(B)(iv) of this Code section.

(d)(1) The division shall establish and maintain a web based application process for the purpose of certifying foster child support organizations as qualified organizations. At a minimum, such application created by the division shall include an agreement submitted by the applicant to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(2) ~~The~~ (A) Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the division shall certify any valid foster child support organization as a qualified organization upon successful completion of such application process and shall decertify an organization that fails to maintain the requirements to be a qualified organization or that the division determines to have violated any other law.

(B) For any foster child support organization that is not a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or child-caring institution or that meets the definition of such term only as set forth in division (a)(4)(C)(ii) of this Code section to be certified as a qualified organization, such organization shall provide documentation demonstrating that for a period of at least two calendar years prior to the submission of its application, the organization has operated an aging-out program and, during that period, has provided services to at least 50 aging foster children or justice involved youth.

(C) After receiving certification pursuant to this subsection, each qualified organization other than a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or child-caring institution shall annually demonstrate to the division's satisfaction that it continues to maintain the requirements to be a qualified organization, and shall annually submit to the division a copy of such organization's most recent annual audit.

(3) The division shall certify any foster child support organization operating as a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or child-caring institution as a qualified organization within ten days of receipt of a written request or application.

(4) The ~~division shall accept a first round of applications for certification as qualified organizations by October 1, 2022, and shall certify and notify such applicants of the division's decision on or before November 30, 2022. Thereafter the~~ division shall establish a process for rolling applications and certifications consistent with the requirements of this Code section.

(e)(1) Prior to making a contribution to any qualified organization, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the commissioner, of the total amount of contribution that such taxpayer or business enterprise intends to make to such qualified organization.

(2) Within 30 days after receiving a request for preapproval of contributions, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer or business enterprise and the qualified organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration. Such notices shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer or business enterprise. The preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Within 60 days after receiving the preapproval notice issued by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall contribute the preapproved amount to the qualified organization or such preapproved contribution amount shall expire. The commissioner shall not include such expired amounts in determining the remaining amount available under the aggregate limit for the respective calendar year.

(f)(1) Each qualified organization shall issue to each contributor a letter of confirmation of contribution, which shall include the taxpayer's or business enterprise's name, address, tax identification number, the amount of the qualified contribution, the date of the qualified contribution, and the total amount of the credit allowed to the taxpayer or business enterprise.

(2)(A) In order for a taxpayer or business enterprise to claim the tax credit allowed under this Code section, all such applicable letters as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be attached to the taxpayer's tax return or a business enterprise's tax return provided for in Code Section 33-8-6.

(B) If ~~When~~ the taxpayer files an electronic return, such confirmation shall only be required to be electronically attached to the return if the Internal Revenue Service allows such attachments to be affixed and transmitted to the department. In any such event, the taxpayer shall maintain such confirmation and such confirmation shall only be made available to the commissioner upon request.

(C) With respect to a business enterprise's tax return provided for in Code Section 33-8-6, the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the manner in which such letters of confirmation of donations shall be filed in the case of tax returns filed electronically.

(3) The commissioner shall allow tax credits for any preapproved contributions made to a qualified organization at the time the contributions were made if such organization was a qualified organization at the time of the commissioner's preapproval of the contributions and the taxpayer or business enterprise has otherwise complied with this Code section.

(g)(1) Each qualified organization shall annually submit to the department no later than ~~May 15~~ July 15 of each year:

(A) A complete copy of its IRS Form 990 including applicable attachments, or for any qualified organization that is not required by federal law to file an IRS Form 990, such organization shall submit to the commissioner equivalent information on a form prescribed by the commissioner; provided, however, that, if the organization's IRS Form 990 is not prepared by the filing deadline, the organization shall provide such form at the same time it submits such form to the Internal Revenue Service; and

(B) A report detailing the contributions received during the calendar year pursuant to this Code section on a date determined by, and on a form provided by, the commissioner which shall include:

(i) The total number and dollar value of individual contributions and tax credits approved. Individual contributions shall include contributions made by those filing

income tax returns as a single individual or head of household and those filing joint returns;

(ii) The total number and dollar value of corporate contributions and tax credits approved;

(iii) The total number and dollar value of all qualified expenditures made; ~~and~~

(iv) A list of contributors, including the dollar value of each contribution and the dollar value of each approved tax credit; and

(v) An accounting of the funds withheld from qualified contributions demonstrating that no more than 10 percent of such funds were withheld from qualified expenditures, as required by subparagraph (j)(1)(A) of this Code section.

(2) Except for the information published in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section, all information or reports relative to this Code section that were provided by qualified organizations to the department shall be confidential taxpayer information, governed by Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, whether such information relates to the contributor or the qualified organization.

(h) By April 1 of each year, each qualified organization shall ~~publicly~~ post on its public website in a prominent place:

(1) A ~~a~~ copy of its prior year's annual budget containing the total amount of funds received from all sources relative to the amount of qualified contributions it received and the total amount and a description of how such contributions were utilized~~.~~; and

(2) A certification, signed by the chief executive officer of the qualified organization, which substantially complies with the following statement:

'I hereby certify that:

(A) The organization has materially complied with the requirements of subparagraph (j)(1)(A) of O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.24 in that no more than 20 percent of qualified contributions received by [the qualified organization] were retained by, withheld by, or otherwise paid to the organization; and

(B) The description of how [the qualified organization] utilized the qualified contributions is true and correct.'

(i)(1) A taxpayer or business enterprise shall not be allowed to designate or direct the taxpayer's or business enterprise's qualified contributions to any particular purpose or for the direct benefit of any particular individual.

(2) A taxpayer or business enterprise that operates, owns, or is a subsidiary of an association, organization, or other entity that contracts directly with a qualified organization shall not be eligible for tax credits allowed under this Code section for contributions made to such qualified organization.

(3) In soliciting contributions, no person shall represent or direct that, in exchange for making qualified contributions to any qualified organization, a taxpayer or business enterprise shall receive any direct or particular benefit. The status as a qualified organization shall be revoked for any qualified organization determined to be in violation of this paragraph and shall not be renewed for at least two years.

(j)(1)(A) Each qualified organization shall use at least 80 percent of the funds received by it from qualified contributions to make qualified expenditures. Each

qualified organization shall maintain accurate and current records of all expenditures of such funds and provide such records to the commissioner upon his or her request. In no event shall a qualified organization retain for its own use or apply to its overhead or administrative expenses more than 10 percent of the funds received pursuant to this Code section.

(B) No foster child support organization that meets only the definition of such term as provided in division (a)(4)(C)(ii) of this Code section shall retain more than 2.5 percent of qualified contributions for itself for any reason and shall only serve to pass all of its qualified contributions to one or more qualified organizations that are foster child support organizations as such term is defined in subparagraphs (a)(4)(A), (a)(4)(B), or division (a)(4)(C)(i) of this Code section.

(2) A qualified organization that fails to comply with any of the requirements under this Code section shall be given written notice by the department of such failure to comply by certified mail and shall have 90 days from the receipt of such notice to correct all deficiencies.

(3) Upon failure to correct all deficiencies within 90 days, the department shall revoke the foster child support organization's status as a qualified organization and such entity shall be immediately removed from the department's list of organizations. All applications for preapproval of tax credits for contributions to such foster child support organization under this Code section made on or after the date of such removal shall be rejected.

(4) Each foster child support organization that has had its status revoked and has been delisted pursuant to this Code section, shall immediately cease all expenditures of funds received relative to this Code section, and shall transfer all of such funds that are not yet expended, to a properly operating qualified organization within 30 calendar days of its removal from the department's list of qualified organizations.

(k)(1) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section to a taxpayer for any amount of qualified contributions that were utilized as deductions or exemptions from taxable income.

(2) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability or the business enterprise's state tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4. ~~Any~~ No unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against ~~the~~ succeeding ~~three~~ years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against prior years' tax liability.

(l) The chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee and the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to request an audit concerning this Code section as a whole or of any one or more qualified organizations. The commissioner, the state auditor, each qualified organization, each aging-out program, and the director of the division shall cooperate to the full extent necessary to conduct such audits.

(m) At the discretion of the commissioner or the director of the division, any suspected misuse of funds contributed or expended pursuant to this Code section shall be forwarded to the Attorney General for investigation and prosecution.

(n) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-7-60, relating to confidentiality of tax information, exceptions, authorized inspection by certain officials, furnishing information to local tax authorities, furnishing information to nonofficials, conditions, and effect of Code section, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d.1) The commissioner shall be authorized in his or her sole discretion to share information necessary to efficiently administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of tax credit administration when another state agency has statutory authority to administer such tax credits. Any confidential information furnished pursuant to this Code section shall retain its character as confidential and privileged information. Any person who divulges confidential information obtained pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to the same penalties as provided under Code Section 48-7-61 for unlawful divulgence of confidential taxpayer information."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

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

HB 164. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Dickey of the 134th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads, so as to repeal automatic repeal provisions relating to an allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load hauling certain commodities within a certain range and areas of the state; to provide for the enforcement of such provisions by local law enforcement officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 9.

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

HB 34. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding professions and businesses, so as to establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding professions and businesses, so as to establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding professions and businesses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-1-4.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'License' means any document, permit, certificate of registration, or other authorization issued by or on behalf of a professional licensing board that is required for a person to engage in a profession, business, or trade.

(2) 'Licensee' means any person who is required to be licensed or who is actually licensed by a professional licensing board.

(b) The office of the Secretary of State on behalf of all professional licensing boards under its jurisdiction that require continuing education shall establish a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements and to determine whether a licensee is in full compliance with such requirements at the time of making application for license renewal. Such tracking solution may be an off-premises hosted software-as-a-service application accessible through a public website. The Secretary of State may contract with third parties to implement, integrate, or otherwise provide such tracking system.

(c) On and after January 1, 2026, a professional licensing board shall not renew a license until the applicant has complied with all applicable continuing education requirements as verified using the continuing education tracking solution required by subsection (b) of this Code section. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a professional licensing board from granting a waiver or imposing additional penalties as otherwise provided by law or by the rules or regulations of the applicable board for failure to comply with continuing education requirements.

(d) The professional licensing boards and the division director may adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

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

SR 7. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial Highway was sponsored by Senator Bo Hatchett as SR 583 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert F. Sullivan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was born on September 21, 1927, the beloved son of Franklin Clyde and Minnie Valdivia "Dee" Gillespie Sullivan and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan earned his medical degree from Emory University, began his medical practice in Carnesville, Georgia, in 1957, and served as chief of staff for Cobb Memorial Hospital in Royston, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Carnesville Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Sullivan was a lifelong member of Carnesville Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Lary Jack Moree Memorial Bridge was sponsored by Senator Sam Watson as SR 612 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lary Jack Moree has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moree was born on November 9, 1942, the beloved son of R.V. and Miltie Jeanette Johnson Moree and was the owner and operator of Moree's Grocery and Liquor Store, the family business he took over from his father; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Moree gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. Moree demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, the dedication of the "Coach" Jerry L. Waller, Sr., and Frances R. Waller Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Senator Steve Gooch as SR 633 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., was born in Cobb County to the late Gordon Lee Waller and Frances Ocille Smith Waller on March 12, 1938, and was called home to be with the Lord on September 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Rogers Waller, who went by Frances, was born in Cohutta to the late Lloyd Rogers and Ethel Oliver Rogers on July 5, 1940, and was called home to be with the Lord on March 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances met and fell in love at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, married on August 26, 1961, and built their lives together and raised a family encompassing six children, 14 grandchildren, and growing numbers of great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 and thereafter, Jerry and Frances raised their family in the same home on Lakewood Drive until their passings and played important roles in their community and in their church, the Gospel Light Baptist Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, Jerry began his career as a school teacher along with Frances before moving back to Cobb County to join the manufacturing industry, culminating in almost 25 years working for Lockheed Martin in Marietta supporting the production of C-130s; and

WHEREAS, Frances's passion was for education and children which was demonstrated by her calling to be an elementary school teacher with over 20 years of service at four schools: Coosa Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lockheed Elementary, and Marietta Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Frances never stopped being an educator, with a great sense of dry humor, to the young and the old until the day she left this world; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances made youth baseball and sports a family endeavor, making Adams Park in Kennesaw a second home with five children cycling through the park for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, Jerry inspired leadership traits in his children through taking on various roles including coach, umpire, and president of the Kennesaw Baseball Association; and

WHEREAS, Jerry, a deacon, and Frances, a Sunday school teacher, were anchored by their faith and called to serve family, friends, and strangers by opening up their home and offering their resources to those in need for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Dr. Jim Morrow Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Senator Greg Dolezal as SR 631 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Morrow dedicated 43 years to providing compassionate care as a family medicine physician, a gifted diagnostician, and a beloved friend to his patients and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, Dr. Morrow was the CEO of Morrow Family Medicine, a state of the art family practice in Cumming, Georgia, for ten years, where he was adored by his staff as a mentor, a friend, and a trusted physician and earned the titles of the "Top 25 Place to Work in Atlanta" and the "Best in Forsyth" in family medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow's leadership was invaluable to organizations such as the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology and the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS); and

WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2014 Steve Bloom Entrepreneur of the Year by the Cumming Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, the Phoenix Award as Community Leader of the Year from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the HIMSS Primary Care Davies Award, the HIMSS Physician IT Leader of the Year, and the Distinguished Humanitarian Physician Alumni of the Year Award from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Senator Nan Orrock as SR 774 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston was born on March 30, 1915, in Lanette, Alabama, the youngest of 11 siblings born to Hope and Mary Winston; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Winston attended Clark College and dedicated his life to enriching and uplifting young children at the historic Butler Street YMCA, which served as the only Black YMCA in the city; and

WHEREAS, while at the Butler Street YMCA, he served as a mentor to future leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vernon Jordan, Jesse Hill, Herman Russell, Maynard Jackson, Walt Frazier, Ambassador Andrew Young, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to the community were recognized in 1995 when the Butler Street YMCA constructed a new branch and named the facility the J.D. Winston YMCA; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Winston was an active and faithful member of the Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he served in numerous capacities, including as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART VI

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Lawhorne Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Representative Brent Cox as HR 1118 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne, Karolyn "Karri" Marie, and Tabbatha Rene' Lawhorne passed away in a tragic car accident on May 17, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne Lawhorne was born on May 16, 1980, and was a cheerleader, cross-country runner, and a budding actress; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne had a great love for Jesus and after her passing it was discovered that she had a list of over 100 people for whom she prayed daily; and

WHEREAS, Tabbatha Rene' Lawhorne was born in June 18, 1982, and was a standout soccer and softball player; and

WHEREAS, Tabbatha was a compassionate and generous soul, who went out of her way to help others in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, Karolyn "Karri" Marie Lawhorne was born on December 18, 1983, and was beautiful both inside and out; and

WHEREAS, Karri loved her family and friends fiercely and was known as the life of the party as a talented singer, star athlete, and an amazing artist; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

PART VII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Michael Anthony Woodall Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Representative Patty Marie Stinson as HR 1162 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Anthony Woodall was a dedicated and faithful public servant whose life was tragically cut short on June 15, 2023, during service as the District 3 assistant highway maintenance foreman with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service after numerous severe weather incidents in this state; and

WHEREAS, he played a vital role for the Georgia Department of Transportation and was known for his willingness to do whatever was necessary to ensure roads in this state were clear and safe for travel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall began his career with the department in 2018 as an equipment operator and worked his way up to assistant foreman in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, he was known by his colleagues and others as a very kind and generous person who was always willing to help and who never once hesitated when performing his job duties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall will always be remembered for his love of the outdoors, the Georgia Bulldogs, and his unyielding commitment that set the standard for public service; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the George R. Eusner Memorial Bridge was sponsored by Representative Patty Marie Stinson as HR 1227 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George R. Eusner was raised in Monticello, New York, and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942; and

WHEREAS, his work transformed the refractory industry, as the vice president of the refractories and mineral technologies division at U.S. Steel and executive vice president of Davis Fire Brick Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Eusner saw a need for calcined mullite for the refractory market, which led him to Andersonville, Georgia, where local raw materials were available through the Georgia Kaolin Company, and he joined forces with Mr. Lewis Eastern, mayor of Andersonville, to build a small plant that could produce 50 tons per week of high-quality calcine mullite; and

WHEREAS, he founded Mullite Company of America shortly thereafter, which became a major player in the industry known for its innovative technology and commitment to quality, and it continues to make a positive economic impact for Sumter, Schley, and Macon counties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IX

WHEREAS, the dedication of the US Army Cpl. Dewey E. Lewis Jr., Memorial Bridge was sponsored by Representative John Corbett as HR 1228 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., was a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, serving in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis was reported missing in action on December 2, 1950, after his unit came under attack during an advance along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea; and

WHEREAS, it was reported that Corporal Rewis was held as a prisoner of war and died in an area called the Death Valley, which served as a collection point for United Nations prisoners, but his remains were not returned home to his family and accounted for until October 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States in giving the ultimate sacrifice will be remembered always; and

WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART X

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Chairman Pete Liakakis Memorial Highway was sponsored by Representative Carl Gilliard as HR 1250 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis was born on January 9, 1932, in Savannah, Georgia, and attended Savannah High School; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force, was trained as a bomb disposal expert, and worked as the deputy director of civil defense during the Cold War Era and as a covert intelligence officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Liakakis operated several firework retail stores in Savannah and a small chain of Pal Convenience Stores before founding the United Security Agency and later the United Detective Agency, where he earned a well deserved reputation for getting results for his clients; and

WHEREAS, he provided security detail for the stars and sets of several movies filmed in Savannah and went on to co-produce films and television programs with Burt Reynolds through their production company, Sun Classic Pictures; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Mr. Liakakis worked in politics as a campaign manager and adviser before running for office himself in 1995 at age 63, when he was elected as alderman at large for the Savannah City Council; and

WHEREAS, he later served on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as chairman and held leadership roles for the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the executive committee of the American Cancer Society, Savannah Tech Foundation, and the Beach Institute, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XI

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Frances Bright Johnson Memorial Interchange was sponsored by Representative Carl Gilliard as HR 1251 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Frances Bright Johnson was born on April 17, 1937, the beloved daughter of Robert Bryant, Sr., and Rosa Lee Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was raised in Garden City, Georgia, and graduated from Richard Arnold High School; and

WHEREAS, an active leader of her community, Mrs. Johnson was a lifetime member of the NAACP, served for ten years as chairperson of the Political Advisory Council, was a member of the Chatham County Federation of Democratic Women, and was a member of the YMCA and YWCA Executive Board Democratic Forum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

PART XII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams Memorial Interchange was sponsored by Representative Carl Gilliard as HR 1253 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams have long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital roles that they have played in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams was a renowned civil rights leader whose work was crucial in achieving one of the civil rights movement's greatest accomplishments, the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, born on January 5, 1926, Rev. Dr. Williams was orphaned at the age of ten after his blind mother passed away, yet he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Morris Brown College, earn a Purple Heart for his heroic service during World War II, and become a renowned research chemist with the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Juanita Williams graduated third in her class at Savannah State College an earned a master's degree from Atlanta University; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1984 and diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state for four terms; and

WHEREAS, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to "clothe the naked and feed the hungry," Rev. Dr. and Rep. Williams founded the Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless aid organization in 1970, which is currently the largest direct-to-client food service organization in the Southeast and a provider of medical and educational aid in Haiti and Philippines; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Bobby Thomas Highway was sponsored by Representative Lauren McDonald, III, as HR 1300 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Thomas was born in 1946 in Cumming, Georgia, graduated from Forsyth County High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas family roots in Forsyth County run deep, with the family's origins dating to before the Civil War and operating the Thomas Lumber Company since 1927; and

WHEREAS, as the current owner of Thomas Lumber Company, Mr. Thomas takes pride in providing customers with the highest quality lumber products in pine, cypress, Brazilian hardwood, and cedar; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas' significant organizational and leadership talents have been invaluable to numerous organizations, including the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Forsyth County, and the board of People's Bank of Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Jeff Downing Intersection was sponsored by Representative Rick Jasperse as HR 1325 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Downing has long been recognized by the citizens of Pickens County and this state for the vital leadership role that he has played in his community and the supermarket industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downing began his grocery career in the tenth grade, working his way up to leadership positions for Big Star Food Markets and A&P; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Downing and his wife Sandy opened and operated Foothills IGA in Marble Hill, Georgia, until his retirement in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downing has earned many professional awards, including the IGA 2015 USA International Retailer of the Year award and the Georgia Food Industry Association's 2015 Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, he has served in leadership positions in a number of philanthropic organizations, including the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce, Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center, CARES food bank, Rotary Club, Hope House, Pickens Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, Georgia Food Industry Association, and the Georgia Food Industry Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Downing was named 2014 Pickens County Citizen of the Year in honor of his leadership and his service to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XV

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Maceo A. Brown Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Representative Mesha Mainor as HR 1326 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maceo A. Brown was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Henry McNeil Turner High School; and

WHEREAS, he became a certified electrician in 1974 and began his own business, Maceo A. Brown Electrical Contractors, which provides residential and commercial electrical services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown established System 5 Electronics, which provides residential and commercial alarm system installation and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he founded MACEO's Kids, Inc., (Mentoring Aspiring CEO's), to bring intelligent, compassionate, and dedicated members of the business community together in pursuit of providing local youth with the opportunities and tools to grow as successful members of society; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Carolyn Long Banks Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Representative Mesha Mainor as HR 1327 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carolyn Lucille Long Banks was born on October 30, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Mr. Ralph A. Long, Sr., and Mrs. Rubye Carolyn Hall Long; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Turner High School, Mrs. Banks attended Clark College where she became an active leader with the Atlanta Student Movement, which was a formidable force for change and mobilized students for marches, sit ins, and boycotts for civil rights and justice; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and dedication helped the Atlanta Student Movement see the integration of local businesses and city facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mrs. Banks became the first African American woman to serve on the Atlanta City Council, where she spearheaded Atlanta's Proctor Creek Infrastructure

Plan to support African American communities and co-sponsored the Freedom Parkway compromise; and

WHEREAS, she initiated a Children's Defense Fund partnership with cities across the nation to improve youth civic engagement and served as president of the National League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks was a member of the University of Georgia Municipal Leadership Institute, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Leadership Atlanta, Atlanta Business League, NAACP, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and Southwest Cascade Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison Memorial Interchange was sponsored by Representative Holt Persinger as HR 1328 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison on August 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's degree in horticulture in 1971; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the County Extension Service, beginning with Elbert County and later transferring to Barrow County; and

WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Barrow County Board of Education, Barrow County Board of Commissioners, the Rotary Club, and Walton-Barrow Board of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison established the Barrow County Cattleman's Association and served as president of the Barrow County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Ricky Dykes Intersection was sponsored by Representative Danny Mathis as HR 1332 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard "Ricky" Alan Dykes was born on August 10, 1954, in Hawkinsville, Georgia, and graduated from Cochran High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes worked loading hay for erosion control and learned every aspect of the road-building industry during his first job with the family owned Everett Dykes Grassing Company; and

WHEREAS, he has served in numerous capacities for the company over the years and continues to provide leadership and support as a consultant and advisor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes' expertise and leadership have been invaluable to the Georgia Highway Contractors Association, where he has served on the board of directors and as president; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XIX

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Van Dykes Railway Overpass was sponsored by Representative Danny Mathis as HR 1333 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Van Dykes has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his 40 years of service in the road construction industry and as president and CEO of Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes served with unyielding commitment as president of the Georgia Highway Contractors Association from 2004 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, he has earned distinction for his dedication to his community and profession including the Citizen of the Year Award from the Cochran Bleckley Chamber in 1998; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an overpass in his honor.

PART XX

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Colonel Ben Malcom Memorial Bridge was sponsored by Representative Josh Bonner as HR 1334 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most noble, patriotic, and selfless citizens with the passing of Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom on October 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was born on December 20, 1928, in Monroe, Georgia, a beloved son of Jamie and Mamie Malcom; and

WHEREAS, during his 29 years of distinguished service to the United States Army, he demonstrated unwavering commitment and bravery in staff and command positions throughout the United States and Europe as well as during combat tours in Korea and Vietnam and was recalled many times to active duty as a result of his highly important and relevant operations in North Korea; and

WHEREAS, his final position on active duty as garrison commander of three United States Army installations and his induction into the Georgia Military Hall of Fame in 2020 stand as testament to his outstanding leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was further recognized through numerous awards and decorations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Aviation Badge, Airborne Badge, four awards of the Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge—the first Special Forces soldier to ever receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service and the will to find meaning in something greater than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XXI

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Cameron Scroggins Memorial Bridge was sponsored by Representative Mike Cameron as HR 1335 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James "Cameron" Scroggins was born on October 15, 1997, in East Ridge, Tennessee, and spent most of his life in Chickamauga, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scroggins developed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma early in life and relapsed four times; and

WHEREAS, even through his treatments and pain, Mr. Scroggins remained optimistic in life and always encouraged others to volunteer for the bone marrow registry, paving the way for countless donations and lives saved; and

WHEREAS, he was a talented football player and proudly wore #39 for the Fighting Trojans at Gordon Lee High School; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous soul, Mr. Scroggins will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son and friend continues to be sorely missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XXII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens Memorial Interchange was sponsored by Representative Edna Jackson as HR 1336 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Stephens was born on April 4, 1944, and graduated from A.E. Beach High School and Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he spent over three decades as an educator, teaching at both Richard Arnold High and Savannah High, where he was the head coach for girl's basketball and girl's track teams and an assistant football coach for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Stephens began his career in public service and politics in 2002 when he was elected to his first term in the Georgia House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Savannah-Chatham School Board in 2006 and served until winning back his House seat in 2009, ably and adeptly representing the citizens of the 165th House District until his passing in 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART XXIII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the J. Richard Smith Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Representative J. Collins as HR 1355 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James "Richard" Smith was born on February 14, 1940, the beloved son of the late Carl Reese Smith and Reba Mae Walker Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's first job in Villa Rica was in 1967 as the general manager for the Richard's Motor Company Ford Dealership and he went on to purchase the dealership with his brother, Donald; and

WHEREAS, in addition to co-founding Don-Rich Ford in Villa Rica, Georgia, Mr. Smith was a beloved local figure and a leader of the business community; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith was an active member of First Baptist Church of Villa Rica; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Villa Rica Lion's Club, a director of the Bank of Villa Rica, and a member of the board of directors for Villa Rica Hospital, Tanner Medical Center, and the Tanner Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as chairman of the Industrial Development Authority, Mr. Smith oversaw the initial development of the industrial park and helped bring in the park's first business, Lowe's Distribution Center; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXIV

WHEREAS, the dedication of the LTC Benjamin Fred and Sandra Kitchens Christian Roundabout was sponsored by Representative Tim Fleming as HR 1357 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian were high school sweethearts at Newton County High School and pillars of their community in Oxford, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Benjamin Fred Christian served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia National Guard for 34 years as a rescue pilot, logging over 10,000 hours of flight time and flying a UH-1 Huey helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian graduated from Piedmont Nursing School and worked for several physicians' offices in Covington, Georgia; with Newton General Hospital; and later with Amedisys Home Health Care, where she was also the director of nurses; and

WHEREAS, a couple with deep and abiding faith, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Christian were active members of Gum Creek Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, they loved to travel and spend time with family and friends at their lake house on Jackson Lake, and these generous and kind souls are sorely missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing them, especially their beloved children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in their memory.

PART XXV

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout was sponsored by Representative Debbie Buckner as HR 1358 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., was born on December 8, 1926, in Tifton, Georgia, and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and received his commission as an infantry officer in 1949; and

WHEREAS, he was assigned to occupation duty in Okinawa, Japan, where he volunteered for the Eighth Army Ranger Company, which was formed shortly after the Korean Conflict began in 1950; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with a Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and leadership when, while leading the company as commander, the company was overrun after six counterattacks and, despite being severely injured, Colonel Puckett insisted on continuing to serve active duty; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Colonel Puckett became the national program coordinator of Outward Bound, Inc., and subsequently established Discovery, Inc., a leadership and teamwork development program that focused on "Personal Growth through Safe Adventure"; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Puckett was an inaugural inductee into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame, served as the first honorary colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1996 to 2006, served as an ambassador of goodwill by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, and was a recipient of the U.S. Army Infantry's Doughboy Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in his honor.

PART XXVI

WHEREAS, the dedication of the C. Max Toles Intersection was sponsored by Representative Katie Dempsey as HR 1415 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. C. Max Toles was a successful businessperson with a renowned career in real estate sales and development; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force, valiantly defending America during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Toles joined Adrian Howell & Covington as the firm's sales manager in 1966 and later became a part owner of the brokerage, which was then renamed Covington & Toles; and

WHEREAS, years later Mr. Toles established Toles, Temple & Wright, Inc., and he was instrumental in spurring the development of subdivisions and other housing options throughout Rome, Georgia, positively impacting the growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XXVII

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Ashley MacDonald Callahan Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Representative Reynaldo "Rey" Martinez as HR 1434 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ashley MacDonald Callahan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia, Mrs. Callahan devoted 16 years to inspiring the future leaders of this state as a high school and middle school educator; and

WHEREAS, she made the subject of science come to life for her students by developing an oceanography course which was used by several schools and by assisting with writing the oceanography curriculum for the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Callahan was a dedicated professional who went above and beyond, serving in leadership roles and working with students inside and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

PART XXVIII

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 145 from Athens Street to Hubbard Road in Franklin County is dedicated as the Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 133 over Dry Creek in Worth County is dedicated as the Lary Jack Moree Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 41 at Pine Mountain Ct/Watts Drive in Cobb County, Georgia, is dedicated as the "Coach" Jerry L. Waller, Sr. and Frances R. Waller Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9 and Deputy Bill Cantrell Memorial Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Dr. Jim Morrow Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 154/Memorial Drive and Capitol Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the J.D. Winston Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 400 and Setting Down Circle in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Lawhorne Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 19/State Route 3 at State Route 96 in Taylor County is dedicated as the Michael Anthony Woodall Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 49 over Sweetwater Creek in Sumter County is dedicated as the George R. Eusner Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 94 over the Alapaha River in Echols County is dedicated as the US Army Cpl. Dewey E. Rewis Jr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 204 from mile point 21.5 to 27.7 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Chairman Pete Liakakis Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at State Route 25/ U.S. Route 17 and State Route 204 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Frances Bright Johnson Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 405 and State Route 204 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 369 from Gravitt Road to State Route 400 in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Bobby Thomas Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 53 and Steve Tate Highway in Pickens County is dedicated as the Jeff Downing Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 139 and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Southwest in Fulton County is dedicated as the Maceo A. Brown Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3 and State Route 9 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Carolyn Long Banks Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 316 and State Route 53 in Barrow County is dedicated as the Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 112 and Abney Road/Willis-Howell Road in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Ricky Dykes Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the overpass of U.S. Route 23/State Route 87 Bypass over Southern Railroad in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Van Dykes Railway Overpass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 54 over Whitewater Creek in Fayette County is dedicated as the Colonel Ben Malcom Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 341 over Chattanooga Creek in Walker County is dedicated as the Cameron Scroggins Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of U.S. Route 80 and Harry Truman Parkway in Chatham County is dedicated as the Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 8/US Route 78 in Carroll County is dedicated as the J. Richard Smith Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 36 and State Route 212 in Newton County is dedicated as the LTC Benjamin Fred and Sandra Kitchens Christian Roundabout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 219 and Bradley Park Drive in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 27/Turner McCall Boulevard and Avenue A in Floyd County is dedicated as the C. Max Toles Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 81 at Ozora Church Road in Walton County is dedicated as the Ashley MacDonald Callahan Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to the Lawhorne family; Mr. Bobby Thomas; Mr. Jeff Downing; Mr. Richard "Ricky" Alan Dykes; Mr. Jerry Van Dykes; and Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.; and to the families of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan; Mr. Lary Jack Moree; Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., and Mary Frances Rogers Waller; Dr. Jim Morrow; Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston; Mr. Michael Anthony Woodall; Mr. George R. Eusner; Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr.; Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis; Mrs. Frances Bright Johnson; Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams; Mr. Maceo A. Brown; Mrs. Carolyn Lucille Long Banks; Mr. Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison; Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom; Mr. James "Cameron" Scroggins; Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens; Mr. James "Richard" Smith; Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian; Mr. C. Max Toles; and Mrs. Ashley MacDonald Callahan.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	E Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 174, nays 0.

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

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative Dempsey of the 13th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 612. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jones of the 25th, Oliver of the 84th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to add a member to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; to establish a parity compliance review panel; to provide for its composition and duties; to require health care providers to report suspected mental health parity violations to the panel; to provide for evaluation of complaints; to provide for recommendations for punitive actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 369. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Glaize of the 67th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Ms. Donehoo of Benjamin Banneker High School on being named Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 370. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Kendrick of the 95th, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending small business advocacy organizations and recognizing March 5, 2025, as Small Business Advocacy Day; and for other purposes.

HR 371. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Scott of the 76th, Barnes of the 86th and Cameron of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Georgia Single Parent "Legacy Builders" Recognition and Awards finalists, "Overcomer Founder" Award, "Ruth Brewster Endurance" Award, and Historian Award recipients for their achievements; and for other purposes.

HR 372. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Franklin of the 160th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Minister Dara Calleary on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 373. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th and Frye of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the University of Georgia Block and Bridle Club on the occasion of its 50th Great Southland Stampede Rodeo; and for other purposes.

HR 374. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 22nd, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Fire Chief Eddie Robinson, the 2024 Georgia Fire Chief of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 375. By Representative Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mike Coleman; and for other purposes.

HR 376. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Chastain of the 7th, Carpenter of the 4th, Cooper of the 45th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending HOPE AACR (Animal-Assisted Crisis Response); and for other purposes.

HR 377. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th and Wiedower of the 121st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending William Wright on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 378. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hagan of the 156th, McDonald III of the 26th, Cox of the 28th, Smith of the 138th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 27, 2025, as Georgia Airports Association Day; and for other purposes.

HR 379. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd and Miller of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending ReadSource and Purpose Built Schools of Atlanta, recipients of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for their dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 380. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending James and Patricia Gant upon their retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 381. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Believe Greater Dalton, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 382. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, McQueen of the 61st and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Cobb Collaborative, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 383. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Williams of the 37th and Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Marietta City Schools, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 384. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Hagan of the 156th and Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Ben Hill County School District, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 385. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Rise Augusta, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 386. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Black Child Development Institute, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 387. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Dooly County Schools, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 388. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Reeves of the 99th, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Beauty P. Baldwin; and for other purposes.

HR 389. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Charlton County Board of Education, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 390. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Dickey of the 134th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Lamar County School System, recipient of the Georgia Reads Community Award, for its dedication to literacy advancement; and for other purposes.

HR 391. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Michael Wayne Sherman Sr. on the occasion of his tenth pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Holly of the 116th et al., Griffin of the 149th, Martinez of the 111th et al., Jasperse of the 11th, Reeves of the 99th, Schofield of the 63rd et al., and Santos of the 117th et al.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, February 26, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Twenty-Third Legislative Day

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

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

Adeyina	Cox	Hawkins	Lupton	Richardson
Alexander	Crawford	Henderson	Martin	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Crowe	Herring	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Au	Cummings	Hilton	Mathiak	Roberts
Baker	Davis	Hitchens	Mathis	Sainz
Ballard	Dawson	Holcomb	McClain	Sampson
Ballinger	DeLoach	Holland	McCollum	E Sanchez
Barnes	Dempsey	Holly	McDonald	Schofield
Barrett	Dickey	Hong	McQueen	Scoggins
Barton	Donatucci	Horner	Meeks	Scott
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, J	Miller	Seabaugh
Beckles	Draper	Howard, K	Mitchell	Silcox
Bell	Drenner	Huddleston	Momtahan	Smith, L
Berry	Dunahoo	Hugley	Myles	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Newton	Smith, V
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Tarvin
Burchett	Evans	Jackson, M	Oliver	Taylor, D
Burnough	Fleming	Jasperse	O'Steen	Taylor, R
Byrd	Flournoy	Jenkins	Panitch	Thomas
Cameron	Ford	E Jones, A	Paris	Townsend
Camp	Franklin	Jones, J	E Park	Tran
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Wade
Campbell, L	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Wiedower
Carpenter	Glaize	Kendrick	Powell	Wilkerson
Chastain	Greene	LaHood	Prince	Williams, A
Clark, D	Griffin	Leverett	Reese	Williams, N
Clark, J	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williamson
Clifton	Gunter	Lim	Rhodes	Willis
Cooper	Hagan	Lumsden	Rice	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hatchett			

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

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Heffner of the 130th, Moore of the 91st, Neal of the 79th, Romman of the 97th, Santos of the 117th,

Sharper of the 177th, Stinson of the 150th, Washburn of the 144th, Williams of the 37th, and Yearta of the 152nd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Clint Hutcheson, Vidalia Advent Christian Church, Vidalia, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 593. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Baker County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

HB 594. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Baker County, approved August 8, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 306), as amended, so as to provide that the board shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month and on such other days as it may determine; to provide for a meeting location to be set by local ordinance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 595. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Early County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for five years for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4267), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4464), so as to remove the sunset date currently on the exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 596. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Colquitt County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology needs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 597. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, McCollum of the 30th, Schofield of the 63rd, Seabaugh of the 34th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to enact the "Fire and Emergency Services Support Act"; to provide for tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain local fire rescue foundations; to provide for an aggregate

annual limit; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for applications and certifications; to provide for the revocation of qualified status; to provide for certain penalties; to provide for confidentiality; to require annual reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 598. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Miller of the 62nd, Kendrick of the 95th, Schofield of the 63rd, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to persons and their rights; to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against public health and morals; to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions of education; to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health; to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, assistants, and others; to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 599. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Blackmon of the 146th, Erwin of the 32nd, Ehrhart of the 36th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to extend the program to permit public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity to June 30, 2030; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 600. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, McClain of the 109th, Holly of the 116th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to increase the minimum wage for certain employees and to provide for grants to certain employers; to provide for definitions; to increase the minimum wage for agricultural workers and state employees; to provide for the Department of Labor to implement a grant program for certain employers; to provide for criteria; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 601. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Au of the 50th, Mitchell of the 88th, Draper of the 90th and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, Chapter 8 of Title 35, and Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, the employment and training of peace officers, and organization and administration relative to emergency management, respectively, so as to broadly increase the regulation surrounding gun sales and ownership; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 602. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Barrett of the 24th, Scoggins of the 14th, Carpenter of the 4th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to provide for the denial of state funds for loans, grants, and scholarships for any student who is convicted of a criminal offense or who is determined by the postsecondary educational institution at which such student is enrolled to have violated a postsecondary educational institution's code of conduct for students when such conviction or determination is a result of a student engaging in materially and substantially disruptive conduct on such postsecondary educational institution's campus; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 603. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Banks County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 604. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Powell of the 33rd and Ridley of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as authorize local election superintendents to conduct manual recounts of ballots following the computation, canvassing, and tabulation of returns in an election; to address discrepancies raised by such recounts; to provide for the termination of such recounts if they conflict with other duties of the superintendent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 605. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Roberts of the 52nd and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions related to the Department of Public Health, so as to require the Department of Public Health to continue operation of the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line, subject to appropriations or the availability of other funds; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for the Quit Line; to provide that the Quit Line will provide information about, evaluation for, and referrals to lung cancer screening services; to provide for the utilization and security of any data collected by the Quit Line; to provide for the creation of written materials with information about the Quit Line by the Department of Public Health and to require certain sellers of tobacco products to display and distribute such written materials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 606. By Representatives Lim of the 98th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 33 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair access to insurance requirements, so as to authorize the directors of the underwriting association affiliated with the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan to, subject to the Commissioner's approval, redistribute risks to insurers in the plan on a more equitable basis; to provide for a short title; to provide legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 607. By Representatives Lim of the 98th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for a two-year pilot program for home visiting in homes of children with asthma to help families identify and reduce exposure to asthma triggers; to provide for training of home visitors; to provide for assessments of the home environment; to provide for administrative and technical assistance for the pilot program; to provide for evaluation of the pilot program; to provide for reporting; to provide for termination of the pilot program and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 608. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Muscogee County School District, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1086), as amended, so as to revise how vacancies on said board are filled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 609. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as to revise

provisions related to prohibitions on employees holding interest in redevelopment activities and areas so as to limit such prohibition to employees whose job responsibilities are related to such activities or areas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 610. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as to authorize acquisition of property interests by municipal elected and appointed officials and employees in redevelopment areas with certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 611. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Carpenter of the 4th, Anderson of the 10th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of water pollution and surface-water use, so as to require publicly owned treatment works to seek information from industrial users relating to the manufacture or use of PFAS; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 613. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Jones of the 25th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Hitchens of the 161st, Evans of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Department of Administrative Services, so as to provide for preferences in certain public works construction contracts to a contractor or subcontractor participating in a registered apprenticeship program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 614. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Thomas of the 21st and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, so as to authorize local governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain facilities housing equines; to provide for special event permits; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 615. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham County Recreation Authority, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4281), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to revise quorum requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 616. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Frye of the 122nd, Holly of the 116th and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a deduction related to depreciation for single-family residential rental property; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 617. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Ridley of the 22nd, Lupton of the 83rd, Powell of the 33rd, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities;

to authorize the director to take depositions and conduct discovery; to authorize the director to employ certain personnel; to require that certain employees of the Public Service Commission be made available to assist the director; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 618. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to require any seller of real property in this state to make certain disclosures regarding flood damage to such real property; to provide for a definition; to provide for flood damage to be an adverse material fact; to provide for violations of the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 367. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Hugley of the 141st, Reeves of the 99th and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that members of the General Assembly elected in 2028 and thereafter shall serve four-year terms of office; to provide that members of the General Assembly elected in the 2026 general election shall serve two-year terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 368. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Stephens of the 164th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Intoxicating Cannabinoids in Consumable Hemp Products; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

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

HB 566	HB 567
HB 568	HB 569
HB 570	HB 571
HB 572	HB 573
HB 574	HB 575
HB 577	HB 578
HB 579	HB 580
HB 581	HB 582
HB 583	HB 584
HB 585	HB 586
HB 587	HB 588
HB 589	HB 590
HB 591	HB 592
HB 612	HR 347
SB 10	SB 12
SB 68	SB 161

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 331	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 413	Do Pass
HB 495	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Yearta of the 152nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Code Revision, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Code Revision has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 484 Do Pass
HB 485 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Yearta of the 152nd
Chairman

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 198 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 307 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 340 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 416 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 54	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 87	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 298	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 323	Do Pass
HB 428	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 170	Do Pass	HB 373	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 420	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 422	Do Pass
SB 5	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 138	Do Pass

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

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 132	Do Pass	HB 270	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 304	Do Pass	HB 325	Do Pass
HB 358	Do Pass	HB 427	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 515	Do Pass	HB 530	Do Pass
HB 545	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 204	Do Pass	HB 255	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 296	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 461	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 551	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 563	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 89	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 500	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 219	Do Pass	HB 314	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 391	Do Pass	HB 455	Do Pass
SB 81	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 406	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

Representative Mathiak of the 82nd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 486	Do Pass
HB 516	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 273	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mathiak of the 82nd
Chairman

Representative Greene of the 154th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Properties, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 303	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greene of the 154th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 66	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 129	Do Pass
HB 144	Do Pass	HB 165	Do Pass, by Substitute

HB 186	Do Pass	HB 229	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 248	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 290	Do Pass
HB 297	Do Pass	HB 360	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 370	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 425	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 445	Do Pass	HB 463	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 560	Do Pass, by Substitute		

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

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 23rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HB 14 State symbols; cornbread as official state bread; designate (SRules-Carpenter-4th)

HB 233 State symbols; Brunswick stew as the official state stew; designate (SRules-Townsend-179th)

HB 444 Holidays; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate (SRules-Silcox-53rd)

HR 121 John W. Mixon Georgia Forestry Building; Dry Branch Community; dedicate (Substitute)(SProp-Camp-135th)

Modified Structured Rule

HB 91 Professions and businesses; licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; provide (Substitute)(A&CA-Cooper-45th)

HB 108 Safeguarding American Veteran Empowerment Act or SAVE Act; enact (D&VA-Bonner-73rd)

HB 115 Natural Resources, Department of; certain notice upon registration of a vessel; provide (Substitute)(GF&P-Petrea-166th)

HB 131 Self-service storage facilities; revise advertisement requirements before an owner can enforce an owner's lien (Judy-Reeves-99th)
HB 156 Transportation, Department of; authority over vertiports; provide (Substitute)(T&II-Jones-25th)
HB 171 Crimes and offenses; obscenity; repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80 (Substitute)(JudyNC-Thomas-21st)
HB 172 Veterinary education; limits on student loan forgiveness program; provide (HEd-Huddleston-72nd)
HB 176 Appeal and error; judgments deemed directly appealable; change a provision (Substitute)(JudyNC-Smith-18th)
HB 208 Special license plates; support state parks and historic sites; establish (Substitute)(MotV-Smith-70th)
HB 222 Criminal procedure; inclusion of certain contact information on bonds and recognizances; require (JudyNC-Blackmon-146th)
HB 253 Ethan's Law; enact (Substitute)(JudyJ-Clark-100th)
HB 308 Motor vehicles; operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; provide (Substitute)(MotV-Clifton-131st)
HB 392 Georgia Tax Court; certain events; revise dates (Judy-Martin-49th)
HB 410 Insurance, Department of; efficiency in the practices; provide (Ins-DeLoach-167th)
HB 414 Elections; "person" to include certain nonresidents; revise definition (Substitute)(GAff-Jones-25th)

Structured Rule

HB 134 Sales and use tax; manufactured homes; revise and expand exemption (Substitute)(W&M-Camp-135th)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 13. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 28. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 72. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Strickland of the 42nd, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terminally ill patient's right to try investigational drugs, biological products, and devices, so as to expand access to individualized investigational treatments to patients who have severely debilitating or life-threatening illnesses; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for written informed consent; to allow certain manufacturers or eligible facilities to make available individualized investigational treatments; to provide that coverage is not mandatory; to prohibit the sanctions against a physician's license; to provide exemption to liability for certain charges; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 125. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Setzler of the 37th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to decouple the sequential order of experience and examination

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

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

SB 13. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

SB 28. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

SB 72. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Strickland of the 42nd, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terminally ill patient's right to try investigational drugs, biological products, and devices, so as to expand access to individualized investigational treatments to patients who have severely debilitating or life-threatening illnesses; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for written informed consent; to allow certain manufacturers or eligible facilities to make available individualized investigational treatments; to provide that coverage is not mandatory; to prohibit the sanctions against a physician's license; to provide exemption to liability for certain charges; to

provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 125. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Setzler of the 37th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

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

Representatives Efstration of the 104th et al., Gullett of the 19th et al., Paris of the 142nd et al., Lupton of the 83rd et al., Prince of the 132nd et al., Camp of the 135th et al., Clifton of the 131st et al., Myles of the 126th, Hilton of the 48th et al., Tarvin of the 2nd et al., Cheokas of the 151st et al., Hawkins of the 27th et al., Dawson of the 65th, Jackson of the 68th et al., Dunahoo of the 31st et al., Tran of the 80th, Williams of the 168th et al., Smith of the 70th et al., Carpenter of the 4th, Drenner of the 85th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., Moore of the 91st, and Rice of the 139th.

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

HB 217. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Martin of the 49th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, so as to make the Dual Achievement Program a permanent state-wide program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 115. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th, Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for certain notice upon registration of a vessel with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for performance of unattended vessel checks; to authorize restitution to the Department of Natural Resources for the cost of removal, storage, and disposal of abandoned vessels; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for certain notice upon registration of a vessel with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for performance of unattended vessel checks; to revise procedures for notice to owners of abandoned vessels; to revise procedures for removal of abandoned vessels; to provide for penalties for failure to remove an abandoned vessel from public waters or public property; to establish a criminal violation for failure to retrieve an abandoned vessel from public waters or public property after receipt of notice; to provide for an exception; to authorize restitution to the Department of Natural Resources for the cost of removal, storage, and disposal of abandoned vessels; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, is amended in Code Section 52-7-5, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d.1) The application for registration of vessels pursuant to this Code section shall include a statement informing the applicant of the criminal consequences for failure to remove an abandoned vessel from public waters of this state or public property pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-72.1."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 52-7-70, relating to definitions relative to abandoned vessels, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2.1) 'Public waters' means any waters within the territorial limits of this state and the marginal sea adjacent to this state and the high seas when navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of this state. Such term shall not include privately owned ponds or lakes not open to the public."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"52-7-70.1.

(a) Any law enforcement officer or individual authorized by the Department of Natural Resources who discovers a vessel on public property or in public waters that has been left unattended shall immediately perform an unattended vessel check on such vessel, unless an unattended vessel check card is displayed on such vessel indicating that such check has been previously performed. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'unattended vessel check' means and consists of such actions as are reasonably necessary to determine that the unattended vessel does not contain an injured or incapacitated person and to determine that the unattended vessel does not pose a threat to public health or safety.

(b) Any law enforcement officer or individual authorized by the Department of Natural Resources who completes an unattended vessel check shall attach the completed unattended vessel check card to the vessel. Unattended vessel check cards shall be in such form and shall be attached to vessels in such manner as determined by the Department of Natural Resources.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer or individual authorized by the Department of Natural Resources to attach any object purporting to be an unattended vessel check card to a vessel. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) Within 24 hours of completing an unattended vessel check or discovering an unattended vessel which displays an unattended vessel check card issued by a law enforcement officer or individual authorized by the Department of Natural Resources, a law enforcement officer shall query the criminal justice information system to determine if the unattended vessel has been entered into such system as a stolen vessel. If the unattended vessel has been reported as stolen, the law enforcement officer shall notify the Department of Natural Resources and the law enforcement agency that filed such report, providing the location of the vessel. The law enforcement agency receiving such notification shall then notify the owner of the vessel of the location of the vessel.

(e) Failure of a law enforcement officer or the Department of Natural Resources to comply with any provision of this Code section shall not limit the remedies available to any person pursuant to this article."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 52-7-71, relating to removal and storage of vessels and procedure, as follows:

"52-7-71.

(a) Any person ~~who~~ that removes a vessel from public property or public water at the request of a law enforcement officer or stores such vessel shall, if the owner of the vessel is unknown, seek the identity of and address of the ~~last known registered~~ owner of such vessel from the ~~law enforcement officer requesting removal of such vessel or such officer's agency~~ Department of Natural Resources within 72 hours of removal. If a person removing or storing the vessel has knowledge of facts which reasonably indicate that the vessel is registered or titled in a certain other state, such person shall check the vessel records of that other state in the attempt to ascertain the identity of the owner of the vessel.

(b)(1) Any person ~~who~~ that removes a vessel from private property or private waters at the request of the property owner or stores such vessel shall, if the owner of the vessel is unknown, ~~notify in writing a local law enforcement agency of the location of the vessel, the vessel certificate of number, and the hull identification number, model, year, and make of the vessel, if known or if readily ascertainable, within 72 hours of the removal of such vessel and shall seek from the local law enforcement agency~~ seek the identity of and address of the ~~last known registered~~ owner of such vessel ~~and any information indicating that such vessel is a stolen vessel~~ from the Department of Natural Resources within 72 hours of removal. If a person removing or storing the vessel has knowledge of facts which reasonably indicate that the vessel is registered or titled in a certain other state, such person shall check the vessel records of that other state in the attempt to ascertain the identity of the owner of the vessel.

(2) Any person that removes a vessel pursuant to this subsection shall submit notification of the removal by hand delivery, electronic transmission, or telephonic facsimile transmission to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location from where the vessel was removed no later than one day after submission of the request required by paragraph (1) of this subsection. Within 24 hours of receipt of such notification of removal of a vessel from private property, the local law enforcement agency shall query the criminal justice information system to determine if such vessel has been entered into the criminal justice information system as a stolen vessel. If the vessel has been reported as stolen, the local law enforcement agency shall notify the law enforcement agency that filed such report, providing the name and address of the person who submitted the notice of removal. The law enforcement agency receiving such notification shall then notify the person who filed the police report for the stolen vessel of the location of such vessel and the contact information for the person that removed the vessel.

(c) The Department of Natural Resources may charge a fee of no more than $2.00 for any information requested pursuant to this Code section. Such department shall furnish the requested owner information no later than five days from the date the request was received or when the information is made available. ~~If any vessel removed under conditions set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section is determined to be a stolen vessel, the local law enforcement officer or agency shall notify the Georgia Crime~~

~~Information Center and the owner, if known, of the location of such vessel within 72 hours after receiving notice that such vessel is a stolen vessel.~~

(d) If any vessel removed under conditions set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section is determined not to be a stolen vessel or is not a vessel being repaired by a repair facility or is not being stored by an insurance company providing insurance to cover damages to the vessel, the person removing or storing such vessel shall~~, within seven calendar days of the day such vessel was removed, notify the owner, if known, by~~:

(1) By certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery within seven calendar days of removal, notify the owner of the location of such vessel, the fees connected with removal and storage of such vessel, ~~and~~ the fact that such vessel will be deemed abandoned under this article unless the owner redeems such vessel within 30 days of the date ~~such vessel was removed~~ of its removal, the fact that the person removing or storing the vessel has the right to petition the court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed, and the fact that a court may order the sale of the vessel to satisfy such debt; or

(2) By advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county from where the vessel was removed or, if there is no newspaper in such county, at the county courthouse in such place where other public notices are posted, when an owner cannot be ascertained. Such advertisement shall run in the newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks or shall remain posted at the courthouse for two consecutive weeks. The advertisement shall contain a complete description of the vessel, its certificate of number and hull identification number, the location from where such vessel was initially removed, the present location of such vessel, the fact that if such vessel is not redeemed within 30 days of its removal such vessel shall be deemed abandoned, the fact that the person removing or storing the vessel has the right to petition the court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed, and the fact that a court may order the sale of the vessel to satisfy such debt.

(e) If ~~the person identified as the~~ an owner fails to redeem such vessel as described in subsection (d) of this Code section, or if a vessel being repaired by a repair facility or being stored by an insurance company providing insurance to cover damages to the vessel becomes abandoned, the person removing or storing such vessel shall, within seven calendar days of the day such vessel became an abandoned vessel, give notice in writing, by sworn statement, to the Department of Natural Resources stating the vessel certificate of number, the hull identification number, the fact that such vessel is an abandoned vessel, the model, year, and make of the vessel, if known or if readily ascertainable, the date the vessel became an abandoned vessel, the date the vessel was removed, and the present location of such vessel and requesting the name and address of all owners, lessors, lessees, security interest holders, and lienholders of such vessel. If a person removing or storing the vessel has knowledge of facts which reasonably indicate that the vessel is registered or titled in a certain other state, such person shall check the vessel records of that other state in the attempt to ascertain the identity of the owner of the vessel.

~~(e.1)~~(f)(1)(A) Upon notice to the Department of Natural Resources as described in subsection (e) of this Code section, then the commissioner may revoke, suspend, deny, or refuse to renew any vessel certificate of number or commercial fishing boat

license required by this title or Title 27 which is held by or has been applied for by the ~~person~~ owner who holds the current registration for such vessel, until all fees connected with removal and storage of the vessel have been paid and any lien acquired under Code Section 52-7-73 for such fees has been satisfied. Such owner ~~The person~~ shall be notified of the proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal personally or by a letter sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the name and address indicated on the application for the certificate of number or license, or both. The proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal shall become final 30 days after issuance if not appealed as provided in this paragraph.

(B) Any person whose vessel certificate of number or commercial fishing boat license is proposed for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal under this paragraph shall have the right to enter an appeal in the superior court of the county of his or her residence or in the Superior Court of Fulton County. Such appeal shall name the commissioner as defendant and ~~must~~ shall be filed within 30 days from the date the notice of the proposed order was sent. The person filing the appeal shall neither be required to post any bond nor to pay the costs in advance. If the person so desires, the appeal may be heard by the judge at term or in chambers or by a jury at the first term. The hearing on the appeal shall be de novo, but no appeal shall act as a supersedeas of any orders or acts of the department.

(2)(A) Upon notice to the Department of Natural Resources as described in subsection (e) of this Code section and delivery of a copy of such notice to the state revenue commissioner, then the state revenue commissioner may revoke, suspend, deny, or refuse to renew any motor vehicle registration required by Title 40 which is held by or has been applied for by the ~~person~~ owner who holds the current registration for such vessel, until all fees connected with removal and storage of the vessel have been paid and any lien acquired under Code Section 52-7-73 for such fees has been satisfied. Such owner ~~The person~~ shall be notified of the proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal personally or by a letter sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the name and address indicated on the application for the registration. The proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal shall become final 30 days after issuance if not appealed as provided in this paragraph.

(B) Any person whose motor vehicle registration is proposed for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal under this paragraph shall have the right to enter an appeal in the superior court of the county of his or her residence or in the Superior Court of Fulton County. Such appeal shall name the state revenue commissioner as defendant and ~~must~~ shall be filed within 30 days from the date the notice of the proposed order was sent. The person filing the appeal shall neither be required to post any bond nor to pay the costs in advance. If the person so desires, the appeal may be heard by the judge at term or in chambers or by a jury at the first term. The hearing on the appeal shall be de novo, but no appeal shall act as a supersedeas of any orders or acts of the department.

~~(f) Upon ascertaining the owner of such vessel, the person removing or storing such vessel shall, within five calendar days, by certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, notify the owner, lessors, lessees, security interest holders, and lienholders of the vessel of the location of such vessel and of the fact that such vessel is deemed abandoned and shall be disposed of if not redeemed.~~

~~(g) If the identity of the owner of such vessel cannot be ascertained, the person removing or storing such vessel shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where such vessel was obtained or, if there is no newspaper in such county, shall post such advertisement at the county courthouse in such place where other public notices are posted. Such advertisement shall run in the newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks or shall remain posted at the courthouse for two consecutive weeks. The advertisement shall contain a complete description of the vessel, its certificate of number and hull identification number, the location from where such vessel was initially removed, the present location of such vessel, and the fact that such vessel is deemed abandoned and shall be disposed of if not redeemed.~~

~~(h) Reserved.~~

~~(i)~~(g) Any person storing a vessel under the provisions of this Code section shall notify the Department of Natural Resources if the vessel is recovered, is claimed by the owner, is determined to be stolen, or is for any reason no longer an abandoned vessel. Such notice shall be provided within seven calendar days of such event.

~~(j)~~(h) If vessel information on the abandoned vessel is not in the files of the Department of Natural Resources, the department may require such other information or confirmation as it determines is necessary or appropriate to determine the identity of the vessel.

~~(k)~~(i) Any person who does not provide the notice and information required by this Code section shall not be entitled to any storage fees.

~~(l)~~(j) Any person who knowingly provides false or misleading information when providing any notice or information as required by this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 52-7-72, relating to authority of peace officer to cause removal of unattended vessels, notifications, and duties, as follows:

"52-7-72.

(a) Any ~~peace~~ law enforcement officer who finds a vessel which has been left unattended in or upon any public waters or other public property for a period of at least five days, ~~if such peace officer reasonably believes that the person who left such vessel unattended does not intend to return and remove such vessel, shall notify the Department of Natural Resources of such finding in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section and~~ as evidenced by the date of issuance on the unattended vessel check card attached to such vessel pursuant to Code Section 52-7-70.1, may cause such vessel to be removed to a garage or other place of safety.

(b)(1) Any ~~peace~~ law enforcement officer who finds a vessel which has been left unattended in or upon any public waters or other public property, when such vessel

poses a threat to public health or safety, ~~shall notify the Department of Natural Resources of such finding in accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section and~~ may immediately cause such vessel to be removed to a garage or other place of safety.

(2) Within 24 hours of causing an unattended vessel to be removed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the law enforcement officer causing such removal shall query the criminal justice information system to determine if the unattended vessel has been entered into the criminal justice information system as a stolen vessel. If the removed vessel has been reported as stolen, the law enforcement officer shall notify the law enforcement agency that filed such report, providing the location of the vessel or the name of the person that removed the vessel. The law enforcement agency receiving such notification shall then notify the person who filed the police report for the stolen vessel of the location of the vessel.

(c) Any ~~peace~~ law enforcement officer who, under the provisions of this Code section, causes any vessel to be removed to a garage or other place of safety shall be liable for gross negligence only.

(d)~~(1)~~ Any ~~peace~~ law enforcement officer who finds a vessel under such conditions as described in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall within 72 hours from the time of such finding~~:~~

~~(A) Notify~~ notify the Department of Natural Resources of the description of the vessel, whether the vessel has been removed or not, and, if removed, the location to which such vessel has been removed~~; and~~.

~~(B) If available on the Georgia Crime Information Center Network, determine the name and address of the last known registered owner of such vessel.~~ If vessel information is not in the files of the Department of Natural Resources, the department may require such other information or confirmation as it determines is necessary or appropriate to determine the identity of the vessel.

~~(2) If any such vessel is determined to be a stolen vessel, the local law enforcement officer or agency shall notify the Georgia Crime Information Center and the owner, if known, of the location of such vessel within 72 hours after receiving notice that such vessel is a stolen vessel.~~

~~(3) If the vessel is removed and the name and address of the last known registered owner of the vessel is obtained from the Georgia Crime Information Center, the peace officer who causes the vessel to be removed shall, within three calendar days of removal, make available to the person removing such vessel the name and address of the last known registered owner of such vessel. If such information is not available, the peace officer shall, within three calendar days of removal, notify the person removing or storing such vessel of such fact.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 52-7-72.1, relating to penalty for failing to remove unattended vessel, as follows:

"52-7-72.1.

(a)(1) If any vessel for which the Department of Natural Resources ~~and the Georgia Crime Information Center have~~ has received notice pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-72 has not been removed and is determined not to be a stolen vessel, the ~~commissioner may proceed to take action against the owner as provided by~~ provisions of this Code section shall apply.

(2) If any vessel for which the Department of Natural Resources ~~and the Georgia Crime Information Center have~~ has received notice pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-72 has been removed, the provisions of this Code section shall not apply and the provisions of Code Section 52-7-71 shall apply instead.

(b)(1) Within seven calendar days of receipt of the notice required pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-72 that a vessel has not been removed and has been determined not be a stolen vessel, the Department of Natural Resources shall, by certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, notify the owner of the location of such vessel and that if such vessel is not removed within 30 days the vessel will be deemed abandoned under this article and:

(A) Shall be subject to a lien for actual or projected costs for the removal, storage, and sale of such vessel;

(B) Failure to remove the vessel may result in the revocation, suspension, denial, or refusal to renew a motor vehicle registration, vessel certificate of number, or commercial fishing boat license of a vessel owner that has registered such vessel with the Department of Natural Resources;

(C) That the owner shall be liable to the department for damages for the removal, storage, and disposal of the vessel; and

(D) Failure to remove the vessel may result in the criminal prosecution of a vessel owner that has registered such vessel with the Department of Natural Resources.

(2) The requirement for removal of a vessel within 30 days pursuant to this subsection shall be inapplicable within 36 months of a declaration by the Governor of a state of emergency due to a natural disaster affecting the location of the vessel.

~~(b)~~(c)(1)(A) The commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources shall be authorized to ~~Upon notice to the Department of Natural Resources as described in subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-72, then the commissioner may~~ revoke, suspend, deny, or refuse to renew any vessel certificate of number or commercial fishing boat license required by this title or Title 27 which is held by or has been applied for by ~~a person who owns the vessel, until the owner~~ a vessel owner that has registered such vessel with the Department of Natural Resources which has become abandoned that has been notified in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section, until such person restores and resumes operation of the vessel or removes it from public waters or public property. The person shall be notified of the proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal personally or by a letter sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the name and address indicated on the application for the certificate of number or license, or both. The proposed order for revocation,

suspension, denial, or nonrenewal shall become final 30 days after issuance if not appealed as provided in this paragraph.

(B) Any person whose vessel certificate of number or commercial fishing boat license is proposed for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal under this paragraph shall have the right to enter an appeal in the superior court of the county of his or her residence or in the Superior Court of Fulton County. Such appeal shall name the commissioner as defendant and ~~must~~ shall be filed within 30 days from the date the notice of the proposed order was sent. The person filing the appeal shall neither be required to post any bond nor to pay the costs in advance. If the person so desires, the appeal may be heard by the judge at term or in chambers or by a jury at the first term. The hearing on the appeal shall be de novo, but no appeal shall act as a supersedeas of any orders or acts of the department.

(2)(A) ~~Upon notice to the Department of Natural Resources as described in subsection (d) of Code Section 52-7-72 and delivery of a copy of such notice to the state revenue commissioner, then the~~ The state revenue commissioner ~~may~~ shall be authorized to revoke, suspend, deny, or refuse to renew any motor vehicle registration required by Title 40 which is held by or has been applied for by ~~a person who owns the vessel, until the owner~~ a vessel owner that has registered such vessel with the Department of Natural Resources which has become abandoned that has been notified in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section, until such person restores and resumes operation of the vessel or removes it from public waters or public property. The person shall be notified of the proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal personally or by a letter sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the name and address indicated on the application for the registration. The proposed order for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal shall become final 30 days after issuance if not appealed as provided in this paragraph.

(B) Any person whose motor vehicle registration is proposed for revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal under this paragraph shall have the right to enter an appeal in the superior court of the county of his or her residence or in the Superior Court of Fulton County. Such appeal shall name the state revenue commissioner as defendant and ~~must~~ shall be filed within 30 days from the date the notice of the proposed order was sent. The person filing the appeal shall neither be required to post any bond nor to pay the costs in advance. If the person so desires, the appeal may be heard by the judge at term or in chambers or by a jury at the first term. The hearing on the appeal shall be de novo, but no appeal shall act as a supersedeas of any orders or acts of the department.

(d) Any vessel owner that has registered such vessel with the Department of Natural Resources that fails to remove such vessel from public waters or public property within 30 days receipt of the notice issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $5,000.00 or by confinement for a term not to exceed 12 months, or both; provided, however, that the requirement for removal of a vessel within 30 days pursuant to this subsection shall be inapplicable within 36 months

of a declaration by the Governor of a state of emergency due to a natural disaster affecting the location of the vessel. Upon a second or subsequent offense for failure to remove an abandoned vessel from public waters or public property, a vessel owner that has registered such vessel with the Department of Natural Resources shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $50,000.00 or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed five years, or both. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law for failure to remove an abandoned vessel from public waters or public property, the court may order a person convicted pursuant to this subsection to make restitution to Department of Natural Resources for the reasonable costs or damages associated with failure to remove the vessel, including the cost of removal, storage, and disposal of such vessel. Restitution made pursuant to this subsection shall not preclude the Department of Natural Resources from obtaining any other civil or criminal remedy available under any other provision of law. The restitution authorized by this Code section shall be supplemental and not exclusive."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 52-7-74, relating to procedure for foreclosure, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) The person desiring to foreclose a lien on an abandoned vessel shall, by certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, make a demand upon the owner for the payment of the reasonable fees for removal and storage plus the costs of any advertisement. Such written demand shall include an itemized statement of all charges. No such written demand shall be required if the identity of the owner cannot be ascertained and the notice requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection ~~(g)~~ (d) of Code Section 52-7-71 have been complied with;"

SECTION 8.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
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Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

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

HB 208. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate benefiting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, is amended in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(71) A special license plate honoring the Shepherd Center. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Shepherd Center, Inc."

SECTION 2.

Said Code section is further amended in subsections (l), (m), and (n) by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(72) A special license plate honoring Georgia veterans and their families. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation."

"(18) A special license plate to support the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources in its protection, management, and maintenance of this state's natural, historical, and cultural resources while providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of Natural Resources for use by the state parks and historic sites division for the purposes provided for in this paragraph. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Georgia State Parks' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

"(10) A special license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation to supplement black bass research, restoration, habitat improvement, stocking, and other management programs."

SECTION 3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

(b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 5.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

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

HB 172. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Frye of the 122nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 4.

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

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Ballard of the 147th, Jones of the 143rd and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bonds and recognizances in criminal proceedings, so as to require the inclusion of certain contact information on such bonds and recognizances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

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

HB 308. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to provide for issuance of certificates of title by the Department of Revenue for such vehicles; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of miniature on-road vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to exempt such vehicles from certificate of title requirements; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of such vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 48-5-473 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to returns for taxation and

application for and issuance of license plates upon payment of taxes due, so as to provide for payment of ad valorem taxes upon such vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (27.1) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(27.1) 'Miniature on-road vehicle' means any motorized vehicle designed and manufactured for use upon roadways in another country that has been imported into the United States with a valid certificate of title or registration from the exporting country and in compliance with all federal importation requirements and which has the following characteristics:

(A) Has the capability to transport persons;

(B) Operates between 25 miles per hour (40.2 kilometers per hour) and 65 miles per hour (104.6 kilometers per hour);

(C) Has an overall width of 80 inches (2,030 millimeters) or less, exclusive of accessories or attachments;

(D) Is designed to travel on four or more wheels;

(E) Uses a steering wheel for steering control;

(F) Contains a nonstraddle seat;

(G) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,000 pounds (1,814 kilograms); and

(H) Is not designed or manufactured as a golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle.

(27.2) 'Minimal risk condition' means a low-risk operating mode in which a fully autonomous vehicle operating without a human driver achieves a reasonably safe state, such as bringing the vehicle to a complete stop, upon experiencing a failure of the vehicle's automated driving system that renders the vehicle unable to perform the entire dynamic driving task."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-27, relating to registration of motor vehicles not manufactured to comply with federal emission and safety standards, certificate of registration for an assembled motor vehicle or motorcycle or a converted motor vehicle, and former military motor vehicles, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to applications for certificates of registration for former military motor vehicles that are less than 25 years old and manufactured for the United States military, ~~or~~ multipurpose off-highway vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2000, or miniature on-road vehicles manufactured more than 25 years prior to application; provided, however, that the exception provided

by this subsection shall be applicable to miniature on-road vehicles manufactured less than 25 years prior to application that have been modified by an importer registered with the United States Department of Transportation to comply with applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 30101, et seq., and certified by such importer as such."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-31, relating to license plate design, retention of manufacturing and delivery costs, revalidation, county, and "In God We Trust" decals, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this chapter shall be at least six inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length, except that motorcycle license plates shall be at least four inches wide and not less than seven inches in length and license plates for low-speed vehicles, miniature on-road vehicles, and multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall be a size determined by the commissioner. All license plates shall show in boldface characters the month and year of expiration, the serial number, and either the full name or the abbreviation of the name of the state, shall designate the county from which the license plate was issued unless specifically stated otherwise in this chapter, and shall show such other distinctive markings as in the judgment of the commissioner may be deemed advisable, so as to indicate the class of weight of the vehicle for which the license plate was issued. Any license plate for a low-speed vehicle, miniature on-road vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall designate the vehicle as such. Such plates may also bear such figures, characters, letters, or combinations thereof as in the judgment of the commissioner will to the best advantage advertise, popularize, and otherwise promote Georgia as the 'Peach State.' Plates issued during the years 2026 through 2030 shall include the design approved pursuant to Code Section 40-2-31.1. Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, any license plate issued pursuant to this chapter shall be of such strength and quality that the plate shall provide a minimum service period of at least five years. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' for the design and issuance of new license plates and to implement the other provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in said Code section, as in effect on January 1, 2032, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) License plates issued pursuant to this chapter shall be at least six inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length, except that motorcycle license plates shall be at least four inches wide and not less than seven inches in length and license plates for low-speed vehicles, miniature on-road vehicles, and multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall be a size determined by the commissioner. All license plates shall show in boldface characters the month and year of expiration, the serial number, and either the full name or the abbreviation of the name of the state, shall designate the county from which the license

plate was issued unless specifically stated otherwise in this chapter, and shall show such other distinctive markings as in the judgment of the commissioner may be deemed advisable, so as to indicate the class of weight of the vehicle for which the license plate was issued. Any license plate for a low-speed vehicle, miniature on-road vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall designate the vehicle as such. Such plates may also bear such figures, characters, letters, or combinations thereof as in the judgment of the commissioner will to the best advantage advertise, popularize, and otherwise promote Georgia as the 'Peach State.' Except for license plates issued pursuant to Article 2B of this chapter, any license plate issued pursuant to this chapter shall be of such strength and quality that the plate shall provide a minimum service period of at least five years. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' for the design and issuance of new license plates and to implement the other provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (2.1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2.1) The commissioner may provide for the issuance of a temporary operating permit for any ~~multipurpose off-highway~~ miniature on-road vehicle, to be displayed until such time as a license plate of the design required by Code Section 40-2-31 has been issued to the registrant as a replacement for such temporary operating permit; provided, however, that any such temporary operating permit shall designate the ~~multipurpose off-highway~~ miniature on-road vehicle as such; and provided, further, that the commissioner shall make available for issuance ~~multipurpose off-highway~~ miniature on-road vehicle license plates of the design required by Code Section 40-2-31 not later than January 1, ~~2024~~ 2026."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-151, relating to annual license fees for operation of vehicles, fee for permanent licensing of certain trailers, and fee for new passenger car with paid title ad valorem taxes, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) For each motorcycle, miniature on-road vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle ..... 20.00"

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-30.1, relating to standards for issuance to assembled motor vehicle and motorcycle or converted motor vehicle, inspections, unconventional motor vehicle or motorcycle not to be titled or registered, and exception, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) Unconventional motor vehicles or motorcycles shall not be titled or registered; provided, however, that ~~a multipurpose off-highway vehicle manufactured after January 1, 2000,~~ the following unconventional motor vehicles shall be registered upon proper application and payment of the required fee:

(1) A multipurpose off-highway vehicle manufactured after January 1, 2000;

(2) A miniature on-road vehicle manufactured more than 25 years prior to application; and

(3) A miniature on-road vehicle manufactured less than 25 years prior to application that has been modified by an importer registered with the United States Department of Transportation to comply with applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 30101, et seq., and certified by such importer as such."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Part 5 of Article 13 of Chapter 6, relating to low-speed or multipurpose off-highway vehicles, as follows:

"Part 5

40-6-359.

Multipurpose off-highway vehicles and miniature on-road vehicles shall be equipped with:

(1) Headlights;
(2) Brake lights;
(3) Taillights;
(4) A rearview mirror; and
(5) Safety belts.

40-6-360.

Every person operating a low-speed vehicle, miniature on-road vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter except as to special regulations in this part and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

40-6-361.

(a) All low-speed vehicles, miniature on-road vehicles, and multipurpose off-highway vehicles are entitled to full use of a lane, and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any such vehicles of the full use of a lane.

(b) The operator of a low-speed vehicle, miniature on-road vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

(c) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle, miniature on-road vehicle, or multipurpose off-highway vehicle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.
(d) Low-speed vehicles, miniature on-road vehicles, and multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall not be operated two or more abreast in a single lane.

40-6-362.
(a) Low-speed vehicles shall be operated only on any highway where the posted speed limit does not exceed 35 miles per hour. The operator of a low-speed vehicle shall not operate such vehicle on any highway where the posted speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour.
(b) Multipurpose off-highway vehicles shall be operated only on highways that are part of a county road system and shall be authorized to cross highways that are part of a municipal street system or are part of the state highway system.
(c) Miniature on-road vehicles shall be operated only on highways that are part of a municipal street system or county road system, provided that such operation has not been prohibited through ordinance or resolution within a local jurisdiction, and shall be authorized to cross highways that are part of the state highway system."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-371, relating to powers of local authorities generally, by revising paragraphs (18.1) through (20) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) and by revising subsection (c) to read as follows:

"~~(18.1)~~(19) Regulating the operation of electric personal assistive mobility devices, provided that such regulations are no less restrictive than those imposed by Part 2A of Article 13 of this chapter;
~~(18.2)~~(20) Regulating the operation of personal transportation vehicles, provided that such regulations comply with Parts 3 and 6 of Article 13 of this chapter;
(21) Prohibiting the operation of miniature on-road vehicles as authorized in Code Section 40-6-362;
~~(19)~~(22) Adopting and enforcing such temporary or experimental regulations as may be necessary to cover emergencies or special conditions; or
~~(20)~~(23) Adopting such other traffic regulations as are specifically authorized by this chapter."

"(c) No ordinance or regulation enacted under paragraph (4), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), ~~or (18.2)~~ (20), or (21) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be effective until official traffic-control devices giving notice of such local traffic regulations are erected upon or at the entrances to the highway or the part thereof affected as may be most appropriate."

SECTION 10.

Code Section 48-5-473 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to returns for taxation and application for and issuance of license plates upon payment of taxes due, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, in the case of an antique or hobby or special interest motor vehicle, as defined in Code Section 48-5-440, or a miniature on-road vehicle, as defined in Code Section 40-1-1, the owner or owners shall certify at the time of returning ~~the antique or hobby or special interest motor~~ such vehicle for taxation, paying the taxes due on the motor vehicle, and purchasing a license plate for the motor vehicle or at the time of the first sale or transfer of the motor vehicle that the vehicle is an antique or hobby or special interest motor vehicle or a miniature on-road vehicle ~~as defined in Code Section 48-5-440~~, and, upon said certification, said vehicle shall be registered and a license plate issued with the imposition of an ad valorem tax based on $100.00 valuation; provided, however, that taxes shall be due at the time of registration or at the time required by law for registration during the owner's registration period as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 11.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

(b) Section 4 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2032.

SECTION 12.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	N Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

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

HB 108. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Prince of the 132nd, Cannon of the 172nd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide certain protections for veterans and other eligible persons applying for benefits; to provide for limitations; to provide for violations; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 158, nays 10.

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

HB 176. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to change provisions relating to cases requiring application of appeal; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to change provisions relating to amendments on motions for new trial; to amend Code Section 17-7-93 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reading of indictment or accusation, answer of accused to charge, recordation of "guilty" plea and pronouncement of judgment, withdrawn guilty pleas, and pleas by immigrants, so as to provide for a time frame regarding the withdrawal of a guilty plea; to provide for related matters;

to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to change provisions relating to cases requiring application of appeal; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to change provisions relating to amendments on motions for new trial; to amend Code Section 17-7-93 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reading of indictment or accusation, answer of accused to charge, recordation of "guilty" plea and pronouncement of judgment, withdrawn guilty pleas, and pleas by immigrants, so as to provide for a time frame regarding the withdrawal of a guilty plea; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 5-6-34, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, as follows:

"(1)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'final judgment' shall include an order in a criminal proceeding with a multiple-count indictment or accusation which results in an adjudication of fewer than all of the counts in such indictment or accusation, the remainder of which are ordered dead docketed.

(B) All final judgments, that is to say, where the case is no longer pending in the court below, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-35;"

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) of Code Section 5-6-35, relating to cases requiring application for appeal, to read as follows:

"(5.3) Direct appeals from guilty pleas;"

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"5-6-39.1.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding the availability of habeas corpus relief under Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9; the time limitations set forth in Code Section 5-5-40; or the time limitations related to a notice of appeal as set forth in this article, a defendant may move for leave to file an out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal within 100 days from the expiration of the time period for the filing of such motion or notice:

(A) With the consent of the state;

(B) By showing excusable neglect;

(C) By showing that the failure to timely file such motion for new trial or notice of appeal was attributable to the deficient performance of such defendant's counsel; or

(D) For other good cause shown.

(2) The trial court judge shall have jurisdiction to consider such motion for leave to file an out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal. If the judge grants such motion, the defendant shall have 30 days to file an out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal and the judge shall have the discretion to allow an extension of time for filing such motion or notice as set forth in Code Section 5-6-39.

(3) An indigent defendant shall have the right to the assistance of counsel to seek any relief offered under this Code section.

(b) In a criminal case, after a judgment of conviction, a defendant whose motion seeking an out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal or whose granted out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal was dismissed based upon the Supreme Court's decision in Cook v. State, 313 Ga. 471 (2022), and its progeny, shall have the right to move for leave to file an out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal until June 30, 2026, pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. Any filing made pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to the 100-day time limitation in subsection (a) of this Code section."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 5-5-40, relating to time for motion for new trial generally, as follows:

"(b) The motion may be amended any time on or before the ruling thereon; provided, however, that in criminal proceedings when the defendant substantially amends his or her motion for new trial, the state shall be given ten days to respond and present evidence, or, in the discretion of the court, a longer period of time."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Code Section 17-7-93 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reading of indictment or accusation, answer of accused to charge, recordation of "guilty" plea and

pronouncement of judgment, withdrawn guilty pleas, and pleas by immigrants, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) After the entry of a guilty plea which results in a conviction, a person may file a motion to withdraw such plea within 30 days of the entry of such judgment or within the term of court in which such plea was entered, whichever is later; provided, however, that such motion to withdraw shall toll the applicable statute of limitations and statutory demand for speedy trial from the date of the plea until the resolution of the motion to withdraw."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4-2.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

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

HB 253. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code and general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, so as to enact "Ethan's Law"; to provide limitations on ordering a child to be sent to a family reunification program; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code and general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, so as to enact "Ethan's Law"; to provide limitations on ordering a child to be sent to a family reunification program; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ethan's Law."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code, is amended by adding a new Code section to Article 3, relating to dependency proceedings, to read as follows:

"15-11-202.1.

Except as provided by any other provision in this chapter, a court shall not order family reunification or unification treatments, programs, or services, including, but not limited to, camps, workshops, therapeutic vacations, or educational programs."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(32.2) 'Family reunification or unification treatments, programs, or services' means any treatment, program, or service that provides educational or experiential workshops and operates as or utilizes private youth transporters or private transportation agents, as described in Code Section 15-11-202.1."

SECTION 4.

Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-9-3, relating to establishment and review of child custody and visitation, as follows:

"(2) The judge hearing the issue of custody shall make a determination of custody of a child and such matter shall not be decided by a jury. The judge may take into consideration all the circumstances of the case, including the improvement of the health of the party seeking a change in custody provisions, in determining to whom custody of the child should be awarded. The duty of the judge in all such cases shall be to exercise discretion to look to and determine solely what is for the best interest of the child and what will best promote the child's welfare and happiness and to make his or her award accordingly. The judge shall not order family reunification or unification treatments, programs, or services, including, but not limited to, camps, workshops, therapeutic vacations, or educational programs, that, as a condition of enrollment or participation, require or result in any of the following:

(A) Violation of a court order requiring that a child have no contact with his or her parent or legal guardian;

(B) The use of private youth transporters or private transportation agents engaged in the use of force, the threat of force, physical obstruction, acutely distressing circumstances, or circumstances that place the safety of the child at risk;

(C) A no-contact period between the child and his or her parent or legal guardian; or

(D) An out-of-state stay."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 6.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

HB 156. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Hilton of the 48th, LaHood of the 175th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to provide the Department of Transportation with authority over vertiports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to provide the Department of Transportation with authority over vertiports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, is amended by revising Code Section 6-1-1, relating to powers and duties of Department of Transportation — Aviation and aviation facilities generally, as follows:

"6-1-1.

(a) As used in this title, the term:

(1) 'Landing field' shall include a vertiport.

(2) 'Vertiport' means an area specifically designated and primarily used for the landing, takeoff, and servicing of aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of greater than 1,320 pounds that is capable of vertical takeoff and landing.

(b) The Department of Transportation shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To plan for and establish a long-term policy in regard to the establishment, development, and maintenance of aviation, landing fields, and aviation facilities in ~~the~~ this state;

(2) To promote and encourage the use of aviation facilities of the state for air commerce in ~~the~~ this state and between the state, other states, and foreign countries;

(3) To cooperate, counsel, and advise with the State Transportation Board in regard to the planning, construction, development, and maintenance of airports, landing fields, and air navigation facilities in ~~the~~ this state;

(4) To cooperate, counsel, and advise with municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state and with other departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, or establishments, whether federal, state, or local, or public or private, for the purpose of promoting and obtaining coordination in the planning for and in the establishment of development, maintenance, and protection of a system of air routes, airports, landing fields, and other aviation facilities in ~~the~~ this state."

SECTION 2.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 7.

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

HB 14. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Crawford of the 89th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cornbread as the official state bread of Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Williams, N
E Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 157, nays 4.

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

HB 233. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate Brunswick stew as the official state stew; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
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E Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 152, nays 2.

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

HB 134. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Jasperse of the 11th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for definitions; to revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise and expand a sales tax exemption for manufactured homes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (102) of Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, as follows:

"(102)(A) Fifty percent of the sales price of a manufactured home if such manufactured home is installed pursuant to Code Section 8-2-160 and will be converted to real property pursuant to Code Section 8-2-183.1 within 30 days of the retail sale.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'manufactured home' means a structure built on a permanent chassis that:

(i) Is designed to be used as a dwelling;

(ii) Is transportable in one or more sections;

(iii) Contains plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems; and

(iv) Is designed to have an angled roof and contain an area of at least 650 square feet.

(C) Within 30 days of ~~a~~ the sale of a manufactured home that is exempted from taxation ~~as provided for in~~ pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the seller shall complete the requirements of Code Section 8-2-183.1 and properly file ~~a copy of~~ the Certificate of Permanent Location with the clerk of superior court, or the commissioner shall recover from the seller 1.5 times the amount of ~~tax~~ taxes exempted ~~by~~ pursuant to this paragraph.

(D) ~~A~~ No manufactured home ~~that is~~ of which the sale was exempted ~~as provided in~~ from taxation pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall ~~not~~ be eligible for a Certificate of Removal from Permanent Location as provided for in Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8~~,~~ or any other manner of a return to tangible personal property unless the amount of taxes exempted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is paid to the commissioner~~.~~

~~(E) The exemption provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not apply to any sales and use tax levied or imposed in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including, but not limited to, such taxes authorized by or pursuant to:~~

~~(i) Constitutional amendment;~~

~~(ii) Section 25 of an Act approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, the 'Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965'; or~~

~~(iii) Article 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5, or 5A of this chapter~~;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez

E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

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

HB 131. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to revise the advertisement requirements before an owner of a self-service storage facility can enforce an owner's lien; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya Adeyina	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

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

HB 392. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 84th, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5B of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax courts, so as to revise the dates for certain events regarding the Georgia Tax Court; to provide new dates for the beginning of the term and duties of the chief court judge; to provide new dates for the beginning date for accepting cases by the court; to provide for the

transfer and disposition of certain cases pending before the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya Adeyina	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Alexander	Y Corbett Cox	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
		Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

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

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

HB 171. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Donatucci of the 105th, Hagan of the 156th, Carson of the 46th and others:

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

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to prohibit distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; to provide for a standard for obscenity; to provide for a penalty and probation; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain offenses; to provide for notice and enhanced sentencing; to amend Titles 20 and 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to replace cross-references to Code Section 16-12-80 with Code Section 16-12-80.1; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ensuring Accountability for Illegal AI Activities Act."

SECTION 2.

Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-12-80.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Artificial intelligence system' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-10-22.

(2) 'Child' means any individual under the age of 16 years.

(3) 'Obscene' means material which meets the following requirements:

(A) To an average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it predominantly appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

(B) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and

(C) The material depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexually explicit conduct.

(4) 'Sexually explicit conduct' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

(b) A person commits the offense of distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child when such person knowingly distributes, solicits, or possesses with intent to distribute a visual depiction of any kind, including an electronic image, electronic video, drawing, sculpture, or painting, that:

(1) Depicts an image that appears to be of a child, and that would appear realistic to an average observer, engaging in sexually explicit conduct, whether alone or between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(2) Is obscene; and

(3) Was created through the use of an artificial intelligence system.

(c) A person who commits the offense of distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 15 years.

(d) It shall not be a required element of an offense under this Code section that the image of a child in such depiction is of a currently or previously living individual.

(e) If the sentence imposed under this Code section is probated, in whole or in part, by the sentencing court, as a condition of such probation, the sentencing court shall have the discretion to impose any or all of the requirements set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 42-8-35.

(f) For purposes of this Code section, a person who, in the course of processing or producing visual or printed matter either privately or commercially, has reasonable cause to believe that the visual or printed matter submitted for processing or producing depicts what appears to be a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct shall immediately report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, in addition to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or the law

enforcement agency for the county in which such matter is submitted. Any person participating in the making of a report or causing a report to be made pursuant to this subsection or participating in any judicial proceeding or any other proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, provided such participation pursuant to this subsection is made in good faith.

(g) The provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to the activities of law enforcement and prosecution agencies in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses."

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"17-10-22.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Artificial intelligence system' means an engineered or machine based system that emulates the capability of a person to receive audio, visual, text, or any other form of information and use such information to emulate a human cognitive process, including, but not limited to, learning, generalizing, reasoning, planning, predicting, acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence systems may vary in the forms of information they can receive and in the human cognitive processes they can emulate.

(2) 'Designated offense' means:

(A) Stalking in violation of Code Section 16-5-90;

(B) Aggravated stalking in violation of Code Section 16-5-91;

(C) Exploitation of a disabled adult, elder person, or resident in violation of Code Section 16-5-102;

(D) Enticing a child for indecent purposes in violation of Code Section 16-6-5;

(E) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(F) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(G) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 16;

(H) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 16;

(I) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 10 of Title 16;

(J) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 11 of Title 16;

(K) Any misdemeanor or felony offense provided for in Chapter 12 of Title 16; and

(L) Fraudulent election interference in violation of Code Section 21-2-604.

(3) 'Utilized an artificial intelligence system' means to be the proximate cause of an artificial intelligence system receiving an input or providing an output.

(b) Subject to the notice requirement provided in subsection (c) of this Code section and in enhancement of the penalty imposed, if the trier of fact determines beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly and intentionally utilized an artificial intelligence system in the commission of a designated offense, the judge imposing sentence shall:

(1) If the designated offense for which the defendant was convicted is a misdemeanor, impose a sentence of confinement for a period of not less than six nor more than 12 months and a fine not to exceed $5,000.00; or

(2) If the designated offense for which the defendant was convicted is a felony, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than two years and a fine not less than $5,000.00; provided, however, that, if such designated offense is subject to a minimum sentence of imprisonment for two years or more, the judge shall impose a sentence of imprisonment for not less than such minimum sentence plus one year and a fine of not less than $5,000.00.

(c) At any time after the filing of an indictment or accusation, but not later than the arraignment, the state shall notify the defendant of its intention to seek the enhanced penalty or penalties authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section. Such notice shall be in writing and shall allege the specific factor or factors authorizing an enhanced sentence in the case pursuant to this Code section.

(d) The judge shall state when he or she imposes the sentence the amount of the enhancement of the sentence based on the application of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Titles 20 and 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, are amended by replacing "16-12-80" with "16-12-80.1" wherever the former term appears in:

(1) Code Section 20-2-324, relating to internet acceptable-use policies required in all public schools, minimum policy requirements, policy enforcement, technology protection measures required, policy compliance review, approval, and enforcement by State Board of Education, and waivers prohibited;

(2) Code Section 20-5-5, relating to internet safety policies in public libraries;

(3) Code Section 32-6-75, relating to restrictions on outdoor advertising authorized by Code Sections 32-6-72 and 32-6-73 and multiple message signs on interstate system, primary highways, and other highways; and

(4) Code Section 32-6-75.3, relating to permits for trimming or removal of trees or vegetation in state right of way which obstruct view of outdoor advertising and removal of signs with lapsed permits.

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 6.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

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

HB 444. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Reeves of the 99th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Wilkerson
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 158, nays 3.

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

HR 121. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. John W. Mixon and dedicating a building in his honor; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Mr. John W. Mixon and dedicating a building in his honor; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. John W. Mixon has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mixon began his career as a conservation stalwart in 1961 as a forest technician with the Georgia Forestry Commission and served as the head of the commission's nationally recognized Urban Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, he worked to accelerate wood energy promotions by conducting demonstrations at public schools, prisons, hospitals, and other institutions to show how wood materials could replace expensive fuels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mixon was named commissioner of the Georgia Forestry Commission in 1983 and during his tenure as commissioner he oversaw great conservation efforts, including a record number of trees planted in a single season with 433,000 acres of pine trees and the establishment of the Flint River Nursery which was designed to produce 50 million seedlings; and

WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental in the passage of numerous laws relating to forest conservation, including laws that required a permit for outdoor burning and provided for prescribed burning for forest management; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a building in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Georgia Forestry Commission building located in Dry Branch, Georgia, is dedicated as the John W. Mixon Georgia Forestry Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Forestry Commission is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the John W. Mixon Georgia Forestry Building to be funded from the budget of the Georgia Forestry Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Forestry Commission and Mr. John W. Mixon.

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

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

HB 414. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Gunter of the 8th, Scoggins of the 14th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, is amended in Code Section 21-5-3, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (19) as follows:

"(19) 'Person' means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, professional corporation, or other business entity ~~recognized in the State of Georgia~~, labor organization, or any other organization or group of persons, and shall include a 'nonresident' as that term is

defined in Code Section 9-10-90 who commits an act or omission or transacts business within the state which if performed by a resident of this state would be subject to this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-5-6, relating to powers and duties of the State Ethics Commission, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c)(1) Supplemental to any investigatory or enforcement powers provided to the commission in this chapter, if a matter or person that the commission seeks to obtain documentation or information from is located outside the state, the commission may request the person with such documentation or information to make such documentation or information available to the commission or the commission representative to examine at the location where such person, documentation, or information is located.

(2) In the event that a person refuses to comply with a request made pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the commission may petition that such person be ordered by the superior court to provide the documentation or information sought by the commission. The court shall not order such compliance unless the commission has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the court that the documentation or information under request is pertinent or necessary to further the investigation or enforcement action authorized by this chapter."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-5-8, relating to venue, as follows:

"21-5-8.

Venue for prosecution of civil violations of this chapter or for any other action by or on behalf of the commission shall be in the county of the residence of the candidate or public officer at the time of the alleged violation or action, unless the person is not a Georgia resident, in which case venue is in Fulton County."

SECTION 4.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez

Y Au	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 153, nays 9.

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

HB 410. By Representatives DeLoach of the 167th, Lumsden of the 12th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance, so as to provide for efficiency in the practices of the Department of Insurance; to revise the statutory deposit requirement for foreign insurers; to remove fees for branch licensees; to revise application requirements for a domestic stock and mutual insurer; to remove the publication requirement for application, amendments, and surrenders for such insurer; to remove such publication requirement for charters, consolidations, and mergers of fraternal benefit societies; to revise application requirements for farmers' mutual fire insurance companies; to remove the licensure requirement for agency

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	E Olaleye	Y Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

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

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

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative Hugley of the 141st asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 649. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Oliver of the 84th, Hugley of the 141st and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to insurance, so as to provide for coverage for comprehensive maternal mental health screening and care; to provide for such screenings at specific points during and after pregnancy as deemed necessary by a physician or other healthcare provider; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for maternal mental health screenings for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

Representative Bell of the 75th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 650. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Paris of the 142nd, Jones of the 60th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15, 43, 44, and 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, professions and businesses, property, and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to restore certain rights of individuals with criminal histories; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

Representative Cooper of the 45th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs:

HB 91. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dickey of the 134th and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing, so as to provide for licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Powell of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 651. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize

district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

Representative Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

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

HB 652. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Holcomb of the 101st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to provide for an exception for collection of motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

Representative Parsons of the 44th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Motor Vehicles and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil:

HB 344. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, McCollum of the 30th, Scoggins of the 14th, Thomas of the 21st and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to revise the penalty amount for violations captured by recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 401. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Jones of the 60th, Burnough of the 77th, Cummings of the 39th, Jackson of the 165th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for its 112 years of service and recognizing March 3, 2025, as Delta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 402. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Jackson of the 68th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION commending Reign Over Cancer Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 403. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Neal of the 79th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Clayton State University and recognizing March 4, 2025, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 404. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Burns of the 159th, Smith of the 138th, Dickey of the 134th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Talmadge James on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 405. By Representative Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Vanise Ayanna Kilgore; and for other purposes.

HR 406. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Cheokas of the 151st, Martinez of the 111th and Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 27, 2025, as Georgia Municipal Court Clerks Council Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 407. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Barton of the 5th, Gambill of the 15th, Parsons of the 44th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending MEAG Power on its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 408. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Sainz of the 180th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the work of Georgia's aerospace and defense industry and recognizing February 26, 2025, as Georgia Aerospace Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 409. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (MBCIA) for its exceptional contributions to economic development, investment attraction, and community partnerships in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

HR 410. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Mercer Bears football team for their exceptional 2024 season, their Southern Conference championship, and their contributions to athletic excellence and school pride; and for other purposes.

HR 411. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending Visit Macon for its outstanding contributions to increasing tourism in Macon-Bibb County, fostering the film and music industries, and making tourism a vital component of the local economy; and for other purposes.

HR 412. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Petrea of the 166th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Savannah Country Day School clay target team for winning the 2024 Georgia State Clay Target Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 413. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Communities in Schools of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 414. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Duluth Fall Festival; and for other purposes.

HR 415. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Delta Air Lines on its centennial anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 416. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Townsend of the 179th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia's trauma professionals, the Georgia Trauma Commission, and the Georgia Trauma Foundation and recognizing February 26, 2025, as Trauma Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 417. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Cox of the 28th, Tran of the 80th, Carson of the 46th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Anat Sultan-Dadon, Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States, for her exemplary service in strengthening the bonds between the State of Israel and the State of Georgia and for her steadfast friendship to the people of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 418. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Bremen High School competition cheerleading team for winning the 2024 1A-D1 Cheerleading State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 419. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Barnes of the 86th, McQueen of the 61st, Smith of the 70th, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Teacher Leader Consortium; and for other purposes.

HR 420. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th and Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Salleigh Grubbs for her dedicated service as Chairwoman of the Cobb County Republican Party; and for other purposes.

HR 421. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2025, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 422. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Tran of the 80th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Draper of the 90th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2025, as DeKalb Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 423. By Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Ernestine Hunter; and for other purposes.

HR 424. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Erwin of the 32nd, Paris of the 142nd, Lupton of the 83rd, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 26, 2025, as Executive Function Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 425. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Cox of the 28th, Meeks of the 178th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the restaurant industry of Georgia and recognizing February 26, 2025, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

Representatives Jackson of the 128th et al., Wade of the 9th et al., Wilkerson of the 38th et al., and Martinez of the 111th et al.

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 67. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Twenty-Fourth Legislative Day

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

By unanimous consent, the call of the roll was dispensed with.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Captain Joseph C. Kim, Moody Air Force Base, Moody AFB, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

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

The Journal was confirmed.

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

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

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

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

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

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

HB 619. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 620. By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Clark of the 100th, Campbell of the 171st, Martinez of the 111th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 621. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Henderson of the 113th, Cummings of the 39th, Glaize of the 67th, McClain of the 109th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 622. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 623. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 624. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 625. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Olaleye of the 59th, Schofield of the 63rd, Holland of the 54th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 626. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Lim of the 98th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 627. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 18th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 628. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th and Wiedower of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to revise an income tax credit for contributions to law enforcement foundations; to increase the annual amount of contributions allowed; to extend the sunset date; to provide for procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 629. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Greene of the 154th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 630. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 631. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Herring of the 145th, Glaize of the 67th, Berry of the 56th and Olaleye of the 59th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 632. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Blackmon of the 146th, Holcomb of the 101st, Williams of the 168th and others:

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

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

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 633. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Olaleye of the 59th, Roberts of the 52nd and Oliver of the 84th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 634. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 635. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd, Reeves of the 99th, Persinger of the 119th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to revise provisions relating to the State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors; to revise and clarify qualifications for licensure as a residential or commercial general contractor; to revise provisions relating to examination of applicants; to revise provisions relating to the refusal to grant a license, revocation of a license, or other disciplinary action of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 636. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th and Willis of the 55th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 637. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Cooper of the 45th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st and Campbell of the 35th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 638. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Olaleye of the 59th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so as to prohibit the stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Affairs.

HB 639. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Efstration of the 104th, Cox of the 28th, Gaines of the 120th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the juvenile code, so as to expedite and prioritize processes for the

termination of parental rights in certain cases involving parental incapacity and child maltreatment; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 640. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Au of the 50th and Hilton of the 48th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 641. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HB 642. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Carpenter of the 4th and Au of the 50th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 643. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 644. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th, Taylor of the 173rd, Powell of the 33rd and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 645. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to repeal certain provisions requiring COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

HB 646. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Wade of the 9th, Jackson of the 128th, Reese of the 140th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroners, so as to provide minimum salaries of coroners; to revise compensation provisions for deputy coroners; to provide for benefits to certain coroners; to remove certain death investigation fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 647. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

HB 648. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Miller of the 62nd and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older, approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3696), so as to remove the income cap from such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 653. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Momtahan of the 17th, Horner of the 3rd, Camp of the 135th, Romman of the 97th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, and various other titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to rename the Georgia Public Service Commission as the Georgia Public Utilities Commission; to provide for the succession of all rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and administrative orders of the Georgia Public Service

Commission; to provide for the succession of all rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties of the Georgia Public Service Commission; to provide for the continued service of members of the Georgia Public Service Commission; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 654. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Au of the 50th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Clark of the 108th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 655. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Burchett of the 176th, Clark of the 100th, Carpenter of the 4th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to renew a tax credit for postproduction expenditures; to increase the annual aggregate limit; to provide for an additional credit if certain qualified expenditures are incurred in certain rural counties; to provide for qualified productions and expenditures; to allow the credit with respect to special venue projects; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 656. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Stephens of the 164th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 392. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th and Smith of the 138th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HR 393. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Jackson of the 68th, Drenner of the 85th and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HR 394. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Hugley of the 141st, Barnes of the 86th, Tran of the 80th, Sampson of the 153rd and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 395. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Clark of the 108th, Bazemore of the 69th and Paris of the 142nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 396. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Glaize of the 67th, Howard of the 129th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the creation of the Georgia's Children First Trust Fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HR 397. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Newton of the 127th, Au of the 50th and Hawkins of the 27th:

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

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 398. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Momtahan of the 17th, Horner of the 3rd, Camp of the 135th and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to rename the Georgia Public Service Commission as the Georgia Public Utilities Commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 399. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Clark of the 100th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 400. By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Douglas of the 78th, Glaize of the 67th, Gambill of the 15th and Wade of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for a homestead exemption for an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead in certain circumstances; to authorize municipalities to seek supplementary funding to offset lost revenue from the homestead exemption; to provide for a short title; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

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

HB 593
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HB 652
HR 367
HR 368
SB 13
SB 28
SB 72
SB 125

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 579	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 29	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 130	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 56	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 385	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 411	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 538	Do Pass
HB 553	Do Pass	HB 568	Do Pass
HB 591	Do Pass	HB 592	Do Pass
SB 137	Do Pass		

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

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 291	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 471	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 506	Do Pass	HB 584	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 238	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 518	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 549	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Hagan of the 156th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 262 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hagan of the 156th
Chairman

Representative Cheokas of the 151st District, Chairman of the Committee on Small Business Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

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

HB 250 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cheokas of the 151st
Chairman

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

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 24th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 113 State government; prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities (GAff-McDonald III-26th)

HB 143 Water resources; water-measuring devices for farm use of surface and ground water; revise provisions (Substitute)(NR&E-Dickey-134th)

HB 163 Food service establishments; certain food products be disclosed as containing cell cultured meat and plant based meat alternatives; require (A&CA-Ridley-22nd)
HB 187 Professions and businesses; contractors; change certain provisions (Substitute)(RegI-Washburn-144th)
HB 227 Putting Georgia's Patients First Act; enact (Substitute)(Hth-Dickey-134th)
HB 241 Contracts; convenience fees for payment by electronic means; revise provisions (Substitute)(B&B-Rhodes-124th)
HB 254 State government; provide placement of Revolutionary War Patriots marker on state capitol building grounds and state archives building grounds (SProp-Buckner-137th)

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate on HB 267 shall be limited to no longer than one hour. Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

HB 267 Riley Gaines Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Bonner-73rd) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2300S)

Structured Rule

HB 169 Ad valorem tax; breach of a covenant for bona fide conservation use related to solar generation of energy; limit exceptions (Substitute) (W&M-Cannon-172nd)

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

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

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

HB 411. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Banks County, approved August 19, (Ga. L. 1916, p. 349), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4500), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Banks County, approved August 19, (Ga. L. 1916, p. 349), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4500), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Act creating a board of commissioners for Banks County, approved August 19, 1916 (Ga. L. 1916, p. 349), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4500), is amended by revising Section 2 as follows:

"SECTION 2.

(a) For the purpose of electing members of the board of commissioners, Banks County shall be divided into five commissioner districts. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix A, attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Banks CC Plan Name: BanksCC-2025 Plan Type: Local'. Commissioner District 5 shall be comprised of the entire geographic area of Banks County and the person elected from such district shall serve as the chairperson of the board of commissioners.

(b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

(A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

(B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Any part of Banks County which is not included in any district described in subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of Banks County which is described in subsection (a) of this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia."

SECTION 2.

(a) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Banks County who are serving as such on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

(b) Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described under this Act.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

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

APPENDIX A

User: Banks CC
Plan Name: BanksCC-2025
Plan Type: Local

District 001
County Banks GA
VTD 0110004 - BUSHVILLE
Block 970200
3051 3060
Block 970300
2002 2003 2004 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 2053
2054 2055 2057 2058 2059 2060
Block 970400
1014 1017 1018 1019 1020 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035
2036 2037 2038 2039 2048 2049 2060 2061 2062 2063 2064 2065
2066 2067 2068 2069 2070 2071 2072 2073 2074 2075
VTD 0110006 - DAVIDS
VTD 0110013 - WILMONTS
Block 970200
2036 2037 2038 2039 2040 2041 2042 2043 2044 2045 2046 2047
2051 2054 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3010 3011
3012 3013 3018 3019 3020 3021

District 002
County Banks GA
VTD 0110002 - BALDWIN
VTD 0110003 - BERLIN
VTD 0110005 - COLUMBIA
VTD 0110007 - GOLDEN HILL
Block 970100
4017 4018 4019 4020 4021
Block 970200
1001 1004 1020 1021
VTD 0110009 - HOLLINGSWORTH
VTD 0110012 - WASHINGTON

District 003
County Banks GA
VTD 0110007 - GOLDEN HILL
Block 970100
1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037
1040 1041 1042 1043 1044 1045 1047 4000 4001 4002 4003 4004
4005 4007 4008 4009 4010 4014 4015 4016 4022 4023 4030
VTD 0110008 - GROVE RIVER
VTD 0110011 - POPLAR SPRINGS

District 004
County Banks GA
VTD 0110001 - ANDERSON
VTD 0110004 - BUSHVILLE
Block 970200
3059
VTD 0110010 - HOMER

VTD 0110013 - WILMONTS
Block 970200
3008 3009 3014 3015 3016 3017

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

HB 538. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Schley County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 553. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Taylor County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 568. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Euharlee to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 591. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Cleveland to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

HB 592. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cleveland; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a mayor pro tem; to provide for a city manager and powers and duties thereof; to provide for acting city managers; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 137. By Senator Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to revise provisions related to jurisdiction of the municipal court; to revise transition provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

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

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

SB 40. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and Robertson of the 29th:

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

SB 79. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

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

SB 123. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

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

SB 130. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; to revise definitions; to provide for medical education funding to certain medical organizations facilities; to provide for a physician in certain residency or fellowship programs to be eligible for the service cancelable loan program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 40. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 79. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 123. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to update and revise provisions of the state's compulsory school attendance laws; to provide that no student shall be expelled by a public school due solely to absenteeism; to provide for reporting requirements; to amend Code Section 20-4-141 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high school diploma to successful participants, skills and knowledge, eligibility for participation, and regulation, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 130. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; to revise definitions; to provide for medical education funding to certain medical organizations facilities; to provide for a physician in certain residency or fellowship programs to be eligible for the service cancelable loan program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Burnough of the 77th, Stinson of the 150th et al., Baker of the 64th et al., Au of the 50th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Jaspers of the 11th et al., Cheokas of the 151st, Dempsey of the 13th et al., Hugley of the 141st et al., Richardson of the 125th, and Bell of the 75th et al.

Representative Rhodes of the 124th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 432	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 443	Do Pass
HB 451	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 454	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 491	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 556	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rhodes of the 124th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 215	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 244	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 324	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 374	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 397	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 399	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 467	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 513	Do Pass
HB 521	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Regulated Industries:

HB 185. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Education:

HB 198. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Efstration of the 104th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the use of school facilities by certain youth groups; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security:

HB 246. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Crowe of the 118th, Greene of the 154th, Erwin of the 32nd, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-1 and Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualification requirements for sheriff and exemptions and employment and training of peace officers, respectively, so as to require a person qualifying as a candidate for sheriff be a peace officer not under revocation or suspension by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for a penalty; to provide for submission of a form completed by the executive director of such council; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 143. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Smith of the 70th, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, so as to revise provisions regarding water-measuring devices for farm use of surface and ground water; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, so as to revise provisions regarding water-measuring devices for farm use of surface and ground water; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and subsection (m.1) of Code Section 12-5-31, relating to regulated riparian rights to surface waters for general or farm use, permits for withdrawal, diversion, or impoundment, coordination with water plans, metering of farm use, interbasin transfers, and appeal procedures, as follows:

"(3)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section to the contrary, a permit for the withdrawal or diversion of surface waters for farm uses shall be issued by the director to any person when the applicant submits an application which provides reasonable proof that the applicant's farm use of surface waters occurred prior to July 1, 1988, and when any such application is submitted prior to July 1, 1991. If submitted prior to July 1, 1991, an application for a permit to be issued based upon farm uses of surface waters occurring prior to July 1, 1988, shall be granted for the withdrawal or diversion of surface waters at a rate of withdrawal or diversion equal to the greater of the operating capacity in place for withdrawal or diversion on July 1, 1988, or, when measured in gallons per day on a monthly average for a calendar year, the greatest withdrawal or diversion capacity during the five-year period immediately preceding July 1, 1988. If submitted after July 1, 1991, or, regardless of when submitted, if it is based upon a withdrawal or diversion of surface waters for farm uses occurring or proposed to occur on or after July 1, 1988, an application shall be subject to evaluation and classification pursuant to subsections (e), (f), and (g) of this Code section, but a permit based upon such evaluation and classification shall be issued to ensure the applicant's right to a reasonable use of such surface waters. Any permit issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be conditioned upon the requirement that the permittee shall provide, on forms prescribed by the director, information relating to a general description of the lands and number of acres subject to irrigation and the permit; a description of the general type of irrigation system used; the source of withdrawal water such as river, stream, or impoundment; and pump information, including rated capacity, pump location, and power information.

(B) Permits applied for under this paragraph on or after April 20, 2006, for farm use in the Flint River basin shall have a term of 25 years and shall be automatically renewed at the original permitted capacity unless an evaluation by the division

indicates that renewal at the original capacity would have unreasonable adverse effects upon other water uses. The division may renew the original permit at a lower capacity, but such capacity shall be based on the reasonable use of the permittee and evaluation of the resource.

(C) A permittee may apply to have a permit issued under this paragraph modified, amended, transferred, or assigned to subsequent owners of the lands which are the subject of such permit; provided, however, that:

(i) The division shall receive written notice of any such transfer or assignment;

(ii) Any modification in or amendment to the use or capacity conditions contained in the permit or in the lands which are the subject of such permit shall require the permittee to submit an application for review and approval by the director consistent with this Code section; and

(iii) The permittee may commence withdrawing water under the modified, amended, transferred, or assigned permit on the effective date stated on the revised permit for farm use~~; and~~

~~(iv) For all permits for which such modification, amendment, transfer, or assignment is effective on or after April 20, 2018, and for which no water-measuring device is installed, the permittee shall have one year from the updated effective date stated on the revised permit for farm use to have an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed, to have such device in operation at each point of permitted withdrawal, and to notify the division in writing once the installation has occurred. The division shall approve or disapprove the installation within 60 days of the date of notification. The permittee shall be responsible for all associated costs~~.

(D) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as a repeal or modification of Code Section 12-5-46."

"(m.1)(1) The division shall have the duty of implementing a program of measuring farm uses of water in order to obtain clear and accurate information on the patterns and amounts of such use, which information is essential to proper management of water resources by the state and useful to farmers for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of their use of water, meeting the requirements of subsections (b) and (m) of this Code section, and improving water conservation.

(2) The division:

(A) May conduct its duties with division staff and may contract with other persons to conduct any of its duties;

(B) May receive and use state appropriations, gifts, grants, or other sources of funding to carry out its duties;

(C) Shall develop a priority system for the installation of devices for measurement of farm uses of water at the points of those withdrawals for which a permit was issued as of July 1, 2003. The division may refine the priority system from time to time based on the amount of funding received by the division, considerations regarding cost effectiveness, new technical information, changes in resource use or conditions, or other factors as deemed relevant by the director;

(D) Shall, on behalf of the state, contract for the purchase and installation of that subset of water-measuring devices according to the priority system required by this Code section, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs. ~~However, when the division assesses the site or attempts to install such water-measuring devices and finds that the site lacks withdrawal or irrigation infrastructure, the division shall document such withdrawal or irrigation infrastructure conditions and notify the permittee in writing that a state funded water-measuring device or devices could not be installed and that a device or devices are still required. After the expiration of five years, such permittee shall be responsible for having an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed and placed into operation and all associated costs. The permittee shall notify the division in writing once the installation has occurred. The division shall approve or disapprove the installation within 60 days of the date of notification~~ If no contractor is available, the division may use trained and certified staff to perform installations, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs;

(E) Shall, at monthly intervals, read an appropriate proportion of water-measuring devices installed for measuring farm use of surface water and compile the collected data for use in meeting the purposes in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and the division shall communicate in advance with private property owners to establish reasonable times for such readings. In the event that a permittee's water-measuring devices are selected for monthly readings, the permittee may choose to perform those readings and transmit that information to the division; and

(F) Shall issue an annual progress report on the status of water-measuring device installation.

(3) Any person whose permit for agricultural water use was issued before July 1, 2003, and who desires to install a water-measuring device at no cost to the state may do so, provided that the permittee shall have an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed and placed in operation at each point of permitted withdrawal and the permittee shall notify the division in writing once the installation has occurred. The division shall approve or disapprove the installation within 60 days of the date of notification.

(4) Any person who desires to commence a farm use of water for which a permit is issued after July 1, 2003, shall not commence such use prior to receiving approval from the division that such person has installed an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed ~~by the commission~~ at each point of permitted withdrawal. The permittee shall be responsible for all such costs.

(5) Employees, contractors, or agents of the division are authorized to enter upon private property at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice to conduct the duties of the division under this subsection.

(6) Regarding all permits for which a water-measuring device is installed, regardless of when the permit was issued, the division shall contract for the annual reading of such water-measuring devices. The division shall require each contractor conducting such

annual readings to transmit complete and accurate data required by the division to the division annually.

(7) The division shall audit a subset of reported water-measuring device readings submitted by permittees for the purpose of understanding and improving the accuracy of such readings.

(8) The division shall contract for any maintenance, repair, or replacement of water-measuring devices installed pursuant to this Code section where maintenance, repair, or replacement is required to ensure that such water-measuring devices accurately reflect the amount of water used, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs. The division shall also have the authority to undertake repairs or replacements of water-measuring devices when such repairs or replacements are necessary to maintain compliance with water use regulations, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs.

(9) If the division determines that the permittee or the permittee's employees, tenants, licensees, or agents have willfully dismantled, sold, relocated, or removed any water-measuring device installed pursuant to this Code section, the permittee may be subject to enforcement action by the division, including but not limited to imposition of civil penalties.

(10) Any reports of amounts of use for recreational purposes under this Code section shall be compiled separately from amounts reported for all other farm uses."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (b.1) of Code Section 12-5-105, relating to regulated reasonable use of ground water for farm use, permits to withdraw, obtain, or utilize, metering, and related procedures, as follows:

"(b) Notwithstanding any provisions of Code Section 12-5-95, 12-5-96, or 12-5-97 to the contrary, permits to withdraw, obtain, or utilize ground waters for farm uses, as that term is defined in paragraph (5.1) of Code Section 12-5-92, whether for new withdrawals or under subsection (a) of this Code section, shall be governed as follows:

(1) Permits applied for under this Code section on or after April 20, 2006, for farm use within the Flint River basin shall have a term of 25 years and shall be automatically renewed at the original permitted capacity unless an evaluation by the division indicates that renewal at the original capacity would have unreasonable adverse effects upon other water uses. The division may renew the original permit at a lower capacity, but such capacity shall be based on the reasonable use of the permittee and evaluation of the resource;

(2) A permittee may apply to have a permit issued under this Code section modified, amended, transferred, or assigned to subsequent owners of the lands which are the subject of such permit; provided, however, that:

(A) The division shall receive written notice of any such transfer or assignment;

(B) Any modification in or amendment to the use or capacity conditions contained in the permit or in the lands which are the subject of such permit shall require the

permittee to submit an application for review and approval by the director consistent with the requirements of this part; and

(C) The permittee may commence withdrawing water under the modified, amended, transferred, or assigned permit on the effective date stated on the revised permit for farm use; ~~and~~

~~(D) For all permits for which such modification, amendment, transfer, or assignment is effective on or after April 20, 2018, and for which no water-measuring device is installed, the permittee shall have one year from the updated effective date stated on the revised permit for farm use to have an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed, to have such device in operation at each point of permitted withdrawal, and to notify the division in writing once the installation has occurred. The division shall approve or disapprove the installation within 60 days of the date of notification. The permittee shall be responsible for all associated costs;~~

(3) Permits for farm use, after initial use has commenced, shall not be revoked, in whole or in part, for nonuse; except that the director may permanently revoke any permit under this Code section for farm use within the Flint River Basin applied for on or after April 20, 2006, if initial use for the purpose indicated on the permit application, as measured by a flow meter approved by the division has not commenced within two years of the date of issuance of the permit unless the permittee can reasonably demonstrate that his or her nonuse was due to financial hardship or circumstances beyond his or her control;

(4) The director may suspend or modify a permit for farm use if he or she should determine through inspection, investigations, or otherwise that the quantity of water allowed would prevent other applicants from reasonable use of ground water beneath their property for farm use;

(5) During emergency periods of water shortage, the director shall give first priority to providing water for human consumption and second priority to farm use; and

(6) The importance and necessity of water for industrial purposes are in no way modified or diminished by this Code section.

(b.1)(1) The division shall have the duty of implementing a program of measuring farm uses of water in order to obtain clear and accurate information on the patterns and amounts of such use, which information is essential to proper management of water resources by the state and useful to farmers for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of their use of water, meeting the requirements of subsections (b) and (b.1) of this Code section, and improving water conservation.

(2) The division:

(A) May conduct its duties with division staff and may contract with other persons to conduct any of its duties;

(B) May receive and use state appropriations, gifts, grants, or other sources of funding to carry out its duties;

(C) Shall develop a priority system for the installation of devices for measurement of farm uses of water at the points of those withdrawals for which a permit was issued as of July 1, 2003. The division may refine the priority system from time to time

based on the amount of funding received by the division, considerations regarding cost effectiveness, new technical information, changes in resource use or conditions, or other factors as deemed relevant by the director;

(D) Shall, on behalf of the state, contract for the purchase and installation of that subset of water-measuring devices according to the priority system required by this Code section, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs. ~~However, when the division assesses the site or attempts to install such water-measuring devices and finds that the site lacks the withdrawal or irrigation infrastructure, the division shall document such withdrawal or irrigation infrastructure conditions and notify the permittee in writing that a state funded water-measuring device or devices could not be installed and that a device or devices are still required. After the expiration of five years, such permittee shall be responsible for having an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed and placed into operation and all associated costs. The permittee shall notify the division in writing once the installation has occurred. The division shall approve or disapprove the installation within 60 days of the date of notification~~ If no contractor is available, the division may use trained and certified staff to perform installations, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs;

(E) Shall, at monthly intervals, read an appropriate proportion of water-measuring devices installed for measuring farm use of ground water and compile the collected data for use in meeting the purposes in paragraph (1) of this Code section, and the division shall communicate in advance with private property owners to establish reasonable times for such readings. In the event that a permittee's water-measuring devices are selected for monthly readings, the permittee may choose to perform those readings and transmit that information to the division; and

(F) Shall issue an annual progress report on the status of water-measuring device installation.

(3) Any person whose permit for agricultural water use was issued before July 1, 2003, and who desires to install a water-measuring device at no cost to the state may do so, provided that the permittee shall have an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed and placed in operation at each point of permitted withdrawal and the permittee shall notify the division in writing once the installation has occurred. The division shall approve or disapprove the installation within 60 days of the date of notification.

(4) Any person who desires to commence a farm use of water for which a permit is issued after July 1, 2003, shall not commence such use prior to receiving approval from the division that such person has installed an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed by the commission at each point of permitted withdrawal. The permittee shall be responsible for all such costs.

(5) Regarding all permits for which a water-measuring device is installed, regardless of when the permit was issued, the division shall contract for the annual reading of such water-measuring devices. The division shall require each contractor conducting such

annual readings to transmit complete and accurate data required by the division to the division annually.

(6) The division shall audit a subset of reported water-measuring device readings submitted by permittees for the purpose of understanding and improving the accuracy of such readings.

(7) Employees, contractors, or agents of the division are authorized to enter upon private property at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice to conduct the duties of the division under this subsection.

(8) The division shall contract for any maintenance, repair, or replacement of water-measuring devices installed pursuant to this Code section where maintenance, repair, or replacement is required to ensure that such water-measuring devices accurately reflect the amount of water used, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs. The division shall also have the authority to undertake repairs or replacements of water-measuring devices when such repairs or replacements are necessary to maintain compliance with water use regulations, and no charge shall be made to the permittee for such costs.

(9) If the division determines that the permittee or the permittee's employees, tenants, licensees, or agents have willfully dismantled, sold, relocated, or removed any water-measuring device installed pursuant to this Code section, the permittee may be subject to enforcement action by the division, including but not limited to imposition of civil penalties.

(10) Any reports of amounts of use for recreational purposes under this part shall be compiled separately from amounts reported for all other farm uses.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as a repeal or modification of Code Section 12-5-104."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 113. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities; to provide for a list of such goods; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to repeal provisions related to contracting with China; to provide for powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	E Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 148, nays 17.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Industry and Labor has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 569 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Werkheiser of the 157th
Chairman

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 434	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 8	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ballinger of the 23rd
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 70th District, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources and Environment has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 351	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 70th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 24th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 94 Insurance; medically necessary expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; require coverage (Hth-Lumsden-12th)

HB 329 Professional and businesses; authorize certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants to perform artificial insemination (Hth-Hilton-48th)

HB 428 Health; codify right to in vitro fertilization for individuals (Hth-Franklin-160th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 428. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to codify the right to in vitro fertilization for individuals; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 267. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jones of the 47th, Wade of the 9th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for separate restroom and changing areas for males and females in schools; to provide for sleeping arrangements on school trips to be made according to sex; to provide for definitions throughout the Official Code of Georgia Annotated of certain terms relating to sex; to provide for legislative findings on the importance of certain distinctions between the sexes; to require any collector of vital statistics throughout this state to identify each individual as either male or female; to replace the term "gender" throughout the Code with "sex"; to provide for definitions; to provide

for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for separate restroom and changing areas for males and females in schools; to provide for sleeping arrangements on school trips to be made according to sex; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for noncompliance; to provide for private causes of action; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain athletic activities to be designated as either for males, females, or coeducational; to prohibit males from participating in certain athletic activities designated as being for females; to provide for a method to determine sex; to provide for schools to be protected from complaints for compliance with statutes; to provide for definitions throughout the Official Code of Georgia Annotated of certain terms relating to sex; to provide for legislative findings on the importance of certain distinctions between the sexes; to require any collector of vital statistics throughout this state to identify each individual as either male or female; to replace the term "gender" throughout the Code with "sex"; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Riley Gaines Act."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the health of elementary and secondary school students, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-771.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Athletic event' means any interscholastic or intramural contest, game, jamboree, scrimmage, tournament, showcase, combine, or tryout related to a sport or physical activity.

(2) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(3) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(4) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a public school or local school system building that is designed or designated for use by student athletes during athletic events, to be used by one or more individuals at the same time, and in which one or more individuals may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to, the following during athletic events:

(A) Restrooms;

(B) Locker rooms;

(C) Changing rooms; and

(D) Shower rooms.

(5) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

(b) To ensure the privacy and safety of students, each public school or local school system in this state shall:

(1) Require each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area to be designated as follows:

(A) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is male; or

(B) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is female; and

(2)(A) Provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual who is unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for such individual's sex.

(B)(i) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall include, but shall not be limited to, allowing such individual to access a single-occupancy restroom or changing area.

(ii) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall not include allowing such individual to access a restroom or changing area that is designated for use by members of the opposite sex while members of the sex opposite to such individual are present or may be present in the restroom or changing area.

(c) This Code section shall not be construed or applied to prohibit an individual from entering a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for use by individuals of the opposite sex when he or she enters such area for one of the following reasons:

(1) For authorized custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(2) To render emergency medical assistance;

(3) To address an ongoing emergency, including, but not limited to, a physical altercation;

(4) A minor child is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian who deems such entry necessary for the child's safety, welfare, or assistance; or

(5) The performance of official duties and responsibilities as authorized coaches and trainers for purposes directly related to the athletic event.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to prohibit a public school or local school system from adopting a policy that is necessary to accommodate individuals protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025, or young children who are in need of physical assistance when using a restroom or changing facility that is located in a public school or local school system; provided, however, that such policy shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of subsections (a) through (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a public school or local school system that sponsors or supervises an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event involving public school students shall ensure that a public school student attending the overnight trip either:

(A) Shares sleeping quarters with a member or, if necessary, multiple members, of the same sex; or

(B) Is provided single-occupancy sleeping quarters.

(2) A public school student attending an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event may share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex if the member of the opposite sex is a member of such student's immediate family.

(f)(1) The Professional Standards Commission shall be authorized as provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-984.3 to investigate complaints alleging noncompliance with this Code section.

(2) Upon a finding of noncompliance with this Code section by the Professional Standards Commission, such noncompliant individual shall be subject to sanctions as determined by the Professional Standards Commission, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-984.5.

(g) A parent or legal guardian of a public school student shall have a cause of action against a public school or local school system if:

(1) Such student:

(A) Encounters a member of the opposite sex in a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area that is designated for individuals whose sex is the same as such student's sex if such member of the opposite sex received permission or direction from an official, employee, or agent of a public school or local school system to use such multiple occupancy restroom or changing area, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(B) Is required by an official, employee, or agent of a public school or local school system to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex who is not a family member of such student; or

(2) An official, employee, or agent of a public school or local school system is found to be noncompliant under subsection (f) of this Code section arising out of or related to an incident involving such student.

(h) The State Board of Education and the Professional Standards Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 3

20-3-15.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Athletic event' means any intercollegiate or intramural contest, game, jamboree, scrimmage, tournament, showcase, combine, or tryout related to a sport or physical activity.

(2) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(3) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(4) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a building that is owned, occupied, or leased by a postsecondary education institution that is designed or designated for use by student athletes during athletic events, to be used by one or more individuals at the same time, and in which one or more individuals may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to, the following during athletic events:

(A) Restrooms;

(B) Locker rooms;

(C) Changing rooms; and

(D) Shower rooms.

(5) 'Postsecondary education institution' means a school which is:

(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia;

(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia; or

(C) A private postsecondary institution eligible for tuition equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 20-3-411.

(6) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

20-3-16.

(a) To ensure the privacy and safety of students, each postsecondary education institution in this state shall:

(1) Require each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area to be designated as follows:

(A) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is male; or

(B) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is female; and

(2)(A) Provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual who is unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for such individual's sex.

(B)(i) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall include, but shall not be limited to, allowing such individual to access a single-occupancy restroom or changing area.

(ii) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall not include allowing such individual to access a restroom or changing area that is designated for use by members of the opposite sex while members of the sex opposite to such individual are present or may be present in the restroom or changing area.

(b) This Code section shall not be construed or applied to prohibit an individual from entering a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for use by individuals of the opposite sex when he or she enters such area for one of the following reasons:

(1) For authorized custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(2) To render emergency medical assistance;

(3) To address an ongoing emergency, including, but not limited to, a physical altercation;

(4) A minor child is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian who deems such entry necessary for the child's safety, welfare, or assistance; or

(5) The performance of official duties and responsibilities as authorized coaches and trainers for purposes directly related to the athletic event.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to prohibit a postsecondary education institution from adopting a policy that is necessary to accommodate individuals protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025, or young children who are in need of physical assistance when using a restroom or changing facility that is located in a building owned, occupied, or leased by a postsecondary education institution; provided, however, that such policy shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section.

(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a postsecondary education institution that sponsors or supervises an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event involving students shall ensure that a student attending the overnight trip either:

(A) Shares sleeping quarters with a member or, if necessary, multiple members, of the same sex; or

(B) Is provided single-occupancy sleeping quarters.

(2) A student attending an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event may share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex if the member of the opposite sex is a member of such student's immediate family.

(e) A student or the parent or legal guardian of a student who has not reached the age of majority shall have a cause of action against a postsecondary education institution if such student:

(1) Encounters a member of the opposite sex in a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area that is designated for individuals whose sex is the same as such student's sex, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(2) Is required to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex who is not a family member of such student.

(f) The Board of Regents and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section as applicable to the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia, respectively."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions of education, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

20-1-50.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Athletic association' means any governing body for athletic competition or sport or any organization of athletic conferences.

(2) 'Athletic event' means any contest, game, jamboree, scrimmage, tournament, showcase, combine, or tryout related to a sport or physical activity.

(3) 'Competition' means an athletic event after which any team or individual is designated as a winner, roster spots are determined, or prizes are awarded.

(4) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(5) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(6) 'Participant' means a student who is participating in an athletic event.

(7) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

(8) 'Team' means any individual or group of people who compete in athletic events for the same organization, school, club, college, university, or cause.

20-1-51.
Any public school, local school system, or postsecondary education institution that offers, operates, or sponsors interscholastic or intercollegiate athletics shall provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both sexes.

20-1-52.
Notwithstanding the requirements of Code Section 20-1-51, a public school, local school system, or postsecondary education institution located in Georgia may operate or sponsor single-sex teams where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

20-1-53.
All public schools, local school systems, and postsecondary education institutions that are participating in competitions or athletic events with or against public schools, local school systems, or postsecondary education institutions must designate each team, competition, or athletic event as:
(1) For males, men, or boys;
(2) For females, women, or girls; or
(3) Coeducational or mixed sex.

20-1-54.
(a) No public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association that is participating in a competition or athletic event with or against a public school, local school system, or postsecondary education institution that operates, sponsors, or permits athletic events or competitions may allow any male to compete for, against, or with a team designated for females, women, or girls.
(b) A public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association that operates, sponsors, or permits athletic events or competitions may not:
(1) Allow any male to occupy a roster spot on any team designated for females, women, or girls; or
(2) Allow any male to receive a scholarship designated for female athletes.
(c) The biological sex listed on a participant's birth certificate may be relied on to establish the participant's eligibility under this Code section if the sex designated on the birth certificate was designated at or near the time of the participant's birth.
(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize a public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association to verify or confirm a student's sex through visual inspection of such student's external sex organs for purposes of participation in athletic events; provided, however, that this subsection shall not prohibit reliance on medical records or other standard school medical procedures for such verification.

20-1-55.
Nothing in this article shall prohibit a public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association from allowing males to practice or train with teams designated for females, women, or girls, so long as no such male player takes a roster spot, opportunity to compete, scholarship, or spot at the school from any female.

20-1-56.
No governmental entity, licensing or accrediting organization, athletic association, public school, or local school system may consider a complaint, open an investigation, or take adverse action against a public school or local school system for complying with this article.

20-1-57.
(a) Any individual who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or who suffers or who will suffer direct or indirect harm resulting from a violation of this article may bring a private cause of action for injunctive relief, compensatory damages, and attorney's fees against the violating entity.
(b) Any public school, local school system, or athletic association that suffers or will suffer direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of this statute may bring a private cause of action against the violating entity for injunctive relief and compensatory damages.
(c) Any individual or team subjected to retaliation or other adverse action as a result of reporting a violation of this statute to an employee or representative of a public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association or subjected to retaliation or other adverse action as a result of reporting a violation of this article to the state or federal government entity with oversight authority, may bring a private cause of action against the retaliating entity for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law.
(d) An action brought under this Code section must be commenced within one year of the event giving rise to the complaint."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to persons and their rights, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
"1-2-7.1.
(a) The General Assembly finds the following with respect to the application of an individual's sex pursuant to any state law or rules and regulations:
(1) The term 'sex' refers to an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification;

(2) With respect to sex, the term 'equal' does not mean same or identical;
(3) With respect to sex, separate accommodations are not inherently unequal;
(4) An individual born with a medically verifiable diagnosis of disorder or differences in sex development shall be provided any available legal protections and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., and any applicable state law;
(5) Laws, rules, and regulations that distinguish between the sexes are subject to intermediate constitutional scrutiny. Intermediate constitutional scrutiny forbids unfair discrimination against similarly situated male and female individuals but allows the law to distinguish between the sexes where such distinctions are substantially related to important governmental objections; and
(6) Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, distinctions between the sexes with respect to athletics, living facilities, locker rooms, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, restrooms, and other areas where biology, safety, or privacy are implicated that result in separate accommodations are substantially related to the important governmental objections of protecting the health, safety, and privacy of individuals in such circumstances.

(b) Any local school system, public school, or any state agency, department, or political subdivision that collects vital statistics for the purpose of complying with antidiscrimination laws or for the purpose of gathering accurate public health, crime, economic, or other data shall identify each individual who is part of the collected data set as either male or female at birth."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 1-3-1, relating to construction of statutes generally, by revising paragraphs (4) through (6) of subsection (d) as follows:

"~~(4) **Gender.** The masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter.~~
~~(5)~~(4) **Joint authority.** A joint authority given to any number of persons or officers may be executed by a majority of them, unless it is otherwise declared.
~~(6)~~(5) **Number.** The singular or plural number each includes the other, unless the other is expressly excluded.
(6) **Sex.** Masculine words shall include the feminine and neuter."

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to laws and statutes, in Code Section 1-3-3, relating to definitions, by adding multiple new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(7.2) 'Father' means a parent of the male sex.
(7.3) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident."

"(9.1) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.
(9.2) 'Man' means, except when used as a generic reference to human beings, an adult human male."
"(11.1) 'Mother' means a parent of the female sex."
"(22.1) 'Woman' means a human female."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-90, relating to forms for probate court and local alteration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The rules adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall provide that the forms so adopted may be altered locally in a particular petition or proceeding in such items as grammar, ~~gender usage~~ sex terminology, the use of singular and plural nouns and pronouns, the omission of optional or alternate language, the inclusion of variable information such as names and addresses, and other nonmaterial ways."

SECTION 5-2.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-4-20.2, relating to bias crime report, requirements, use of reports, and publication, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Whenever a law enforcement officer investigates an incident of a crime in which ~~it appears~~ there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the defendant intentionally selected any victim or group of victims or any property as the object of the offense because of such victim's or group of victims' actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, ~~gender,~~ mental disability, or physical disability, whether or not an arrest is made, the officer shall prepare and submit to the law enforcement officer's supervisor or other designated person a written report of the incident entitled 'Bias Crime Report.' Forms for such reports shall be designed and provided by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The report shall include:

(1) Names of the parties;
(2) Relationship of the parties;
(3) Sex ~~and gender~~ of the parties;
(4) Race of the parties;
(5) Religion of the parties;
(6) Dates of birth of the parties;
(7) Time, place, and date of the incident;
(8) Whether there is evidence to indicate that the incident occurred because of a person's actual or perceived attributes as specified by subsection (a) of this Code section;

(9) Type and extent of the alleged violation;
(10) Existence of any objects or symbols associated with the terrorizing of persons based upon actual or perceived race, religion, or sex;
(11) Number and types of weapons involved, if any;
(12) Existence of any prior difficulties between the parties;
(13) Type of police action taken in disposition of case;
(14) Whether the victim was apprised of available remedies and services; and
(15) Any other information the officer deems pertinent."

SECTION 5-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 17-10-17, relating to sentencing of defendants guilty of crimes involving bias or prejudice and identification of increased sentence, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Subject to the notice requirement provided in Code Section 17-10-18 and in enhancement of the penalty imposed, if the trier of fact determines beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant intentionally selected any victim or group of victims or any property as the object of the offense because of such victim's or group of victims' actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, ~~gender,~~ mental disability, or physical disability, the judge imposing sentence shall:

(1) If the offense for which the defendant was convicted is a designated misdemeanor, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than six nor more than 12 months, and a fine not to exceed $5,000.00; or

(2) If the offense for which the defendant was convicted is a felony, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a period of not less than two years, and a fine not to exceed $5,000.00."

SECTION 5-4.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-315, relating to gender discrimination prohibited, authorized separate gender teams, equal athletic opportunity, physical education classes, employee designated to monitor compliance, grievance procedures, and reporting requirements, by revising subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (j) as follows:

"(a) No student shall, on the basis of ~~gender~~ sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another student, or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic or intramural athletics offered by a local school system, and no local school system shall provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, a local school system may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each ~~gender~~ sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport. However, where a local school system operates or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one ~~gender~~ sex but operates or sponsors no such team for members of the other ~~gender~~ sex, and athletic opportunities for members of that ~~gender~~

sex in that particular sport have previously been limited, members of the excluded ~~gender~~ sex must be allowed to try out for the team offered unless the sport involved is a contact sport. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to operate or sponsor a single team for a contact sport that includes members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. As used in this subsection, the term 'contact sport' includes boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and any other sport the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

(c) A local school system which operates or sponsors interscholastic or intramural athletics shall undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. In determining whether equal opportunities are available the following factors shall be considered:

(1) Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of members of both ~~genders~~ sexes;
(2) The provision of equipment and supplies;
(3) Scheduling of games and practice time;
(4) Travel allowance;
(5) Opportunity to receive coaching and academic tutoring;
(6) Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors;
(7) Provision of locker rooms and practice and competitive facilities;
(8) Provision of medical and training facilities and services; and
(9) Publicity.

Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each ~~gender~~ sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams if a local school system operates or sponsors separate teams will not constitute noncompliance with this subsection, but the failure to provide essential funds for the basic operations of teams for one ~~gender~~ sex may be considered in assessing equality of opportunity for members of each ~~gender~~ sex. Nothing in Code Section 20-2-411 shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to expend school tax funds as authorized by Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution in order to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(d) A local school system may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of ~~gender~~ sex, but such facilities shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other ~~gender~~ sex.

(e) This Code section does not prohibit the grouping of students in physical education classes by ~~gender~~ sex."

"(j) The Department of Education may publish an annual report of local school systems to include information regarding expenditures and participation rates for each ~~gender~~ sex and such other information as the state board and department deem relevant."

SECTION 5-5.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-5-25, relating to applications, fees, provisions for voluntary participation in various programs, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of this state to encourage improved public education and awareness regarding anatomical gifts of human organs and tissues and to address the ever increasing need for donations of anatomical gifts for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia.

(2) The department shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization information provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, license number, date of birth, ~~gender~~ sex, and most recent address of any person eligible pursuant to Code Section 44-5-142 who obtains an organ donor driver's license; provided, however, that the ~~gender information~~ sex category information of either male or female shall be made available only to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization or center has sufficient funds to cover the associated costs of providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations and centers shall be used for a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 5-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-100, relating to personal identification cards, contents, possession of more than one card prohibited, and optional contributions to and participation in voluntary programs, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (e) as follows:

"(2) The department shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization information provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, identification card number, date of birth, ~~gender~~ sex, and most recent address of any person who obtains an organ donor identification card; provided, however, that the ~~gender~~ information with respect to one's sex shall be made available only to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization or center has sufficient funds to cover the associated costs of providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations and centers shall be used for a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 5-7.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in Code Section 44-5-158, relating to donor registry, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The Department of Driver Services shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization the name, license number, date of birth, ~~gender~~ sex, and most recent address of any person who obtains an organ donor's license; provided, however, that the ~~gender~~ information with respect to one's sex shall only be made available to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization or center has

sufficient funds to cover the associated costs with providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations shall be used for the purpose of establishing a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 5-8.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49, relating to children and youth services, by revising Code Section 49-5-22, relating to voluntary pre-kindergarten programs to provide toilet facilities screened for privacy, as follows:

"49-5-22.

(a) The General Assembly finds that just as ~~gender separated~~ toileting separated by one's sex among nonrelatives is the norm among adults, children should be allowed the same opportunity to practice modesty when independent toileting behavior is well established among the majority of their age group. Standardized adherence to this policy would provide privacy, injury control, and sanitation.

(b) Each public or private voluntary pre-kindergarten program in this state which receives state funding shall provide toilet facilities for the four-year-old pre-kindergarten age children which it serves which are suitably screened for privacy. Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to require a pre-kindergarten program to provide separately constructed toilet facilities.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to any voluntary pre-kindergarten program which provides separate and ~~gender-specific~~ male and female toilet facilities for the children which it serves."

SECTION 5-9.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-12-22, relating to membership, appointment, terms, chairperson, and meetings, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) The council should be a balanced representation of the entire state, accounting for, but not limited to, minority and ethnic groups, ~~gender~~ male and female diversity, geographic diversity, large and small organizations, and the public and private sectors;"

SECTION 5-10.

Various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are amended by replacing "gender" with "sex" wherever the former term appears in:

(1) Code Section 11-1-106, relating to use of singular and plural and gender;

(2) Code Section 12-5-287, relating to leasing of state owned marshland or water bottoms;

(3) Code Section 13-10-91, relating to verification of new employee eligibility, applicability, and rules and regulations;

(4) Code Section 15-11-341, relating to written report to court and review hearing and findings;

(5) Code Section 15-12-1, relating to definitions;
(6) Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to state-wide master jury list, driver's license information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise venire;
(7) Code Section 16-12-214, relating to study on minority and women participation; addressing discrimination;
(8) Code Section 16-13-59, relating to information to include for each Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance prescription and compliance;
(9) Code Section 19-13-30, relating to State Commission on Family Violence;
(10) Code Section 20-2-315, relating to gender discrimination prohibited, authorized separate gender teams, equal athletic opportunity, physical education classes, employee designated to monitor compliance, grievance procedures, and reporting requirements;
(11) Code Section 20-2-316, relating to involvement of athletic association in high school athletics;
(12) Code Section 20-2-740, relating to annual report by local boards of education regarding disciplinary and placement actions and annual study by the Department of Education;
(13) Code Section 20-3-681, relating to compensation of athlete for use of name, image, or likeness, scholarships are not compensation, and requirements for schools and athletes;
(14) Code Section 26-4-83, relating to patient record systems;
(15) Code Section 27-2-2, relating to issuance and sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, identification required, withdrawal of agents' authority to sell licenses, online licensing system to allow making of anatomical gifts, and anatomical gift education and awareness;
(16) Code Section 31-10-33, relating to procedure for stillbirth;
(17) Code Section 33-20C-4, relating to information and searchable format for directories and exclusion of dental plans;
(18) Code Section 33-24-59.7, relating to coverage for the treatment of morbidly obese patients, short title, legislative findings, and adoption of rules and regulations by the Commissioner;
(19) Code Section 33-24-91, relating to use of credit information to underwrite or rate risks;
(20) Code Section 33-30A-4, relating to membership, cooperative's powers, duties and responsibilities, fees, and annual reports;
(21) Code Section 35-3-161, relating to time and procedure for withdrawal of blood samples;
(22) Code Section 37-2-5, relating to regional advisory councils - establishing policy and direction for disability services, membership, bylaws, meetings, and expenses;
(23) Code Section 37-2-6, relating to community mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases service boards - community service board creation, membership, participation of counties, transfer of powers and duties, alternate method of establishment, bylaws, and reprisals prohibited;

(24) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination in providing services prohibited;
(25) Code Section 40-5-2, relating to keeping of records of applications for licenses and information on licenses and furnishing of information;
(26) Code Section 43-11-11, relating to gathering of census data on practicing dentists and dental hygienists and standard form;
(27) Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or registration and other discipline;
(28) Code Section 49-3-2, relating to appointment of county board members, terms, vacancies, per diem and expenses, and role of county board;
(29) Code Section 49-3-3.1, relating to annual report from county director of department of family and children services and personal appearance;
(30) Code Section 49-5-281, relating to bill of rights for foster parents and filing of grievance for violations;
(31) Code Section 49-10-1, relating to the Board of Health Care Workforce, composition, expense allowances, staffing, and advisory committees;
(32) Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure is not required;
(33) Code Section 50-36-1, relating to verification requirements, procedures, and conditions, exceptions, regulations, and criminal and other penalties for violations; and
(34) Code Section 51-14-3, relating to definitions.

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for separate restroom and changing areas for males and females in schools; to provide for sleeping arrangements on school trips to be made according to sex; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for noncompliance; to provide for private causes of action; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain athletic activities to be designated as either for males, females, or coeducational; to prohibit males from participating in certain athletic activities designated as being for females; to provide for a method to determine sex; to provide for schools to be protected from complaints for compliance with statutes; to provide for definitions throughout the Official Code of Georgia Annotated of certain terms relating to sex; to provide for legislative findings on the importance of certain distinctions between the sexes; to require any collector of vital statistics throughout this state to identify

each individual as either male or female; to replace the term "gender" throughout the Code with "sex"; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Riley Gaines Act."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the health of elementary and secondary school students, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-771.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Athletic event' means any interscholastic or intramural contest, game, jamboree, scrimmage, tournament, showcase, combine, or tryout related to a sport or physical activity.

(2) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(3) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(4) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a public school or local school system building that is designed or designated for use by student athletes during athletic events, to be used by one or more individuals at the same time, and in which one or more individuals may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to, the following during athletic events:

(A) Restrooms;

(B) Locker rooms;

(C) Changing rooms; and

(D) Shower rooms.

(5) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

(b) To ensure the privacy and safety of students, each public school or local school system in this state shall:

(1) Require each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area to be designated as follows:

(A) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is male; or

(B) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is female; and

(2)(A) Provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual who is unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for such individual's sex.

(B)(i) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall include, but shall not be limited to, allowing such individual to access a single-occupancy restroom or changing area.

(ii) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall not include allowing such individual to access a restroom or changing area that is designated for use by members of the opposite sex while members of the sex opposite to such individual are present or may be present in the restroom or changing area.

(c) This Code section shall not be construed or applied to prohibit an individual from entering a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for use by individuals of the opposite sex when he or she enters such area for one of the following reasons:

(1) For authorized custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(2) To render emergency medical assistance;

(3) To address an ongoing emergency, including, but not limited to, a physical altercation;

(4) A minor child is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian who deems such entry necessary for the child's safety, welfare, or assistance; or

(5) The performance of official duties and responsibilities as authorized coaches and trainers for purposes directly related to the athletic event.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to prohibit a public school or local school system from adopting a policy that is necessary to accommodate individuals protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025, or young children who are in need of physical assistance when using a restroom or changing facility that is located in a public school or local school system; provided, however, that such policy shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of subsections (a) through (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a public school or local school system that sponsors or supervises an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event involving public school students shall ensure that a public school student attending the overnight trip either:

(A) Shares sleeping quarters with a member or, if necessary, multiple members, of the same sex; or

(B) Is provided single-occupancy sleeping quarters.

(2) A public school student attending an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event may share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex if the member of the opposite sex is a member of such student's immediate family.

(f)(1) The Professional Standards Commission shall be authorized as provided in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-984.3 to investigate complaints alleging noncompliance with this Code section.

(2) Upon a finding of noncompliance with this Code section by the Professional Standards Commission, such noncompliant individual shall be subject to sanctions as determined by the Professional Standards Commission, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-984.5.

(g) A parent or legal guardian of a public school student shall have a cause of action against a public school or local school system if:

(1) Such student:

(A) Encounters a member of the opposite sex in a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area that is designated for individuals whose sex is the same as such student's sex if such member of the opposite sex received permission or direction from an official, employee, or agent of a public school or local school system to use such multiple occupancy restroom or changing area, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(B) Is required by an official, employee, or agent of a public school or local school system to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex who is not a family member of such student; or

(2) An official, employee, or agent of a public school or local school system is found to be noncompliant under subsection (f) of this Code section arising out of or related to an incident involving such student.

(h) The State Board of Education and the Professional Standards Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 3

20-3-15.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Athletic event' means any intercollegiate or intramural contest, game, jamboree, scrimmage, tournament, showcase, combine, or tryout related to a sport or physical activity.

(2) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(3) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.
(4) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a building that is owned, occupied, or leased by a postsecondary education institution that is designed or designated for use by student athletes during athletic events, to be used by one or more individuals at the same time, and in which one or more individuals may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to, the following during athletic events:
(A) Restrooms;
(B) Locker rooms;
(C) Changing rooms; and
(D) Shower rooms.
(5) 'Postsecondary education institution' means a school which is:
(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia;
(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia; or
(C) A private postsecondary institution eligible for tuition equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 20-3-411.
(6) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

20-3-16.
(a) To ensure the privacy and safety of students, each postsecondary education institution in this state shall:
(1) Require each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area to be designated as follows:
(A) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is male; or
(B) For the exclusive use by individuals whose sex is female; and
(2)(A) Provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual who is unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for such individual's sex.
(B)(i) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall include, but shall not be limited to, allowing such individual to access a single-occupancy restroom or changing area.
(ii) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall not include allowing such individual to access a restroom or changing area that is designated for use by members of the opposite sex while members of the sex opposite to such individual are present or may be present in the restroom or changing area.
(b) This Code section shall not be construed or applied to prohibit an individual from entering a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for use by individuals of the opposite sex when he or she enters such area for one of the following reasons:

(1) For authorized custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(2) To render emergency medical assistance;

(3) To address an ongoing emergency, including, but not limited to, a physical altercation;

(4) A minor child is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian who deems such entry necessary for the child's safety, welfare, or assistance; or

(5) The performance of official duties and responsibilities as authorized coaches and trainers for purposes directly related to the athletic event.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to prohibit a postsecondary education institution from adopting a policy that is necessary to accommodate individuals protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2025, or young children who are in need of physical assistance when using a restroom or changing facility that is located in a building owned, occupied, or leased by a postsecondary education institution; provided, however, that such policy shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section.

(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a postsecondary education institution that sponsors or supervises an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event involving students shall ensure that a student attending the overnight trip either:

(A) Shares sleeping quarters with a member or, if necessary, multiple members, of the same sex; or

(B) Is provided single-occupancy sleeping quarters.

(2) A student attending an overnight trip in conjunction with an athletic event may share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex if the member of the opposite sex is a member of such student's immediate family.

(e) A student or the parent or legal guardian of a student who has not reached the age of majority shall have a cause of action against a postsecondary education institution if such student:

(1) Encounters a member of the opposite sex in a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area that is designated for individuals whose sex is the same as such student's sex, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(2) Is required to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex who is not a family member of such student.

(f) The Board of Regents and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Code section as applicable to the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia, respectively."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions of education, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

20-1-50.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Athletic association' means any governing body for athletic competition or sport or any organization of athletic conferences.

(2) 'Athletic event' means any contest, game, jamboree, scrimmage, tournament, showcase, combine, or tryout related to a sport or physical activity.

(3) 'Competition' means an athletic event after which any team or individual is designated as a winner, roster spots are determined, or prizes are awarded.

(4) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(5) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(6) 'Participant' means a student who is participating in an athletic event.

(7) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

(8) 'Team' means any individual or group of people who compete in athletic events for the same organization, school, club, college, university, or cause.

20-1-51.

Any public school, local school system, or postsecondary education institution that offers, operates, or sponsors interscholastic or intercollegiate athletics shall provide equal athletic opportunities for members of both sexes.

20-1-52.

Notwithstanding the requirements of Code Section 20-1-51, a public school, local school system, or postsecondary education institution located in Georgia may operate or sponsor single-sex teams where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

20-1-53.

All public schools, local school systems, and postsecondary education institutions that are participating in competitions or athletic events with or against public schools, local school systems, or postsecondary education institutions must designate each team, competition, or athletic event as:

(1) For males, men, or boys;

(2) For females, women, or girls; or
(3) Coeducational or mixed sex.

20-1-54.
(a) No public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association that is participating in a competition or athletic event with or against a public school, local school system, or postsecondary education institution that operates, sponsors, or permits athletic events or competitions may allow any male to compete for, against, or with a team designated for females, women, or girls.
(b) A public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association that operates, sponsors, or permits athletic events or competitions may not:
(1) Allow any male to occupy a roster spot on any team designated for females, women, or girls; or
(2) Allow any male to receive a scholarship designated for female athletes.
(c) The biological sex listed on a participant's birth certificate may be relied on to establish the participant's eligibility under this Code section if the sex designated on the birth certificate was designated at or near the time of the participant's birth.
(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize a public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association to verify or confirm a student's sex through visual inspection of such student's external sex organs for purposes of participation in athletic events; provided, however, that this subsection shall not prohibit reliance on medical records or other standard school medical procedures for such verification.

20-1-55.
Nothing in this article shall prohibit a public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association from allowing males to practice or train with teams designated for females, women, or girls, so long as no such male player takes a roster spot, opportunity to compete, scholarship, or spot at the school from any female.

20-1-56.
No governmental entity, licensing or accrediting organization, athletic association, public school, or local school system may consider a complaint, open an investigation, or take adverse action against a public school or local school system for complying with this article.

20-1-57.
(a) Any individual who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or who suffers or who will suffer direct or indirect harm resulting from a violation of this article may bring a private cause of action for injunctive relief, compensatory damages, and attorney's fees against the violating entity.
(b) Any public school, local school system, or athletic association that suffers or will suffer direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of this statute may bring a private

cause of action against the violating entity for injunctive relief and compensatory damages.

(c) Any individual or team subjected to retaliation or other adverse action as a result of reporting a violation of this statute to an employee or representative of a public school, local school system, postsecondary education institution, or athletic association or subjected to retaliation or other adverse action as a result of reporting a violation of this article to the state or federal government entity with oversight authority, may bring a private cause of action against the retaliating entity for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law.

(d) An action brought under this Code section must be commenced within one year of the event giving rise to the complaint."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to persons and their rights, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-2-7.1.

(a) The General Assembly finds the following with respect to the application of an individual's sex pursuant to any state law or rules and regulations:

(1) The term 'sex' refers to an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification;

(2) With respect to sex, the term 'equal' does not mean same or identical;

(3) With respect to sex, separate accommodations are not inherently unequal;

(4) An individual born with a medically verifiable diagnosis of disorder or differences in sex development shall be provided any available legal protections and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., and any applicable state law;

(5) Laws, rules, and regulations that distinguish between the sexes are subject to intermediate constitutional scrutiny. Intermediate constitutional scrutiny forbids unfair discrimination against similarly situated male and female individuals but allows the law to distinguish between the sexes where such distinctions are substantially related to important governmental objections; and

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, distinctions between the sexes with respect to athletics, living facilities, locker rooms, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, restrooms, and other areas where biology, safety, or privacy are implicated that result in separate accommodations are substantially related to the important governmental objections of protecting the health, safety, and privacy of individuals in such circumstances.

(b) Any local school system, public school, or any state agency, department, or political subdivision that collects vital statistics for the purpose of complying with

antidiscrimination laws or for the purpose of gathering accurate public health, crime, economic, or other data shall identify each individual who is part of the collected data set as either male or female at birth."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 1-3-1, relating to construction of statutes generally, by revising paragraphs (4) through (6) of subsection (d) as follows:

"~~(4) **Gender.** The masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter.~~

~~(5)~~(4) **Joint authority.** A joint authority given to any number of persons or officers may be executed by a majority of them, unless it is otherwise declared.

~~(6)~~(5) **Number.** The singular or plural number each includes the other, unless the other is expressly excluded.

(6) **Sex.** Masculine words shall include the feminine and neuter."

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to laws and statutes, in Code Section 1-3-3, relating to definitions, by adding multiple new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(7.2) 'Father' means a parent of the male sex.

(7.3) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of eggs for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident."

"(9.1) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, or will have the reproductive system capable of the generation, migration, and utilization of sperm for fertilization, or would have such capabilities but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident.

(9.2) 'Man' means, except when used as a generic reference to human beings, an adult human male."

"(11.1) 'Mother' means a parent of the female sex."

"(22.1) 'Woman' means a human female."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-90, relating to forms for probate court and local alteration, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The rules adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall provide that the forms so adopted may be altered locally in a particular petition or proceeding in such items as grammar, ~~gender usage~~ sex terminology, the use of singular and plural nouns and pronouns, the omission of optional or alternate language, the inclusion of variable information such as names and addresses, and other nonmaterial ways."

SECTION 5-2.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-4-20.2, relating to bias crime report, requirements, use of reports, and publication, by revising the introductory paragraph of subsection (a) through "Investigation," as follows:

"(a) Whenever a law enforcement officer investigates an incident of a crime in which ~~it appears~~ there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the defendant intentionally selected any victim or group of victims or any property as the object of the offense because of such victim's or group of victims' actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability, or physical disability, whether or not an arrest is made, the officer shall prepare and submit to the law enforcement officer's supervisor or other designated person a written report of the incident entitled 'Bias Crime Report.' Forms for such reports shall be designed and provided by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation."

SECTION 5-3.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-315, relating to gender discrimination prohibited, authorized separate gender teams, equal athletic opportunity, physical education classes, employee designated to monitor compliance, grievance procedures, and reporting requirements, by revising subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (j) as follows:

"(a) No student shall, on the basis of ~~gender~~ sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another student, or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic or intramural athletics offered by a local school system, and no local school system shall provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, a local school system may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each ~~gender~~ sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport. However, where a local school system operates or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one ~~gender~~ sex but operates or sponsors no such team for members of the other ~~gender~~ sex, and athletic opportunities for members of that ~~gender~~ sex in that particular sport have previously been limited, members of the excluded ~~gender~~ sex must be allowed to try out for the team offered unless the sport involved is a contact sport. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to operate or sponsor a single team for a contact sport that includes members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. As used in this subsection, the term 'contact sport' includes boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and any other sport the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

(c) A local school system which operates or sponsors interscholastic or intramural athletics shall undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. In determining whether equal opportunities are available the following factors shall be considered:

(1) Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of members of both ~~genders~~ sexes;
(2) The provision of equipment and supplies;
(3) Scheduling of games and practice time;
(4) Travel allowance;
(5) Opportunity to receive coaching and academic tutoring;
(6) Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors;
(7) Provision of locker rooms and practice and competitive facilities;
(8) Provision of medical and training facilities and services; and
(9) Publicity.

Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each ~~gender~~ sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams if a local school system operates or sponsors separate teams will not constitute noncompliance with this subsection, but the failure to provide essential funds for the basic operations of teams for one ~~gender~~ sex may be considered in assessing equality of opportunity for members of each ~~gender~~ sex. Nothing in Code Section 20-2-411 shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to expend school tax funds as authorized by Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution in order to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

(d) A local school system may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of ~~gender~~ sex, but such facilities shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other ~~gender~~ sex.

(e) This Code section does not prohibit the grouping of students in physical education classes by ~~gender~~ sex."

"(j) The Department of Education may publish an annual report of local school systems to include information regarding expenditures and participation rates for each ~~gender~~ sex and such other information as the state board and department deem relevant."

SECTION 5-4.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-5-25, relating to applications, fees, provisions for voluntary participation in various programs, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of this state to encourage improved public education and awareness regarding anatomical gifts of human organs and tissues and to address the ever increasing need for donations of anatomical gifts for the benefit of the citizens of Georgia.

(2) The department shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization information provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, license number, date of birth, ~~gender~~ sex, and most recent address of any person eligible pursuant to Code Section 44-5-142 who obtains an organ donor driver's license; provided, however, that the ~~gender information~~ sex category information of either male or female shall be made available only to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization

or center has sufficient funds to cover the associated costs of providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations and centers shall be used for a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 5-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-100, relating to personal identification cards, contents, possession of more than one card prohibited, and optional contributions to and participation in voluntary programs, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (e) as follows:

"(2) The department shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization information provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, identification card number, date of birth, ~~gender~~ sex, and most recent address of any person who obtains an organ donor identification card; provided, however, that the ~~gender~~ information with respect to one's sex shall be made available only to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization or center has sufficient funds to cover the associated costs of providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations and centers shall be used for a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 5-6.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in Code Section 44-5-158, relating to donor registry, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The Department of Driver Services shall make available to procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the direction of a procurement organization the name, license number, date of birth, ~~gender~~ sex, and most recent address of any person who obtains an organ donor's license; provided, however, that the ~~gender~~ information with respect to one's sex shall only be made available to a procurement organization or secure data center if such organization or center has sufficient funds to cover the associated costs with providing such information. Information so obtained by such organizations shall be used for the purpose of establishing a state-wide organ donor registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 5-7.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49, relating to children and youth services, by revising Code Section 49-5-22, relating to voluntary pre-kindergarten programs to provide toilet facilities screened for privacy, as follows:

"49-5-22.

(a) The General Assembly finds that just as ~~gender separated~~ toileting separated by one's sex among nonrelatives is the norm among adults, children should be allowed the same opportunity to practice modesty when independent toileting behavior is well established among the majority of their age group. Standardized adherence to this policy would provide privacy, injury control, and sanitation.

(b) Each public or private voluntary pre-kindergarten program in this state which receives state funding shall provide toilet facilities for the four-year-old pre-kindergarten age children which it serves which are suitably screened for privacy. Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to require a pre-kindergarten program to provide separately constructed toilet facilities.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to any voluntary pre-kindergarten program which provides separate and ~~gender specific~~ male and female toilet facilities for the children which it serves."

SECTION 5-8.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Code Section 50-12-22, relating to membership, appointment, terms, chairperson, and meetings, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) The council should be a balanced representation of the entire state, accounting for, but not limited to, minority and ethnic groups, ~~gender~~ male and female diversity, geographic diversity, large and small organizations, and the public and private sectors;"

SECTION 5-9.

Various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated are amended by replacing "gender" with "sex" wherever the former term appears in:

(1) Code Section 11-1-106, relating to use of singular and plural and gender;

(2) Code Section 12-5-287, relating to leasing of state owned marshland or water bottoms;

(3) Code Section 13-10-91, relating to verification of new employee eligibility, applicability, and rules and regulations;

(4) Code Section 15-11-341, relating to written report to court and review hearing and findings;

(5) Code Section 15-12-1, relating to definitions;

(6) Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to state-wide master jury list, driver's license information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise venire;

(7) Code Section 16-12-214, relating to study on minority and women participation; addressing discrimination;

(8) Code Section 16-13-59, relating to information to include for each Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance prescription and compliance;

(9) Code Section 19-13-30, relating to State Commission on Family Violence;

(10) Code Section 20-2-315, relating to gender discrimination prohibited, authorized separate gender teams, equal athletic opportunity, physical education classes, employee designated to monitor compliance, grievance procedures, and reporting requirements;
(11) Code Section 20-2-316, relating to involvement of athletic association in high school athletics;
(12) Code Section 20-2-740, relating to annual report by local boards of education regarding disciplinary and placement actions and annual study by the Department of Education;
(13) Code Section 20-3-681, relating to compensation of athlete for use of name, image, or likeness, scholarships are not compensation, and requirements for schools and athletes;
(14) Code Section 26-4-83, relating to patient record systems;
(15) Code Section 27-2-2, relating to issuance and sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, identification required, withdrawal of agents' authority to sell licenses, online licensing system to allow making of anatomical gifts, and anatomical gift education and awareness;
(16) Code Section 31-10-33, relating to procedure for stillbirth;
(17) Code Section 33-20C-4, relating to information and searchable format for directories and exclusion of dental plans;
(18) Code Section 33-24-59.7, relating to coverage for the treatment of morbidly obese patients, short title, legislative findings, and adoption of rules and regulations by the Commissioner;
(19) Code Section 33-24-91, relating to use of credit information to underwrite or rate risks;
(20) Code Section 33-30A-4, relating to membership, cooperative's powers, duties and responsibilities, fees, and annual reports;
(21) Code Section 35-3-161, relating to time and procedure for withdrawal of blood samples;
(22) Code Section 37-2-5, relating to regional advisory councils - establishing policy and direction for disability services, membership, bylaws, meetings, and expenses;
(23) Code Section 37-2-6, relating to community mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases service boards - community service board creation, membership, participation of counties, transfer of powers and duties, alternate method of establishment, bylaws, and reprisals prohibited;
(24) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination in providing services prohibited;
(25) Code Section 40-5-2, relating to keeping of records of applications for licenses and information on licenses and furnishing of information;
(26) Code Section 43-11-11, relating to gathering of census data on practicing dentists and dental hygienists and standard form;
(27) Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or registration and other discipline;

(28) Code Section 49-3-2, relating to appointment of county board members, terms, vacancies, per diem and expenses, and role of county board;
(29) Code Section 49-3-3.1, relating to annual report from county director of department of family and children services and personal appearance;
(30) Code Section 49-5-281, relating to bill of rights for foster parents and filing of grievance for violations;
(31) Code Section 49-10-1, relating to the Board of Health Care Workforce, composition, expense allowances, staffing, and advisory committees;
(32) Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure is not required;
(33) Code Section 50-36-1, relating to verification requirements, procedures, and conditions, exceptions, regulations, and criminal and other penalties for violations; and
(34) Code Section 51-14-3, relating to definitions.

PART VI
SECTION 6-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Neal of the 79th was excused from voting on HB 267.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
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N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	E Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	Howard, K	Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	E Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	E Reese	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 102, nays 54.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 91	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 529	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 576	Do Pass	HB 614	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 254. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 154th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a Revolutionary War Patriots marker upon the

grounds of the state capitol building and upon the grounds of the state archives building; to provide for the approval, placement, and procurement of such markers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 329. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to authorize certified nurse practitioners and physician assistants to perform artificial insemination; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 169. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, O'Steen of the 169th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for ad valorem taxation of property, so as to limit exceptions to the breach of covenants for bona fide conservation use and forest land conservation use related to the solar generation of energy to existing contracts and to provide for applicability; to provide for sunsets; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for ad valorem taxation of property, so as to limit exceptions to the breach of covenants for bona fide conservation use and forest land conservation use related to the solar generation of energy to existing contracts and to provide for applicability; to provide for sunsets; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by revising paragraph (11) of subsection (p) of Code Section 48-5-7.4, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, as follows:

"(11)(A) Allowing part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for solar generation of energy and conversion of such energy into heat or electricity, and the sale of the same in accordance with applicable law, provided that, beginning on July 1, 2026, this paragraph shall only apply in the case of obligations of contracts entered into prior to July 1, 2026; provided, however, that this paragraph shall continue to apply to property for which there is an option contract for a lease for solar generation of energy and conversion of such energy into heat or electricity and such option contract is included in a deed recorded in the land records of the county where the

property is located; and provided, further, that this paragraph shall stand repealed on July 1, 2036.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not allow the portion of the property on which such solar energy generating equipment is located, as depicted by a boundary survey prepared by a licensed surveyor, and which is subject to an existing covenant to remain in the covenant. Such property shall be removed from the existing covenant at the time of the installation of the solar energy generating equipment and shall be subject to the penalty for breach of the covenant contained in subsection (q) of this Code section and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value; or"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (q) of Code Section 48-5-7.7, relating to preferential assessment for forest land conservation use property, as follows:

"(6)(A) Allowing part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for solar generation of energy and conversion of such energy into heat or electricity, and the sale of the same in accordance with applicable law, provided that, beginning on July 1, 2026, this paragraph shall only apply in the case of obligations of contracts entered into prior to July 1, 2026; provided, however, that this paragraph shall continue to apply to property for which there is an option contract for a lease for solar generation of energy and conversion of such energy into heat or electricity and such option contract is included in a deed recorded in the land records of the county where the property is located; and provided, further, that this paragraph shall stand repealed on July 1, 2036.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not allow the portion of the property on which such solar energy generating equipment is located, as depicted by a boundary survey prepared by a licensed surveyor, and which is subject to an existing covenant to remain in the covenant. Such property shall be removed from the existing covenant at the time of the installation of the solar energy generating equipment and shall be subject to the penalty for breach of the covenant contained in subsection (r) of this Code section and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value; or"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 241. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th, Chastain of the 7th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding contracts, so as to revise provisions regarding convenience fees for payment by electronic means; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding contracts, so as to revise provisions regarding convenience fees for payment by electronic means; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding contracts, is amended by revising Code Section 13-1-15, relating to convenience fee and when appropriate, as follows:

"13-1-15.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Actual cost' means the amount paid by a lender to a third party or the amount incurred by a third party for the processing of a payment made by electronic means. If a lender or merchant is a subsidiary of an entity that processes payments made by electronic means, the parent entity shall be considered a third party.

(2) 'Payment by electronic means' means the remittance of an amount owed through the use of a credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer, electronic check, or other electronic method.

(b) In addition to any other charges, interest, and fees permitted by law and subject to the terms and conditions of the debit card or credit card acceptance agreement, a lender or merchant may collect a nonrefundable convenience fee from any person electing to utilize an option of payment by electronic means. Such convenience fee shall be in an amount that represents the actual cost to a lender or merchant; provided, however, that in lieu of the actual cost, a lender or merchant is authorized to collect a convenience fee which does not exceed the average of the actual cost incurred for a specific type of payment made by electronic means for which such lender or merchant imposes a convenience fee, or a fee of up to $5.00, whichever is greater.

(c) No convenience fee shall be charged unless a lender or merchant also provides a direct payment option by check, cash, or money order or payment by electronic means in which no convenience fee is imposed.

(d) Any lender or merchant imposing a convenience fee as provided for in this Code section shall provide clear disclosure of such fee prior to imposition. Such notice shall include the dollar amount of such fee, a statement that such fee is nonrefundable, and a statement that such fee is charged for payment by electronic means.

(e) This Code section shall apply only to loans made pursuant to Chapter 1 of Title 7, installment loans made pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 7, retail installment and home

solicitation sales contracts entered into pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, motor vehicle sales financing contracts entered into pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, and insurance premium finance agreements entered into pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 33; provided, however, that a convenience fee authorized under this Code section shall not constitute interest, an additional charge, a time price differential, a finance charge, or a service charge within the meaning of Code Section 7-3-12, 10-1-4, 10-1-33, or 33-22-9.

(f) Nothing contained in Code Section 7-4-18 shall be construed to amend or modify the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 94. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require coverage for certain expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; to allow for certain cost-sharing requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R

Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 163. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Hagan of the 156th, Carpenter of the 4th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food service establishments, so as to require that certain food products be disclosed as containing cell cultured meat, plant based meat alternatives, or both; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 187. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Carpenter of the 4th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to change certain provisions relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to change certain

provisions relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors; to change certain definitions; to provide for qualifications of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board; to provide for certain restrictions relating to classes of low voltage licenses; to change certain provisions related to the power and duties of the divisions and the division director; to provide for additional licensing requirements; to provide requirements for license renewals and inactive licenses; to provide for approval of safety training; to change certain provisions relating to applicability; to provide for conforming cross-references and terminology; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, as follows:

"CHAPTER 14

43-14-1.

This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air installations. The ~~practice~~ practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, ~~installing, or repairing, low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or professions affecting the public interest; and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as to accomplish the purposes stated in this Code section.

43-14-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

~~(.1)~~(1) 'Alarm system' means any device or combination of devices used to detect a situation, causing an alarm in the event of a burglary, fire, robbery, medical emergency, or equipment failure, or on the occurrence of any other predetermined event.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Board' means the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Certificate of competency' means a valid and current certificate that is issued by the Division of Electrical Contractors created in Code Section 43-14-3~~, which certificate shall give~~ and that gives the named electrical contractor to which it is issued authority to engage in electrical contracting of the kind described therein. Certificates

of competency shall be of two kinds, Class I and Class II, according to the classification of license held by the electrical contractor.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Conditioned air contracting' means the installation, repair, or service of conditioned air systems or conditioned air equipment~~.~~, which includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Service to or installation of the electrical connection between the electrical disconnect and conditioned air equipment ~~is considered to be installation, repair, or service of conditioned air equipment or the conditioned air system.~~; and

(B) Service to or installation of the electrical circuit from the electrical distribution panel to the conditioned air equipment where the electrical service to the building or site is a single-phase electrical circuit not exceeding 200 amperes ~~is considered to be installation, repair, or service of conditioned air equipment or the conditioned air system~~.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Conditioned air contractor' means ~~an individual who is~~ any person engaged in conditioned air contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform conditioned air contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~The term 'conditioned air contractor'~~ Such term shall not include ~~a person~~ an individual who is an employee of a conditioned air contractor and who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing conditioned air contracting work.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air-conditioning equipment covered under state codes and the natural gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas meter.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Electrical contracting' means the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of any electrical equipment, apparatus, control system, or electrical wiring device which is attached to or incorporated into any building or structure in this state but shall not include ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Electrical contractor' means any person ~~who engages~~ engaged in the business of electrical contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform electrical contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~The term 'electrical contractor'~~ Such term shall not include ~~a person~~ an individual who is an employee of an electrical contractor and who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing electrical contracting work.

~~(8)~~(9) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

~~(8.1)~~(10) 'General system' means any electrical system, other than an alarm or telecommunication system, involving ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring.

~~(9)~~(11) 'Journeyman plumber' means any ~~person~~ individual other than a master plumber who has practical knowledge of the installation of plumbing and installs plumbing under the direction of a master plumber.

~~(10)~~(12) 'License' means a valid and current certificate of registration issued by a division of the board, which certificate shall give the named person to whom it is issued authority to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

~~(10.1)~~(13) 'Low voltage ~~'Low-voltage~~ contracting' means the installation, alteration, service, or repair of a telecommunication system, alarm system, or general system involving ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring.

~~(10.2)~~(14) 'Low voltage ~~'Low-voltage~~ contractor' means ~~an individual who is~~ any person engaged in ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~An employee of a low-voltage contractor who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing low-voltage contracting work shall not be required to be licensed under this chapter, except that those employees upon whom the qualification of a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation rests as outlined in subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-8.1 shall be licensed.~~

~~(10.3)~~(15) 'Low voltage ~~'Low-voltage~~ wiring' means:

(A) Wiring systems of 50 volts or less and control circuits directly associated therewith;

(B) Wiring systems having a voltage in excess of 50 volts, provided such systems consist solely of power limited circuits meeting the definition of a Class II and Class III wiring system as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code; or

(C) Line voltage wiring having a voltage not in excess of 300 volts to ground and installed from the load-side terminals of a suitable disconnecting means which has been installed for the specific purpose of supplying the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring system involved or installed from a suitable junction box which has been installed for such specific purpose.

~~(11)~~(16) 'Master plumber' means any individual ~~engaging~~ engaged in the business of plumbing under express or implied contract or who bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform plumbing contracting services under express or implied contract.

~~(12)~~(17) 'Plumbing' means:

(A) The ~~the~~ practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing piping fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping systems on the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within or adjacent to any building, structure, ~~or~~ conveyance, or manhole; ~~provided, however, that after July 1, 1997, only master plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been certified by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform such tasks shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems. The term 'plumbing' also includes the~~ and

(B) The practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending, or altering the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable

terminal~~; provided, however, that licensure under this chapter shall not be required for a contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an on-site waste-water management system. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person who holds a valid master plumbing license or any company which holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system~~.

~~(12.1)~~(18) 'Telecommunication system' means a switching system and associated apparatus which performs the basic function of two-way voice or data service, or both, and which can be a commonly controlled system capable of being administered both locally and remotely via secured access.

~~(13)~~(19) 'Utility contracting' means undertaking to construct, erect, alter, or repair or have constructed, erected, altered, or repaired any utility system.

~~(14)~~(20) 'Utility contractor' means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation which is engaged in utility contracting under express or implied contract or which bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform utility contracting under express or implied contract.

~~(15)~~(21) 'Utility foreman' means any individual who is employed by a licensed contractor to supervise the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

~~(16)~~(22) 'Utility manager' means any individual who is employed by a utility contractor to have oversight and charge of the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

~~(17)~~(23) 'Utility system' means:

(A) Any system at least five feet underground, when installed or accessed by trenching, open cut, cut and cover, or other similar construction methods which install or access the system from the ground surface, including, but not limited to, gas distribution systems, electrical distribution systems, communication systems, water supply systems, and sanitary sewerage and drainage systems; and

(B) Reservoirs and filtration plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, leachate collection and treatment systems associated with landfills, and pump stations, when the system distributes or collects a service, product, or commodity for which a fee or price is paid for said service, product, or commodity or for the disposal of said service, product, or commodity.

43-14-3.

(a) There is created within the executive branch of state government the State Construction Industry Licensing Board. The board shall be assigned to the Secretary of State's office for administrative purposes and shall be under the jurisdiction of the division director.

(b) The board shall be composed of 27 members as follows:

(1) Five members known as the Division of Electrical Contractors, one of whom shall be a ~~consulting~~ professional engineer engaged in electrical practice, another of whom shall be ~~the chief electrical~~ an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality~~, and shall have served in such office for five years immediately preceding appointment to the board~~ or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, and the remaining three of whom shall be ~~engaged in the electrical contracting business~~ licensed electrical contractors in this state;

(2) Five members known as the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, one of whom shall be a full-time plumbing inspector of a county or municipality, three of whom shall be master or contracting plumbers, and one of whom shall be a journeyman plumber;

(3) Five members known as the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, one of whom shall be a licensed professional engineer engaged in mechanical practice, one of whom shall be the chief conditioned air inspector of a county or municipality, and three of whom shall be conditioned air contractors with more than five years of installation and service experience in the trade;

(4) Five members known as the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors, one of whom shall be an alarm system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be an unrestricted ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be a telecommunication system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be a professional electrical engineer, and one of whom shall be ~~the chief electrical~~ an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality or contracted by a county or municipality to perform electrical inspections;

(5) Five members known as the Division of Utility Contractors, three of whom shall be utility contractors, one of whom shall be a registered professional engineer, and one of whom shall be an insurance company representative engaged primarily in the bonding of construction projects; and

(6) Two members who shall not have any connection with the electrical contracting, plumbing, or conditioned air contracting businesses whatsoever but who shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and consumer protection concerns.

(c) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for four-year terms.

(d) A member shall serve until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

(e) The Governor shall make appointments to fill the unexpired portions of any terms vacated for any reason. In making such appointments, the Governor shall preserve the composition of the board as required by this chapter. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(f) Any ~~appointive~~ appointed member who, during his or her term, shall cease to meet the qualifications for original appointment shall ~~thereby~~ forfeit membership on the board.

(g) Each member of the board shall take an oath of office before the Governor or the Governor's designee to faithfully perform the duties of such office.

(h) The Governor may remove any member for failure to attend meetings, neglect of duty, incompetence, revocation or suspension of professional trade license, or other dishonorable conduct.
(i) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

43-14-4.
(a) The office of chairperson shall be rotated among the five divisions enumerated in Code Section 43-14-3 unless the board, through its rules and regulations, provides otherwise. Any vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled by the members for the unexpired term. The ~~person~~ individual selected to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same division as the previous chairperson.
(b) The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the recommendation of a majority of its members.
(c) Each division within the board shall also elect from its membership a chairperson who shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled by one of the members for the unexpired term.
(d) Any member elected chairperson of a division may serve more than one consecutive term of office.
(e) Each division shall carry out its powers and duties provided for in this chapter with the assistance of the executive director and staff of the board.
(f) The divisions shall meet at the call of the chairperson.
(g) Three members of each division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such division.

43-14-5.
The board shall have the power to:
(1) Request from the various state departments and other agencies and authorities of the state and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities such available information as it may require in its work; and all such agencies and authorities shall furnish such requested available information to the board within a reasonable time;
(2) Provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states in the registration and licensing of electrical contractors, master plumbers, journeyman plumbers, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractors, utility contractors, or conditioned air contractors and in the certification of utility contracting foremen, provided that such other states have requirements substantially ~~equal~~ similar to the requirements in force in this state for registration, licensure, and certification; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to residents of this state;
(3) Adopt an official seal for its use and ~~change it at pleasure~~ modify such seal as the board deems necessary;
(4) Establish ~~the~~ policies for regulating the businesses of electrical contracting, ~~plumbing, low-voltage, utility~~ plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting;

~~(4.1)~~(5) Upon notice and hearing authorized and conducted in accordance with Code Section ~~43-14-10~~ 43-14-14 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the board, either by the board directly or through a valid delegation of the board's enforcement power to a division thereof, assess civil penalties in an amount up to $10,000.00 per violation against any person found to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter;
~~(5)~~(6) Determine qualifications for licensure or certification including such experience requirements as the board deems necessary; and
~~(6)~~(7) Promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out this chapter.

43-14-6.
(a) The Division of Electrical Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of electrical contracting; the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of plumbing as master plumbers or journeyman plumbers; the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting; the Division of Utility Contractors with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of utility contracting and with respect to applicants for a certificate to be a utility manager or utility foreman or holders of a utility manager or utility foreman certificate; and the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of conditioned air contracting, shall:
(1) Approve examinations for all applicants for licenses or certificates, except for utility contractor licenses and utility foreman certificates~~.~~, as follows:
(A) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Class I and Class II licenses. Class I licenses shall be restricted to electrical contracting involving multifamily structures of not more than two levels or single-family dwellings of up to three levels~~. In addition, the~~; provided, however, that such structures shall have single-phase electrical installations which do not exceed 400 amperes at the service drop or the service lateral. Class II licenses shall be unrestricted~~.~~;
(B) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall approve separate examinations for Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, and Journeyman Plumbers. Master Plumber Class I licenses shall be restricted to plumbing involving single-family ~~dwellings~~ and ~~one-level~~ multifamily dwellings designed for not more than ~~two families~~ three stories and commercial structures not to exceed ~~10,000~~ 20,000 square feet in area. Master Plumber Class II licenses shall be unrestricted. Only a journeyman plumber, a Master Plumber Class I, or a Master Plumber Class II shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems;
(C) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Class I and Class II licenses. Class I licenses shall be restricted to the installation, repair, or service of conditioned air systems or equipment not exceeding 175,000

BTU (net) of heating and five tons (60,000 BTU) of cooling. Class II licenses shall be unrestricted~~.~~; and

(D) The Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors shall approve separate examinations for:

(i) Low Voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ Contractor Class LV-A~~,~~ licenses restricted to alarm and general system low voltage contracting;

(ii) Low Voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ Contractor Class LV-T~~,~~ licenses restricted to telecommunication and general system low voltage contracting;

(iii) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G licenses restricted to general system low voltage contracting; and

(iv) Low Voltage Contractor ~~Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-U, and Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-G. Class LV-A licenses shall be restricted to alarm and general system low-voltage contracting, Class LV-T licenses shall be restricted to telecommunication and general system low-voltage contracting, Class LV-G licenses shall be restricted to general system low-voltage contracting, and~~ Class LV-U licenses that shall be unrestricted and permit the performance of alarm, telecommunication, and general system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting;

(2) Register and license or grant a certificate and issue renewal licenses and renewal certificates biennially to all persons meeting the qualifications for a license or certificate. The following licenses or certificates shall be issued by the divisions:

(A) Electrical Contractor Class I;
(B) Electrical Contractor Class II;
(C) Master Plumber Class I;
(D) Master Plumber Class II;
(E) Journeyman Plumber;
(F) Conditioned Air Contractor Class I;
(G) Conditioned Air Contractor Class II;
(H) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A;
(I) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T;
(J) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G;
(K) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;
(L) Utility Contractor; Class A;
(M) Utility Contractor; Class B;
(N) Utility Contractor; Class U;
(O) Utility Manager (certificate); and
(P) Utility Foreman (certificate);

(3) Investigate, with the aid of the division director, alleged violations of this chapter or other laws and rules and regulations of the board relating to the profession;

(4) After notice and hearing, have the power to reprimand any person, licensee, or certificate holder, or to suspend, revoke, or cancel the license or certificate of or refuse to grant, renew, or restore a license or certificate to any person, licensee, or certificate holder upon any one of the following grounds:

(A) The commission of any false, fraudulent, or deceitful act or the use of any forged, false, or fraudulent document in connection with the license or certificate requirements of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;

(B) Failure at any time to comply with the requirements for a license or certificate under this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;

(C) Habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic spirits, narcotics, or stimulants to such an extent as to render the license or certificate holder unsafe or unfit to practice any profession licensed or certified under this chapter;

(D) Engaging in any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

(E) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed or noncertified person to practice such profession;

(F) Violating, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting any violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board;

(G) The performance of any faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting likely to endanger life, health, or property. The performance of any work that does not comply with the standards set by state codes or by local codes in jurisdictions where such codes are adopted, provided that such local codes are as stringent as the state codes, or by other codes or regulations which have been adopted by the board, shall be prima-facie evidence of the faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe character of such electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting; provided, however, that the board, in its sole discretion, for good cause shown and under such conditions as it may prescribe, may restore a license to any person whose license has been suspended or revoked;

(H) With respect to utility contractors, the bidding by such a utility contractor in excess of license coverage; or

(I) With respect to utility contractors, violations of Chapter 9 of Title 25;

(5) Review amendments to or revisions in the state minimum standard codes as prepared pursuant to Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8; and the Department of Community Affairs shall be required to provide to the division director a copy of any amendment to or revision in the state minimum standard codes at least 45 days prior to the adoption thereof; and

(6) Do all other things necessary and proper to exercise their powers and perform their duties in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The Division of Electrical Contractors may also provide, by rules and regulations, for the issuance of certificates of competency pertaining to financial responsibility and financial disclosure; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are adopted by the board. The division shall issue certificates of competency and renewal certificates to persons meeting the qualifications therefor.

(c) The divisions mentioned in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also hear appeals resulting from the suspension of licenses by an approved municipal or county licensing or inspection authority pursuant to Code Section ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16.

(d)~~(1)~~ The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall be authorized to:

(1) Require ~~require~~ persons seeking renewal of Conditioned Air Contractor Class I and Class II licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually~~.~~;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to conditioned air contracting provided or conducted by public utilities, equipment manufacturers, or institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection. ~~Continuing~~ Such continuing education courses or programs shall be in the areas of safety, technological advances, business management, or government regulation. Courses or programs conducted by manufacturers specifically to promote their products shall not be approved. The continuing education requirements of this subsection shall not be required for any licensed conditioned air contractor who is a registered professional engineer;

~~(2)~~(3) Administer all ~~All~~ provisions of this subsection relating to continuing professional education ~~shall be administered by the division.~~;

~~(3)~~(4) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems appropriate~~.~~; and

~~(4)~~(5) Promulgate ~~The division shall be authorized to promulgate~~ rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

~~(5) The continuing education requirements of this subsection shall not be required of any licensed conditioned air contractor who is a registered professional engineer.~~

~~(6) This Code section shall apply to each licensing and renewal cycle which begins after the 1990-1991 renewal.~~

(e)~~(1)~~ The Division of Electrical Contractors shall be authorized to:

(1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of Electrical Contractor Class I and Class II licenses to complete board approved courses or courses which meet board criteria for continuing education ~~courses~~ of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually~~.~~;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ continuing education courses to be held within or outside this state that are available to all licensed electrical contractors on a reasonable nondiscriminatory fee basis. Any request for division approval of a continuing education course shall be submitted in a timely manner with due regard for the necessity of investigation and consideration by the division. The division may contract with institutions of higher learning, professional organizations, or other qualified persons to provide programs that meet the requirements of this ~~paragraph~~ subsection and any rules or regulations established by the division. Such

programs shall be self-sustaining by the individual fees set and collected by the provider of the program.; and

~~(2)~~(3) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(f)~~(1)~~ The Division of Utility Contractors shall be authorized to:

(1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of utility foreman certificates and utility manager certificates issued under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not more than four hours annually.;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to utility contracting provided or conducted by institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection.; and

~~(2)~~(3) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(g)~~(1)~~ The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall be authorized to:

(1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of Journeyman Plumber, Master Plumber Class I, and Master Plumber Class II licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually.;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to plumbing provided or conducted by institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection.; and

~~(2)~~(3) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(h) Each division shall make all reasonable efforts to make the continuing education offered pursuant to this Code section available online or through home study courses and accessible at times outside of the normal work hours of those licensed by such division.

43-14-7.

(a) All orders and processes of the board and the divisions of the board shall be signed and attested by the division director; and any notice or legal process necessary to be served upon the board or the divisions may be served upon the division director.

(b) The division director or his or her designee is vested with the power and authority to make such investigations in connection with the enforcement of this chapter and the rules

and regulations of the board as ~~he~~ the director, the board, the divisions of the board, or any district attorney may deem necessary or advisable.

43-14-8.

(a)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the~~ electrical contracting ~~business as an electrical contractor~~ unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Electrical Contractors and a certificate of competency, if such certificates are issued by the division pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-6.

(2) A person ~~who~~ that is not licensed as an electrical contractor or ~~who~~ that does not have a certificate of competency, if such certificates are issued by the division pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-6, or both as may be applicable, shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of electrical contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

(b)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the business of~~ plumbing contracting as a master plumber unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any person who holds a valid master plumber license or any company which holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system.

(2) No person shall engage in ~~the business of~~ plumbing contracting as a ~~journeyman~~ master plumber unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers. A person that is not licensed as a Master Plumber Class 1 or a Master Plumber Class II shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of plumbing contracting.

~~(3) A person who does not have a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of plumbing as a master plumber or journeyman plumber unless such person is licensed by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers and unless the work is performed by a licensed plumber.~~

(c)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the business of~~ conditioned air contracting ~~as a conditioned air contractor~~ unless such person has a valid conditioned air contractor license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors.

(2) A person ~~who~~ that is not licensed as a conditioned air contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed conditioned air contractor.

(d)(1) No person shall engage in low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Low Voltage Contractors; provided, however, that:

(A) An employee of a low voltage contractor who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing low voltage contracting work may but shall not be required to

be licensed under this chapter to perform such low voltage contracting work, except that those employees upon whom the qualification of a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation rests as provided for in Code Section 43-14-9 shall be required to be licensed; and

(B) Tier 2 local exchange companies, as such term is set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (10) of Code Section 46-5-162, as well as any affiliates or subsidiaries of such companies, may but shall not be required to be licensed under this chapter to engage in low voltage contracting.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a person that is not licensed as a low voltage contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a low voltage contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed low voltage contractor.

~~(d)~~(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, prior to and including September 30, 1983, the following persons~~,~~ desiring to qualify under the provisions stated in this subsection, shall be issued a state-wide license without restriction by the appropriate division of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, provided that such individual submits proper application and pays or has paid the required fees and is not otherwise in violation of this chapter:

(1) Any individual holding a license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, prior to the effective date of this chapter;

(2) Any individual holding a license issued by the State Board of Electrical Contractors, the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing Contractors, or the State Board of Warm Air Heating Contractors;

(3) Any individual holding a license to engage in such vocation issued to him or her by any governing authority of any political subdivision; and

(4) Any individual who has successfully and efficiently engaged in such vocation in a local jurisdiction, which did not issue local licenses, for a period of at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the time of application. To prove that he or she has successfully engaged in said vocation, the individual shall only be required to give evidence of three successful jobs completed over such period. Such applicant shall swear before a notary public that such evidence is true and accurate prior to its submission to the division.

~~(e)~~(f) The decision of the division as to the necessity of taking the examination or as to the qualifications of applicants taking the required examination shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations desiring to engage in ~~such vocation after September 30, 1983,~~ a business licensed under this chapter shall take the examination and qualify under this chapter before engaging in such vocation or business, including ~~such vocation~~ at the local level.

~~(f)~~(g) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of electrical contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners,

officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of electrical contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the electrical contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

~~(g)~~(h) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses for master plumbers issued to them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of plumbing contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the plumbing contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

~~(h)~~(i) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of the individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days ~~following~~ from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the conditioned air contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(j) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office location from which conditioned air contracting is performed shall have at least one person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation who is engaged in the performance of conditioned air contracting on a full-time basis; who is supervising the installation, repair, alteration, and service work of air-conditioning and heating systems of all employees of such branch office locations; and who has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

~~(i)~~(k) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division ~~immediately~~ within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

~~(j)~~(l) Applicants ~~All applicants~~ for examinations and licenses provided for by this chapter and ~~all~~ any applicants for renewal of licenses under this chapter shall be required to ~~fill out a form which shall be provided by each division, showing whether or not~~ complete a division approved form on which the applicant will:

(1) Indicate if the applicant is an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation; ~~and, if~~

(2) If the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, provide the names and addresses of the partners or members or the names and addresses of the officers, when and where formed or incorporated, and such other information as the board or each division may require.~~;~~ and

(3) If the renewal is for ~~All forms of applications for renewal of licenses shall also show whether or not the applicant, if it is~~ a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, ~~still has connected with it~~ indicate whether a duly qualified person holding a license issued by the division is still connected with such entity.

~~(k) The board shall notify each local governing authority of the provisions of this chapter relating to licensure, especially the provisions of subsection (d) of this Code section. The board shall notify such governing authorities that after September 30, 1983, any person desiring a license to engage in a profession covered by this chapter shall be required to pass an examination as provided in this chapter.~~

~~(l)~~(m) Applicants who have a failing examination score on two consecutive testing attempts within the approved testing time frame ~~Any applicant for licensure standing the examination on and after July 1, 1989, who fails the examination for licensure twice after such date~~ shall be required to present satisfactory evidence to the appropriate division that the applicant has completed a board approved review course before such applicant will be ~~admitted to a third examination~~ approved to take the examination again. If such applicant fails the examination a third time, the applicant shall not be required to complete additional board approved review courses prior to taking subsequent examinations.

~~43-14-8.1~~ 43-14-9.

(a) For purposes of this Code section only, 'division' means the 'Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors.'

(b) No person shall engage in alarm system, general system, or telecommunication system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license therefor from the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contracting.

(c)(1) Prior to January 1, 1985, any ~~Any~~ person desiring to qualify under the provisions of this subsection who meets the requirements of this subsection, submits proper application ~~prior to and including December 31, 1984~~, and pays or has paid the required fees and is not otherwise in violation of this chapter shall be issued a state-wide ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, LV-G, LV-U, or LV-T license without examination.

(2) An individual desiring to obtain ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to telecommunication systems.

(3) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to alarm systems.

(4) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to general systems. ~~Each such affidavit for licensure shall describe in detail the installation of at least three complete low-voltage wiring jobs which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed low-voltage wiring in the area of licensure requested for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the time of application.~~

(5) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to alarm and telecommunication systems and which describes in detail the installation of at least six complete ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring jobs, three in alarm and three in telecommunication systems, which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring in those areas for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the time of application.

(6) Each affidavit for licensure required in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection shall describe in detail the installation of at least three complete low voltage wiring jobs which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed low voltage wiring in the area of licensure requested for a period of at least one year prior to the time of application.

(d) The decision of the division as to the necessity of taking the examination or as to the qualifications of applicants taking the required examination shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations desiring to engage in the vocation of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting ~~after December 31, 1984,~~ shall take the examination and qualify under this Code section before engaging in such vocation.

(e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons, ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and supervising the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, who have valid licenses issued to them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of low voltage contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the low voltage contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(f) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having ~~In cases where a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation has~~ more than one office location from which ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting is performed~~,~~ shall have at least one person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation~~,~~ who is engaged in the performance of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting on a full-time basis ~~and~~; who is supervising the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such branch office locations~~, shall have~~; and who has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.
~~(f) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this Code section to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom the qualification of any such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation rested.~~
~~(g) All applicants for examinations and licenses provided for by this Code section and all applicants for renewal of licenses under this Code section shall be required to fill out a form which shall be provided by the division, which form shall show whether or not the applicant is an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation and, if a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the names and addresses of the partners or members or the names and addresses of the officers, when and where formed or incorporated, and such other information as the division in its discretion may require. All forms of application for renewal of licenses shall also show whether or not the applicant, if it is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, still has connected with it a duly qualified person holding a license issued by the division.~~
~~(h) The division shall notify each local governing authority of the provisions of this chapter relating to licensure, especially the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section. The division shall notify such governing authorities that after December 31, 1984, any person desiring a license to engage in the vocation of low-voltage contracting shall be required to pass an examination as provided in this chapter.~~

~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10.

(a) For purposes of this Code section only, 'division' means the 'Division of Utility Contractors.'

(b)(1) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of utility contracting unless:

(A) Such ~~such~~ business holds a utility contractor license; and

(B) There ~~there~~ is regularly connected with such business a person or persons who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter, and such~~. Such~~ utility manager must be ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and must oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of the business.

(2) If ~~In cases where~~ a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation has more than one permanent office, then each permanent office shall be registered with the division and at least one person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this

chapter shall be stationed in each office on a full-time basis and shall oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of that office.

~~(2)~~(3) The requirements of this Code section shall not prevent any person holding a valid license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or any division thereof, pursuant to this chapter, from performing any work defined in the Code section or sections under which the license held by said person was issued.

(c) Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship desiring to qualify and be issued a utility contractor license under the provisions of this subsection shall:

(1) Submit a completed application to the division on the form provided indicating:

(A) The names and addresses of proprietor, partners, or officers of such applicant;

(B) The place and date such partnership was formed or such corporation was incorporated; and

(C) The name of the qualifying utility manager holding a current certificate who is employed for each permanent office location of the business from which utility contracting is performed;

(2) Submit its safety policy which must meet the minimum standards established by the board;

(3) Pay or have paid the required fees; and

(4) Not be otherwise in violation of this chapter.

(d) The decision of the division as to the qualifications of applicants shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive.

(e) It shall be the duty of the utility manager certificate holders and the licensed utility contractor to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of the severance of connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rested.

(f) In the event that a licensed utility contractor temporarily does not have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work, upon notice by such utility contractor to the division within ~~five~~ seven days following the last day of employment of the utility manager certificate holder, the division shall grant the utility contractor a 90 day grace period in which to employ a utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work before any action may be taken by the division to revoke the utility contractor's license. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the utility contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period. Grace periods totaling not more than 180 days may be granted during any two-year period. Failure to have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee the utility contracting work of the utility contractor shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the utility contractor license after a notice of hearing.

(g) All applicants for renewal of utility contractor licenses provided for by this Code section shall be required to submit with the required fee a completed application on a form provided by the division.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to contract with any other person for the performance of utility contracting work who is known by such person not to have a current, valid license as a utility contractor pursuant to this chapter.

~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11.

(a) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No person may be employed as a utility manager unless that person holds a current utility manager certificate issued by the Division of Utility Contractors.

(b) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this chapter who satisfy the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter. Persons wishing to qualify for utility manager certification shall submit a completed application form documenting required experience and other qualifications as prescribed by the board with the required fees, ~~and~~ shall pass an examination, and~~. In order to obtain a utility manager certificate, an applicant~~ must submit proof of completion of a board approved safety training course ~~of safety training~~ in utility contracting ~~approved by the division~~. In order to continue to hold such certificate, the certificate holder must present proof to the division of completion of a safety training course approved by the division at least every two years from the date of the completion of the initial safety training course.

(c) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12.

(a) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No person may be employed as a utility foreman unless that person holds a current utility foreman certificate issued by the Division of Utility Contractors.

(b) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this chapter who satisfy the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter. One requirement for such certification shall be the successful completion of a board approved safety training course ~~of safety training~~ in utility contracting approved by the division. In order to continue to hold such certificate, the certificate holder must submit proof to the division of completion of a safety training course approved by the division at least every two years from the date of the completion of the initial safety training course. In lieu of safety training any person desiring to be issued a utility foreman certificate may submit a completed application on or before December 31, 1994, which documents to the satisfaction of the division at least two years of experience as a utility foreman during the period between January 1, 1984, and June 30, 1994. Any person who does not submit a completed application for certification on or before December 31, 1994, must complete the required safety training in order to be certified.

(c) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

~~43-14-9~~ 43-14-13.

(a) Every person holding a license issued by a division of the board shall display it in a conspicuous manner at his or her place of business.

(b) All commercial vehicles used by licensees and certificate holders exclusively in the daily operation of their business shall have prominently displayed thereon the company or business registration or certificate number issued by the Secretary of State's office. Such registration number or certificate number, or website address where such number can be found, shall also be prominently displayed on any advertising ~~in telephone yellow pages and newspapers~~ relating to work which a licensee or certificate holder purports to have the capacity to perform. Said registration or certificate number shall also be printed on all invoices and proposal forms.

~~43-14-10~~ 43-14-14.
This chapter shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

~~43-14-11~~ 43-14-15.
Whenever it shall appear to a division of the board or to the executive director or to a county or municipal inspection authority that any person is or has been violating this chapter or any of the lawful rules, regulations, or orders of the board, the division of the board, the local inspection authority, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney may file a petition for an injunction in the proper superior court of this state against such person for the purpose of enjoining any such violation. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove that there is no adequate remedy at law. The right of injunction provided for in this Code section shall be in addition to any other legal remedy which the board has and shall be in addition to any right of criminal prosecution provided for by law.

~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16.
(a) Any municipal or county inspection authority which meets the standards established by the board shall be authorized, after notice and hearing, to suspend the license or certificate of competency of, or refuse to restore a license or certificate of competency to, any person or licensee upon the grounds set out in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-14-6; provided, however, that such suspension of a license by a local inspection authority shall be applicable only within the jurisdiction of such local authority. Any person aggrieved by an action of a local authority shall be entitled to an appeal to the appropriate division of the board and shall be entitled to a hearing.

(b)(1) This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the governing authority of any county or municipality in the state from adopting and enforcing codes at the local level; provided, however, that no county or municipality may require any licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber who has executed and deposited a bond as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection to give or furnish or execute any code compliance bond or similar bond for the purpose of ensuring that all construction, installation, or modifications are made or completed in compliance with the county or municipal ordinances or building and construction codes.

(2) In order to protect the public from damages arising from any work by a licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber, which work fails to comply with the

ordinances or building and construction codes adopted by any county or municipal corporation, any such licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber may execute and deposit with the judge of the probate court in the county of his or her principal place of business a bond in the sum of $10,000.00. Such bond shall be a cash bond of $10,000.00 or executed by a surety authorized and qualified to write surety bonds in the State of Georgia and shall be approved by the judge of the probate court. Such bond shall be conditioned upon all work done or supervised by such licensee complying with the provisions of any ordinances or building and construction codes of any county or municipal corporation wherein the work is performed. Action on such bond may be brought against the principal and surety thereon in the name of and for the benefit of any person who suffers damages as a consequence of said licensee's work not conforming to the requirements of any ordinances or building and construction codes; provided, however, that the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons so damaged shall in no event exceed the sum of such bond.

(3) In any case where a bond is required under this subsection, the conditioned air contractor or plumber shall file a copy of the bond with the building official in the political subdivision wherein the work is being performed.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect any bonding requirements involving contracts for public works as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 13.

(c) No provision of this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a municipality or county from fixing, charging, assessing, or collecting any license fee, registration fee, tax, or gross receipt tax on any related business or on anyone engaged in any related business governed by this chapter.

~~43-14-12.1~~ 43-14-17.

(a) If a person is in violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 43-14-8, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of conditioned air contracting, plumbing contracting, or electrical contracting by an unlicensed person.

(b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed as a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe that such person is a licensed conditioned air contractor or in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, is a licensed plumbing contractor in the business or profession of a plumbing contractor, or is a licensed electrical contractor in the business or profession of an electrical contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, internet, social media and digital applications, television, radio, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or ~~sign at~~ signage at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing, the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor without a license as required under this chapter.
(d) The violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $1,500.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section and chapter shall constitute a separate violation.
(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

~~43-14-12.2~~ 43-14-18.
(a) If a person is in violation of Code Section ~~43-14-8.2, 43-14-8.3, or 43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-10, 43-14-11, or 43-14-12, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of utility contracting by an unlicensed person.
(b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed as a utility contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a utility contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe that such person is a licensed utility contractor or in the business or profession of a utility contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, television, or radio advertisements, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or a sign or signs at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.
(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing, the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a utility contractor without a license as required under this chapter or by constructing, erecting, altering, or repairing a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at such job site.
(d) The violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed $5,000.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section and chapter or constructs, erects, alters, or repairs a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at such job site shall constitute a separate violation.
(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

~~43-14-13~~ 43-14-19.

(a) This chapter shall apply to all installations, alterations, and repairs of plumbing, air-conditioning and heating, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring or utility systems within or on public or private buildings, structures, or premises except as otherwise provided in this Code section.

(b) Any person ~~who~~ that holds a license issued under this chapter may engage in the business of plumbing contracting, electrical contracting, conditioned air contracting, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, or utility contracting but only as prescribed by the license, throughout the state; and except as provided in Code Section ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16, no municipality or county may require such person to comply with any additional licensing requirements imposed by such municipality or county.

(c) This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The ~~the~~ installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, air-conditioning and heating, utility systems, or electrical services, except ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services, up to and including the meters where such work is performed by and is an integral part of the system owned or operated by a public service corporation, an electrical, water, or gas department of any municipality in this state, a railroad company, a pipeline company, or a mining company in the exercise of its normal function as such.;

(2) Low voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that the portion of the business of public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service of telecommunication systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter;

(3) The installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or telecommunication systems for the generation or distribution of electric current constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical Safety Code shall not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor, except as otherwise provided by law;

(4) Any technician employed by a municipal or county franchised community antenna television (CATV) system or a municipally owned CATV system in the performance of work on the system;

(5) Regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform plumbing, electrical, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting when working on the premises of their employer;

(6) A contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an on-site waste-water management system;

(7) Any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipally owned gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment; or

(8) Persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal when:

(A) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;

(B) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the aboveground sewer system; or

(C) Connecting the exterior water line to the aboveground water system.

(d) This chapter shall not prohibit:

(1) An ~~an~~ individual from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services in a residential dwelling owned or occupied by such individual; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and any applicable county or municipal resolutions, ordinances, codes, or inspection requirements~~.~~;

~~(e)~~(2) An ~~This chapter shall not prohibit an~~ individual employed on the maintenance staff of a facility owned by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services when such work is an integral part of the maintenance requirements of the facility; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter and the orders, rules, and regulations of the board~~.~~;

~~(f)~~(3) Any ~~This chapter shall not prohibit any~~ person from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services in a farm or ranch service building or as an integral part of any irrigation system on a farm or ranch when such system is not located within 30 feet of any dwelling or any building devoted to animal husbandry. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the application of any resolution, ordinance, code, or inspection requirements of a county or municipality relating to such connections~~.~~;

(4) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the county or municipality; or

(5) Any propane dealer that is properly insured as required by law and that holds a liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing, repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system; provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do so under this chapter.

~~(g) This chapter shall not apply to low-voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that such portion of the business of those public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service of telecommunication systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter.~~

~~(h) This chapter shall not apply to the installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or telecommunication systems for the generation or distribution of electric~~

~~current constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical Safety Code would not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor except as otherwise provided by law.~~

~~(i) This chapter shall not apply to any technician employed by a municipal or county-franchised community antenna television (CATV) system or a municipally owned community antenna television system in the performance of work on the system.~~

~~(j) This chapter shall not apply to regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform plumbing, electrical, low-voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting when working on the premises of that employer.~~

~~(k) This chapter shall not apply to persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal when:~~

~~(1) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;~~

~~(2) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the above-ground sewer system; or~~

~~(3) Connecting the exterior water line to the above-ground water system.~~

~~(l)~~(e) Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the department shall not be required to be licensed under:

(1) Code Section ~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections ~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11 and ~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12 in order to perform work for the department~~. Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the department shall not be required to be licensed under~~; or

(2) Code Section ~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections ~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11 and ~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12 in order to perform work for a county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision when such work is of the same nature as that for which the person is qualified when performing department work; provided, however, that such work is not performed on a utility system as defined in paragraph ~~(17)~~ (23) of Code Section 43-14-2 for which the person receives compensation.

~~(m) This chapter shall not prohibit any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the county or municipality.~~

~~(n)~~(f) Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor:

(1) As ~~as~~ part of a conditioned air contract to install, alter, or repair duct systems, control systems, or insulation is not required to hold a license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors. The conditioned air contractor must retain responsibility for completion of the contract, including any subcontracted work~~.~~;

(2) To ~~Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor to~~ perform a complete installation, alteration, or repair of a conditioned air system must hold a valid license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors~~.~~; or

(3) To ~~Any person who contracts to~~ perform for or on behalf of a conditioned air contractor ~~to install, alter, or repair electrical, low-voltage~~ the installation, alteration, or repair of the electrical, low voltage, or plumbing components of a conditioned air system must hold a valid license from the appropriate division of the board.

~~(o) This chapter shall not prohibit any propane dealer who is properly insured as required by law and who holds a liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing, repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system; provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do so under this chapter.~~

~~(p) This chapter shall not apply to any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipal owned gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment.~~

~~(q)~~(g) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to bid for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a license under Chapter 41 of this title.

~~43-14-14~~ 43-14-20.

Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $3,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

~~43-14-15~~ 43-14-21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Discharge' means an honorable discharge or a general discharge from active military service. Such term shall not mean a discharge under other than honorable conditions, a bad conduct discharge, or a dishonorable discharge.

(2) 'Military' means the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard.

(b) A committee composed of the division director, members of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking a license shall determine the military specialties or certifications the training or experience for which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license for Electrical Contractor Class I, Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, or Utility Foreman. The Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the committee.

(c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the ~~immediate~~ expedited issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having obtained a military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which

substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification identified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) In order to qualify under this subsection, an applicant shall make application not later than two years after his or her discharge.-The licensing board, in its discretion, may by rule or regulation extend such two-year period for a license or certification, or class thereof, or may extend such two-year period for an individual applicant if certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or other related emergencies or exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making an application.

(e)-Such application shall be in such form and shall require such documentation as the division director shall determine.-If the applicant satisfies the requirements of this Code section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division to issue the appropriate license, and the division shall immediately issue such license; provided, however, that the applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements for the issuance of such license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance of a license. After the initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any provisions relating to the renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.

43-14-22.

The board may establish a process through rules and regulations for licenses issued under this chapter to be placed on inactive status and the qualifications necessary for such licenses to be returned to active status; provided, however, that engaging in any conduct that requires a license under this chapter while holding an inactive license shall be considered an unlicensed practice and shall be prohibited."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 8-2-26, relating to enforcement of codes generally, employment and training of inspectors, and contracts for administration and enforcement of codes, in subparagraph (d)(2)(D), by replacing "paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-12" with "paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-16".

(2) Code Section 8-2-102, relating to inspections, in subsection (e), by replacing "43-14-8.1" with "43-14-9".

SECTION 2-2.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 10-5B-3, relating to rules to prohibit deceptive, fraudulent, or abusive telemarketing activities authorized, in subsection (a), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(2) Code Section 10-5B-4, relating to required and prohibited telephone conduct and activities and liability, in subsection (a), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(3) Code Section 10-5B-5, relating to applicability to persons subject to other provisions of the Code, in subsection (c), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(4) Code Section 10-5B-7, relating to remedies, duties, prohibitions, and penalties not exclusive and construction with other provisions of the Code, in subsection (b), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

SECTION 2-3.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-60-12.1, relating to fence detection systems, definition, and utilization, by revising paragraph (b)(1) as follows:

"(1) Treat fence detection systems in all zoning and permitting matters exclusively as alarm systems as such term is defined in ~~paragraph (.1) of~~ Code Section 43-14-2; and"

SECTION 2-4.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 43-41-2, relating to definitions relative to residential and commercial general contractors, in paragraph (3), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(2) Code Section 43-41-17, relating to effective date of licensing and sanctioning provisions, unenforceable contracts, compliance with county or municipal requirements, exemption for DOT contractors, and other exceptions, in subsection (e), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

SECTION 2-5.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 46-3-30, relating to short title, by replacing "High-voltage" with "High Voltage".

(2) Code Section 46-3-31, relating to purpose of part, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

(3) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions, in paragraph (1), by replacing "High-voltage" with "High voltage" and in paragraphs (5) and (6), by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

(4) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language and in paragraph (2), by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

(5) Code Section 46-3-34, relating to utilities protection center, funding of activities, notice of work, delay, and responsibility for completing safety requirements, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.

(6) Code Section 46-3-35, relating to allocation of expense of precautionary measures taken pursuant to public highway construction, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".
(7) Code Section 46-3-37, relating to applicability of part to railway systems and electrical engineering system or other entities, in subsection (b), by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" both times the term appears.
(8) Code Section 46-3-39, relating to restriction on liability of owners and operators of high-voltage lines and effect of part on duty or degree of care, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.
(9) Code Section 46-3-40, relating to criminal penalty, strict liability for injury or damage, indemnification, and liability for cost of delay, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	E Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 157, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 227. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Reeves of the 99th, Prince of the 132nd, Hagan of the 156th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to clarify and revise exemptions to criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to clarify and revise exemptions to criminal penalties; to revise the duties of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis

Commission; to provide for the provision of certain information by licensees; to provide limitations on the provision of such information; to exclude the lawful possession and control of medical cannabis from the provisions of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act; to revise the existing diagnosed conditions for which a medical cannabis registration card can be issued; to provide for conforming changes; to provide definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the 'Putting Georgia's Patients First Act."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively, wherever such terms occur in:

(1) Code Section 2-11-36, relating to seeds used in production of low THC oil;

(2) Code Section 2-23-9.2, relating to consumable hemp products, packaging, advertising, and distribution; and

(3) Code Section 2-23-9.3, relating to location of retail establishments selling or distributing consumable hemp products.

SECTION 2-2.

Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to medical cannabis, is amended by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively, and by replacing "Low THC Oil Patient Registry" with "Medical Cannabis Patient Registry", wherever such terms occur in:

(1) Code Section 16-12-201, relating to prohibition against producing, growing, manufacturing, or dispensing low THC oil or products;

(2) Code Section 16-12-203, relating to powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission;

(3) Code Section 16-12-204, relating to nontransferable designated university licenses to produce low THC oil and products, research and reporting of collected information, and license revocation;

(4) Code Section 16-12-206, relating to annual, nontransferable dispensing license, adoption of rules, and fees;

(5) Code Section 16-12-210, relating to powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, no undue burden on patients, and remission of fees;
(6) Code Section 16-12-211, relating to class 1 production licenses, application fees, revocation, and limitation on ownership;
(7) Code Section 16-12-212, relating to class 2 production licenses, application fee, revocation, and limitation on ownership;
(8) Code Section 16-12-213, relating to tracking system requirements;
(9) Code Section 16-12-216, relating to Bureau of Investigation, Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, and Composite Medical Board to jointly establish procedures to ensure compliance;
(10) Code Section 16-12-217, relating to on-demand access to facilities, provision of samples, testing, and secured transportation;
(11) Code Section 16-12-224, relating to limitation on ownership by member or former member of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, limitation on physician's involvement, and identification when contributing to political campaigns;
(12) Code Section 16-12-225, relating to criminal offenses and penalties;
(13) Code Section 16-12-226, relating to sales and use taxes applicable;
(14) Code Section 16-12-230, relating to requirements for dispensing low THC oil and products;
(15) Code Section 16-12-231, relating to exemptions from arrest, prosecutions, or penalty;
(16) Code Section 16-12-233, relating to contracts not against public policy;
(17) Code Section 16-12-234, relating to unlawful ways to ingest low THC oil or products;
(18) Code Section 16-12-235, relating to research in compliance with federal regulations; and
(19) Code Section 16-12-235.1, relating to possession of low THC oil and products by colleges and universities for research purposes, permitting requirements, and inspection.

SECTION 2-3.

Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, is amended in Code Section 31-2A-18, relating to low THC oil patient registry, registration cards, reports, waiver forms, and annual review and recommendations, by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively, and by replacing "Low THC Oil Patient Registry" with "Medical Cannabis Patient Registry" wherever such terms occur.

SECTION 2-4.

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, is amended in Code Section 51-1-29.6, relating to liability of

healthcare institutions and providers regarding low THC oil, by replacing "low THC oil" and "Low THC oil" with "medical cannabis" and "Medical cannabis", respectively.

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, is amended by revising Article 8, relating to regulation of low THC oil, as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

16-12-190.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Medical cannabis' ~~'low THC oil'~~ means an oil that contains an amount of cannabidiol and not more than 5 percent by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid which does not contain plant material exhibiting the external morphological features of the plant of the genus Cannabis. Such term shall not ~~mean~~ include:

(A) Goods ~~products~~ approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

(B) Hemp or hemp products, as such terms are defined in Code Section 2-23-3.

(2) 'Product' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-200.

16-12-191.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, it shall be lawful for any person to possess, purchase, or have under his or her control 20 fluid ounces or less of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or a product or products containing an equivalent amount of medical cannabis if such ~~substance~~ medical cannabis or product or products is in a pharmaceutical container labeled by the manufacturer indicating the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol therein and:

(A) Such person is registered with the Department of Public Health as set forth in Code Section 31-2A-18 and has in his or her possession a registration card issued by the Department of Public Health; or

(B) Such person has in his or her possession a registration card issued by another state that allows the same possession of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis as provided by this state's law; provided, however, that such registration card shall not be lawful authority when such person has been present in this state for 45 days or more.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person who possesses, purchases, or has under his or her control 20 fluid ounces or less of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or a product or products containing an equivalent amount of

medical cannabis without complying with paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, it shall be lawful for any person to possess, purchase, or have under his or her control 20 fluid ounces or less of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or a product or products containing an equivalent amount of medical cannabis if:

(A) Such person is involved in a clinical research program being conducted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or any authorized clinical trial or research study in this state or ~~their~~ its authorized agent as:

(i) A program participant;

(ii) A parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a program participant;

(iii) An employee of the board of regents designated to participate in the research program;

(iv) A program agent;

(v) A program collaborator and ~~their~~ its designated employees;

(vi) A program supplier and ~~their~~ its designated employees;

(vii) A program physician;

(viii) A program clinical researcher;

(ix) Program pharmacy personnel; or

(x) Other program medical personnel; and

(B) Such ~~substance~~ medical cannabis or product or products is in a pharmaceutical container labeled by the manufacturer indicating the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol therein.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person who possesses, purchases, or has under his or her control 20 fluid ounces or less of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or a product or products containing an equivalent amount of medical cannabis without complying with ~~subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of~~ paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person having possession of, purchasing, or having under his or her control more than 20 fluid ounces ~~of low THC oil~~ but less than 160 fluid ounces of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or a product or products containing an equivalent amount of medical cannabis or who manufactures, distributes, dispenses, sells, purchases, or possesses with the intent to distribute ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than ten years, a fine not to exceed $50,000.00, or both.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, brings into this state, purchases, or has possession of 160 or more fluid ounces of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or a product or products containing an equivalent amount of medical cannabis shall be guilty of the felony offense of trafficking in ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

(1) If the quantity of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis is at least 160 fluid ounces but less than 31,000 fluid ounces, or the product or products contain an equivalent amount of medical cannabis, by imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten years and a fine not to exceed $100,000.00;

(2) If the quantity of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis is at least 31,000 fluid ounces but less than 154,000 fluid ounces, or the product or products contain an equivalent amount of medical cannabis, by imprisonment for not less than seven years nor more than 15 years and a fine not to exceed $250,000.00; and

(3) If the quantity of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis is 154,000 or more fluid ounces, or the product or products contain an equivalent amount of medical cannabis, by imprisonment for not less than ten years nor more than 20 years and a fine not to exceed $1 million.

(e) Subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section shall not apply to a person involved in a research program being conducted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or its authorized agent as an employee of the board of regents designated to participate in such program, a program agent, a program collaborator and ~~their~~ its designated employees, a program supplier and ~~their~~ its designated employees, a physician, clinical researcher, pharmacy personnel, or other medical personnel.

(f) Subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section shall not apply to a designated university, pharmacy, or licensee under Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16, provided that such possession, purchase, control, sale, manufacturing, distribution, or dispensing is solely conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16.

(g) Nothing in this article shall require an employer to permit or accommodate the use, consumption, possession, transfer, display, transportation, purchase, sale, or growing of marijuana in any form, or to affect the ability of an employer to have a written zero tolerance policy prohibiting the on-duty, and off-duty, use of marijuana, or prohibiting any employee from having a detectable amount of marijuana in such employee's system while at work."

SECTION 3-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-200, relating to definitions relative to access to medical cannabis, as follows:

"16-12-200.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Applicant' means a corporate entity applying for a license pursuant to this article.

(2) 'Available capital' means corporate assets that are available to fund business operations in the event a license is awarded pursuant to Part 2 of this article.

(3) 'Class 1 production license' means a license to produce and manufacture ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products issued pursuant to Code Section 16-12-211.

(4) 'Class 2 production license' means a license to produce and manufacture ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products issued pursuant to Code Section 16-12-212.

(5) 'Commission' means the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission created pursuant to Code Section 16-12-202.

(6) 'Designated universities' means the University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University.
(7) 'Designated university license' means a license issued by the commission pursuant to this article to a designated university to, separately or jointly, produce, manufacture, and purchase ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products in accordance with this article.
(8) 'Dispense' means the sale or provision of ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products to registered patients by a dispensing licensee.
(9) 'Dispensing license' means a specialty license issued by the State Board of Pharmacy or the commission pursuant to Code Section 16-12-206 to dispense ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products to registered patients.
(10) 'Grow' means cultivating and harvesting cannabis for use in producing ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products.
(11) 'Licensee' means any business, or owner of such business, with a valid license issued pursuant to this article.
(12) ~~'Low THC oil' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-190.~~
~~(13)~~ 'Manufacture' means to process cannabis to produce ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products.
(13) 'Medical cannabis' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-12-190.
(14) 'Owner' means any person who directly or indirectly owns, actually or beneficially, or controls 5 percent or greater of interests of the applicant or any licensee. In the event that one person owns a beneficial right to interests and another person holds the voting rights with respect to such interests, then both shall be considered an owner of such interests.
(15) 'Product' means ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis delivered through an oil, tincture, transdermal patch, lotion, or capsule, except as prohibited by Code Section 16-12-234, but not including hemp products, as such term is defined in Code Section 2-23-3, or any food products infused with ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis, including, but not limited to, cookies, candies, or edibles.
(16) 'Registered patient' means an individual who is legally authorized to possess and use ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-18.
(17) 'Tracking system' means a seed-to-sale tracking system to track marijuana that is grown, processed, manufactured, transferred, stored, or disposed of and ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products that are transferred, stored, sold, dispensed, or disposed of pursuant to this article."

SECTION 3-3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 16-12-203, relating to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(10.1) To engage in public awareness activities concerning the medical cannabis program in this state and effective uses of medical cannabis and products, including, but not limited to, publishing materials and conducting outreach and public education activities to inform members of the public, law enforcement, and healthcare providers about the medical cannabis program in this state and the potential benefits that medical cannabis and products may have to eligible patients;"

SECTION 3-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-12-215, relating to limitations on locations, advertising or marketing prohibited, and information available to physicians, as follows:

"16-12-215.

(a) No licensee shall operate in any location, whether for cultivation, harvesting, and processing of marijuana or for processing, manufacturing, packaging, or distributing ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products, within a 3,000 foot radius of a covered entity, measured from property boundary to property boundary. No dispensing licensee may operate in any location within a 1,000 foot radius of a covered entity, measured from property boundary to property boundary. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, local governments may, via use of existing zoning powers otherwise provided by law, allow dispensing licensees only to locate in places other than those provided in this subsection so long as such modification is needed to allow retail outlets to be established to service registered patients residing within such local jurisdiction. As used in this subsection, the term 'covered entity' means a public or private school; an early care and education program as defined in Code Section 20-1A-2; or a church, synagogue, or other place of public religious worship, in existence prior to the date of licensure of such licensee by the commission or State Board of Pharmacy.

(b)(1) No licensee shall advertise or market ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis or products to registered patients or the public; provided, however, that a licensee shall be authorized to provide information regarding its ~~low THC oil~~ medical cannabis and products directly to physicians, registered patients, and caregivers; provided, further, that such information shall be subject to and meet the requirements set forth in the rules and regulations promulgated by the commission pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations governing information provided by licensees under paragraph (1) of this subsection to ensure that such information:

(A) Does not include medical claims that are unsupported by reliable scientific evidence;

(B) Does not make any false or misleading claim;

(C) Is not attractive to children or otherwise directly or indirectly targeted to children; and

(D) Is not otherwise unfair and deceptive or harmful to the public."

SECTION 3-5.

Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of controlled substances, is amended in Code Section 16-13-21, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (16) as follows:

"(16) 'Marijuana' means all parts of the plant of the genus Cannabis, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of such plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or resin, but shall not include samples as described in subparagraph (P) of paragraph (3) of Code Section 16-13-25; shall not include the completely defoliated mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil, or cake, or the completely sterilized samples of seeds of the plant which are incapable of germination; and shall not include hemp or hemp products, as such terms are defined in Code Section 2-23-3, or medical cannabis or products, as such terms are defined in Code Sections 16-12-190 and 16-12-200, respectively, when in the possession or control of a person authorized to possess and control such medical cannabis or products under the provisions of Article 8 or Article 9 of Chapter 12 of this title. Such term shall not include products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act."

SECTION 3-6.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 16-13-25, relating to Schedule I, by revising subparagraph (P) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(P) Tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid which does not contain plant material exhibiting the external morphological features of the plant of the genus Cannabis, but not including such substance when found in hemp or hemp products, as such terms are defined in Code Section 2-23-3, or in medical cannabis or products, as such terms are defined in Code Sections 16-12-190 and 16-12-200, respectively, when in the possession or control of a person authorized to possess or control such medical cannabis or products under the provisions of Article 8 or Article 9 of Chapter 12 of this title. Tetrahydrocannabinols do not include products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;"

SECTION 3-7.

Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, is amended in Code Section 31-2A-18, relating to Low THC Oil Patient Registry, registration cards, reports, waiver forms, and annual review and recommendations, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Condition' means:

(A) Cancer~~, when such disease is diagnosed as end stage or the treatment produces related wasting illness or recalcitrant nausea and vomiting~~;

(B) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(C) Seizure disorders related to a diagnosis of epilepsy or trauma related head injuries;
(D) Multiple sclerosis~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(E) Crohn's disease;
(F) Mitochondrial disease;
(G) Parkinson's disease~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(H) Sickle cell disease~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(I) Tourette's syndrome~~, when such syndrome is diagnosed as severe~~;
(J) Autism spectrum disorder~~, when such disorder is diagnosed for a patient who is at least 18 years of age, or severe autism, when diagnosed for a patient who is less than 18 years of age~~;
(K) Epidermolysis bullosa;
(L) Alzheimer's disease~~, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(M) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome~~, when such syndrome is diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(N) Peripheral neuropathy~~, when such symptoms are diagnosed as severe or end stage~~;
(O) Post-traumatic stress disorder; ~~resulting from direct exposure to or the witnessing of a trauma for a patient who is at least 18 years of age; or~~
(P) Intractable pain; or
(Q) Lupus."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	E Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	E Hagan	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 430. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Donatucci of the 105th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Punjabi language; and for other purposes.

HR 431. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Cristy Lenz for receiving the 2024 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 432. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Barton of the 5th, Carson of the 46th, Hagan of the 156th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia's lineworkers and recognizing April 14, 2025, as Georgia Lineworker Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 433. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION commending Habitat for Humanity Georgia and its Georgia affiliates and recognizing March 5, 2025, as Habitat for Humanity Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 434. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, Flournoy of the 74th and McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Terrance Lamont Cooper; and for other purposes.

HR 435. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Judge John Allen; and for other purposes.

HR 436. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Cannon of the 58th, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending the invaluable contributions of school bus drivers and school food service workers and recognizing February 28, 2025, as Honoring Heroes Day; and for other purposes.

HR 437. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Howard of the 129th, Jackson of the 165th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Reverend Hermon Scott for over 20 years of dedicated service as President of the Liberty County Emancipation Proclamation Committee; and for other purposes.

HR 438. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, McQueen of the 61st, Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th, Davis of the 87th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Spelman College Glee Club on its 100th anniversary for its outstanding contributions to the arts and community; and for other purposes.

HR 439. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th, Paris of the 142nd and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Northeast High School Raiders football team for participating in the 2024 GHSA Class A Division 1 State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 440. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Herring of the 145th, Washburn of the 144th, Jones of the 143rd and Griffin of the 149th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2025 as American Heart Month in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.

HR 441. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hugley of the 141st, Greene of the 154th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Beverage Association; and for other purposes.

HR 442. By Representative Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Natasha Byrd for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 443. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th, Olaleye of the 59th, Willis of the 55th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Raising Expectations Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 444. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Corie Greenblatt for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 445. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Ballard of the 147th, Dickey of the 134th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Fellowship Bible Baptist Church on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 446. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Stinson of the 150th and Ballard of the 147th:

A RESOLUTION commending Charvez Holmes, Peach County's 2025 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 447. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Stinson of the 150th and Ballard of the 147th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nya Aaliyah Floyd; and for other purposes.

Representative Paris of the 142nd asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 674. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Glaize of the 67th, Wade of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-149.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial literacy instruction and curriculum, so as to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for instruction in financial literacy and money management for

grades four and five; to require local boards of education to provide instruction in financial literacy and money management in grades four and five; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Representative Mathiak of the 82nd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Public and Community Health and recommitted to the Committee on Health:

HB 520. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Powell of the 33rd, Momtahan of the 17th, Williams of the 168th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to repeal in its entirety Chapter 26, relating to the practice of midwifery; to revise provisions relating to peer review to include midwives; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the licensure and regulation of midwives; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an exception under the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Herring	E McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	E Smith, M
Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran

Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	E Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 95, nays 62.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Cox of the 28th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 675. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Panitch of the 51st, Hitchens of the 161st and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, so as to provide for criminal offenses related to material support of terrorism; to provide for penalties; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for the creation of guidelines for law enforcement investigations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

Representative Clifton of the 131st asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 676. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Wiedower of the 121st, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mechanics and materialmen relative to liens, so as to provide for a fine for any frivolous mechanic lien filed; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Moore of the 91st moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment:

HB 193. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide that persons doing business in this state shall not expose individuals to chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning nor discharge such chemicals into drinking water; to provide for the content and manner of the giving of such warnings; to provide for the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund and its purposes and funding; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Dempsey of the 13th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 677. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, so as to provide for certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility in certain circumstances; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to patient protection, so as to provide for per diem payments to hospitals or psychiatric residential treatment facilities in certain circumstances; to amend Chapter 21A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Medicaid Care Management Organizations Act," so as to provide for per diem payments to hospitals or psychiatric residential treatment facilities in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Representative Hilton of the 48th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 678. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Crowe of the 118th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other government entities, so as to provide that authorities with less than state-wide jurisdiction shall have the same sovereign immunities as provided to counties; to provide a definition; to provide that officers and employees of such authorities in the conduct of their official duties shall have the same official immunities as provided to officers and employees of a county performing duties on behalf of such county; to provide for legislative intent; to provide limitations on the amounts and types of damages and interest recoverable against an authority; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

HB 399. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Burnough of the 77th, Blackmon of the 146th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Schofield of the 63rd.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, February 28, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 27, 2025

To the Clerk of the House,

I had difficulty with my voting machine in the House Chamber on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025.

The machine did not turn from Nay to Yay for the vote on HB 308. I would like to state for the record I intended to vote Yay on HB 308.

Thank you,

/s/ Brad Thomas
Representative, District 21

By unanimous consent, the call of the roll was dispensed with.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Adam Starr, Congregation Ohr HaTorah, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 657. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cameron of the 1st, Buckner of the 137th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the qualifications of recovery community organizations for substance use; to provide for definitions; to provide for the certification of peer specialists; to provide for the approval of certification training bodies; to designate one state-wide recovery community organization; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 658. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Au of the 50th, Draper of the 90th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain consumer protections contingent upon the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to provide for definitions; to provide that preventive services shall be included at no additional cost to the insured; to include dependents in coverage up to age 26; to prohibit a health benefit policy issued in this state from imposing an annual or lifetime limit of coverage; to

provide for exceptions; to provide for a right to appeal; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 659. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical professionals for rural assistance, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rural Development.

HB 660. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Rice of the 139th, Scoggins of the 14th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45, Chapter 4 of Title 49, and Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the employees' insurance and benefits plans, public assistance, and general provisions relative to state government, respectively, so as to prohibit coverage of expenses for any transition related intervention under the state health benefit plan or with any state funds; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 661. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Kahaian of the 81st, Barrett of the 24th, Ridley of the 22nd, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to enhance penalties related to qualifications for and registration of voters; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 662. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, so as to revise the definition of "rural hospital organization"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 663. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-9-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of Board of Natural Resources, designation of commissioner or director as board's agent, and power and duties of director, so as to revise provisions relating to the fee for motor vehicle emissions inspections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HB 664. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Panitch of the 51st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, so as to provide for property owners' associations to submit to said article after the creation of such associations; to provide for voting procedures; to provide for recordation of a vote to submit to said article; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 665. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A, Chapter 3, and Chapter 5 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of the Department of Public Health, county boards of health, and administration and enforcement, respectively, so as to transfer all authorities and responsibilities relating to environmental health from the county boards of health to the Department of Public Health; to describe responsibilities and authorities of the Department of Public Health related to

environmental health; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to amend Code Section 12-5-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local variances from state restrictions on outdoor watering, limitations on outdoor irrigation, and exceptions, so as to make a confirming revision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 666. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Neal of the 79th, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Clayton Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties comprising the Clayton Judicial Circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 667. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commercial drivers' licenses, so as to provide standards for liability of an employer or insurance provider for actions relating to a commercial vehicle driver; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 668. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Washburn of the 144th, McCollum of the 30th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of

the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who causes death or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 669. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 10 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to capital outlay funds under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the award of low-wealth capital outlay grants to qualifying local school systems that award certain contracts for roofing improvements to suppliers that meet certain criteria; to provide for such criteria; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public works bidding, so as to provide that certain contracts for roofing improvements with suppliers that meet certain criteria shall be deemed to have complied with notice and competitive award requirements for certain contracts; to provide for such criteria; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 670. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Hugley of the 141st, Carter of the 93rd, Evans of the 57th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8, 10, 34, 35, 45, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, labor and industrial relations, law enforcement officers and agencies, public officers and employees, and state government, respectively, so as to provide comprehensive state civil rights laws protecting individuals from discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, familial status, or national origin; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 671. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Fleming of the 114th, McDonald III of the 26th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions as pertaining to torts, so as to provide for a right of action against any person who knowingly or negligently engages in restricted sexual conduct in the presence of a minor or who knowingly or negligently allows, permits, encourages, or requires a minor to be present while another engages in sexually explicit conduct in the presence of such minor; to provide for the Department of Revenue to fine or suspend or revoke certain business licenses where such establishment admits a minor to be present while another engages in sexually explicit conduct or restricted sexual conduct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 672. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bazemore of the 69th, Miller of the 62nd and Bennett of the 94th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to enact the "Georgia Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act"; to provide for definitions; to require perinatal facilities in this state to implement evidence based implicit bias programs for its healthcare professionals; to require certain components in such programs; to provide for initial and refresher training; to provide for the compilation and tracking of data on severe maternal morbidity and pregnancy related deaths; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 673. By Representative Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for limitations on bars to first offender treatment for certain minor offenders adjudicated as adults; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to first offenders, so as to provide for retroactive first offender treatment under certain circumstances for offenders who were adjudicated as minors; to revise sentencing laws in conflict with these provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HB 679. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Frye of the 122nd, Cummings of the 39th, Bell of the 75th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to illegal and void contracts generally, so as to prohibit certain agreements involving rental price-fixing as unenforceable contracts in general restraint of trade with respect to residential rental properties; to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 680. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Clark of the 108th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to prohibit certain employers that do not provide affordable health insurance benefits from requiring certain employees to provide a doctor's note when absent from work; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 681. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Cannon of the 58th, Drenner of the 85th and Barnes of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to name changes, so as to provide for the sealing of name change petitions upon request; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 426. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Jackson of the 68th, Davis of the 87th, Cannon of the 58th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the General Assembly to support the creation of a Black Maternal Health Caucus; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 427. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 428. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th and Rice of the 139th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Affordability and Accessibility of Georgia's Legitimation Process; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 429. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Parsons of the 44th, Drenner of the 85th, Crowe of the 118th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 9-1-1; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 448. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Women's Golf Week in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 619	HB 620
HB 621	HB 622
HB 623	HB 624
HB 625	HB 626
HB 627	HB 628
HB 629	HB 630
HB 631	HB 632
HB 633	HB 634

HB 635	HB 636
HB 637	HB 638
HB 639	HB 640
HB 641	HB 642
HB 643	HB 644
HB 645	HB 646
HB 647	HB 648
HB 653	HB 654
HB 655	HB 656
HB 674	HB 675
HB 676	HB 677
HB 678	HR 392
HR 393	HR 394
HR 395	HR 396
HR 397	HR 398
HR 399	HR 400
SB 40	SB 79
SB 123	SB 130

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 12	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 37	Do Pass
HB 127	Do Pass	HB 175	Do Pass
HB 200	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 235	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 335	Do Pass	HB 371	Do Pass
HR 145	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 399 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 473	Do Pass	HB 522	Do Pass
HB 567	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 571	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 612	Do Pass	HR 72	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Petrea of the 166th District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Human Relations and Aging has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 465 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Petrea of the 166th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 179	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 339	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 482	Do Pass	HB 531	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 246	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 224	Do Pass
HB 575	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 25th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 240 Mortgage lenders and brokers; prohibit unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions related to mortgage trigger leads (B&B-Williams-148th)

HB 303 Original 33 Memorial Act; enact (SProp-Gilliard-162nd)

HB 307 Quality Basic Education Act; students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; include provisions (Substitute)(Ed-Ballard-147th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2309S)

HB 373 Insurance; annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; require major medical coverage (Substitute)(Ins-Glaize-67th)

HB 377 Buildings and housing; manufactured homes; provisions (B&B-Leverett-123rd)

HB 422 State employees' health insurance; include high deductible health plans (Ins-McCollum-30th)

HB 423 Emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system; Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; provide (PS&HS-Wade-9th)

HB 495 Education; Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; repeal (Substitute)(A&CA-Dickey-134th)

Structured Rule

HB 66 Ad valorem tax; expand definition of rental motor vehicle (Substitute)(W&M-Stephens-164th)

HB 475 Income tax credit; film, gaming, or digital production; revise a definition (CA&E-Gambill-15th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 42. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to repeal certain penalty provisions for the offense of prostitution, keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, and pandering; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 69. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 101. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to require testing for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in the newborn screening system; to provide for

related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 131. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 141. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 73. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Seminole County, approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3994), as amended, so as to provide that future elections for members of the board of education shall be nonpartisan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 226. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cochran, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5162), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 380. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 3570) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5050); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 396. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth, approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4039), so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 412. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Polk County Water Authority, approved April 14, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 3108), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to the reappointment of members of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 42. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to repeal certain penalty provisions for the offense of prostitution, keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, and pandering; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 69. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 101. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to require testing for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in the newborn screening system; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 131. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 141. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for

related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Carter of the 93rd et al., Smith of the 18th, Schofield of the 63rd et al., Cheokas of the 151st et al., Clark of the 100th et al., Berry of the 56th et al., McDonald of the 26th et al., New of the 40th et al., Kahaian of the 81st, and Efstration of the 104th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 307. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to amend Code Section 20-1-44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to provide for support plans for such students; to provide for notice to parents and guardians of such students; to require the Department of Education to publish and distribute information relevant to dyslexia and students with characteristics of dyslexia; to require local school systems and public schools to distribute information relevant to dyslexia and students with characteristics of dyslexia;

to provide for reporting; to prohibit the three-cueing systems model from being featured or promoted in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy for students in kindergarten through third grade; to prohibit public schools from employing curricula, instructional materials, instructional practices, and other interventions that utilize the three-cueing systems model; to repeal a provision relating to reading recovery programs; to provide for written notification to parents and guardians; to provide for and revise definitions; to repeal certain provisions setting deadlines applicable to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education that have expired; to provide for ongoing review and updating of required and authorized actions; to require additional reports by the Department of Education; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to provide for the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordination Council within the Office of Student Achievement; to provide for duties and responsibilities for such council; to amend Code Section 20-1-44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-1-153 as follows:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall describe by rules and regulations such additional services, resources, support, or strategies as may be provided by the local school system. The specifications for delivery of early intervention services shall be the responsibility of local boards of education except that the program rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education shall be followed in designing the program delivery models. ~~Delivery models may include, but are not limited to, class augmentation, pull-out or self-contained classes, and the Reading Recovery Program delivered by certificated personnel.~~"

SECTION 1-2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, universal reading screeners, high-quality instructional materials aligned with the science of reading, support for literacy instruction, and reading intervention plans, as follows:

"20-2-153.1.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the State Board of Education.

~~(1.1)~~(2) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

(3) 'Characteristics of dyslexia' means persistent weaknesses in one or more areas of foundational reading skills and inadequate response to targeted intervention that indicates a need for more intensive intervention.

~~(1.2)~~(4) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy.

~~(2)~~(5) 'Department' means the Department of Education.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Dyslexia' means a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. Dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

(7) 'Foundational literacy skills' means phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, alphabet knowledge, phonics, oral reading fluency, spelling, vocabulary, reading comprehension, ~~spelling,~~ oral language, and ~~the intersection of reading and writing~~ rapid automatized naming.

~~(4)~~(8) 'High-quality instructional materials' means instructional materials aligned to the science of reading that instruct students in foundational literacy skills and grade-appropriate English language arts and reading standards approved by the ~~State Board of Education~~ state board. Instructional materials that feature or promote the use of the three-cueing system shall not constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(9) 'Parent' or 'guardian' means an individual who has legal authority to act on behalf of a child as a natural or adoptive parent, a legal guardian, or a legal agent. Such term shall also include a kinship caregiver, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-1-15.

~~(5)~~(10) 'Reading intervention' means evidence based strategies frequently used to remediate reading deficiencies and includes, but is not limited to, individual and small-group instruction~~, multisensory approaches, tutoring, mentoring, or the use of technology~~ that targets specific reading skills and abilities.

~~(6)~~(11) 'Science of reading' means the body of research that identifies evidence based approaches of explicitly and systematically teaching students to read, including foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy.

~~(7)~~(12) 'Significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency' ~~'Significant reading deficiency'~~ means for students in kindergarten through third grade that such student's ~~score on a universal reading screener is within the range of scores determined by the department to demonstrate a lack of proficiency in foundational literacy skills~~ foundational literacy skills, as measured by scores on a universal reading screener and other quantitative and qualitative data, indicate that the student is at high risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency.

~~(8)~~(13) 'Structured literacy' means an evidence based approach to teaching oral and written language aligned to the science of reading founded on the science of how children learn to read and characterized by explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic instruction in phonology, sound-symbol association, syllable instruction, morphology, syntax, and semantics. An approach to teaching oral and written language that features or promotes the three-cueing system shall not constitute structured literacy.

(14) 'Three-cueing system' means any model for teaching students to read based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues. Such models are also referred to as 'MSV.'

~~(9)~~(15) 'Tiered reading intervention plan' means a plan that describes the evidence based reading intervention services a student will receive to ~~remediate such student's reading deficit and to ensure that such student becomes proficient~~ support the student in reaching grade level proficiency in foundational literacy skills.

~~(10)~~(16) 'Universal reading screener' means a uniform tool that screens and monitors a student's progress in foundational literacy skills that is administered to students multiple times during the school year.

(c)(1) The board, in consultation with the department and the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to implement uniform grade-appropriate metrics for measuring literacy.

(2) As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the board shall:

(A) Approve high-quality instructional materials to be used for teaching students in kindergarten through third grade to read; and

(B) Establish a procedure for each public school and local school system to annually certify to the department that such school or school system's locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(3)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the department shall establish~~ Every three years beginning in 2027, the center shall review and update, as appropriate, qualifications, ~~time lines~~ timelines, and submission procedures for education service providers to submit one or more universal reading screeners to be considered for inclusion on the board's list of approved universal reading screener providers provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) As soon as practicable but not later than May 15, 2025, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the following criteria:

(i) Capable of providing relevant information to assist teachers with targeting instruction based on student needs;

(ii) Capable of measuring foundational literacy skills;

(iii) Capable of identifying students who ~~have a significant reading deficiency~~ are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(iv) Prescribed parameters on the time required to administer a universal reading screener with the primary objective of such prescription being to minimize impacts on instructional time; and

(v) Capable of progress monitoring.

(4)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than~~ By July 15~~, 2025~~ each year, the department shall publish on its public website the free universal reading screener and the list of other approved universal reading screeners, one of which each public school and local school system shall adopt and administer in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph ~~(d)(3)(C) of this Code section~~ (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(B) The council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such universal reading screener available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems.

(5) The department shall publish on its public website and distribute by July 15 each year by electronic means to each local school system and public school in this state a dyslexia informational handbook that includes guidance, technical assistance, and training to assist all schools in the implementation of evidence based practices for instructing students with characteristics of dyslexia. Such handbook shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

(A) Evidence based practices designed specifically for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(B) Guidance on developing support plans for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

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(vi) Notification that the parent or guardian will be informed in writing of the student's progress toward grade level reading; and

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(i) Are high-quality instructional materials; and

(ii) Do not utilize the three-cueing system model for teaching word reading.

(C) Instruction in public schools and local school systems shall not employ the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading. Instruction may include visual information and strategies which improve background and experiential knowledge, add context, and increase oral language and vocabulary to support comprehension, but shall not be used to teach word reading.

~~(5)~~(7) By ~~July~~ August 1, 2025, all kindergarten through third grade teachers shall complete a training program developed or procured pursuant to paragraph ~~(c)~~(5) (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) There is established within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordination Council.

(2) The Georgia Literacy Coach provided for in Code Section 20-1-42 shall serve as the director of the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordination Council.

(3) The Office of Student Achievement shall employ a Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinator, who shall report to the director of the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordination Council, and who shall be responsible for:

(A) Coordination of state-wide literacy coaching efforts;

(B) Direction and oversight of literacy coaches affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional education service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds; and

(C) Coordinating with designated organizations affiliated with the Georgia Council on Literacy with respect to research, best practices, and proactive intervention strategies for birth to adult language and literacy learning.

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SECTION 1-3.

Said part is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Code Section 20-1-44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) Work in partnership with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to implement the requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so

as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to provide for support plans for such students; to provide for notice to parents and guardians of such students; to require the Department of Education to publish and distribute information relevant to dyslexia and students with characteristics of dyslexia; to require local school systems and public schools to distribute information relevant to dyslexia and students with characteristics of dyslexia; to provide for reporting; to prohibit the three-cueing systems model from being featured or promoted in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy for students in kindergarten through third grade; to prohibit public schools from employing curricula, instructional materials, instructional practices, and other interventions that utilize the three-cueing systems model; to repeal a provision relating to reading recovery programs; to provide for written notification to parents and guardians; to provide for and revise definitions; to repeal certain provisions setting deadlines applicable to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education that have expired; to provide for ongoing review and updating of required and authorized actions; to require additional reports by the Department of Education; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to provide for the Georgia Literacy Plan Coordinating Committee within the Office of Student Achievement; to provide for duties and responsibilities for such council; to amend Code Section 20-1-44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-1-153 as follows:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall describe by rules and regulations such additional services, resources, support, or strategies as may be provided by the local school system. The specifications for delivery of early intervention services shall be the responsibility of local boards of education except that the program rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education shall be followed in designing the program delivery models. ~~Delivery models may include, but are not limited to, class augmentation, pull-out or self-contained classes, and the Reading Recovery Program delivered by certificated personnel.~~"

SECTION 1-2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, universal reading screeners, high-quality instructional materials aligned with the science of reading, support for literacy instruction, and reading intervention plans, as follows:

"20-2-153.1.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the State Board of Education.

~~(1.1)~~(2) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

(3) 'Characteristics of dyslexia' means persistent weaknesses in one or more areas of foundational reading skills and inadequate response to targeted intervention that indicates a need for more intensive intervention.

~~(1.2)~~(4) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy.

~~(2)~~(5) 'Department' means the Department of Education.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Dyslexia' means a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. Dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

(7) 'Foundational literacy skills' means phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, alphabet knowledge, phonics, oral reading fluency, spelling, vocabulary, reading comprehension, ~~spelling,~~ oral language, and ~~the intersection of reading and writing~~ rapid automatized naming.

~~(4)~~(8) 'High-quality instructional materials' means instructional materials aligned to the science of reading that instruct students in foundational literacy skills and grade-appropriate English language arts and reading standards approved by the ~~State Board of Education~~ state board. Instructional materials that feature or promote the use of the three-cueing system shall not constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(9) 'Parent' or 'guardian' means an individual who has legal authority to act on behalf of a child as a natural or adoptive parent, a legal guardian, or a legal agent. Such term shall also include a kinship caregiver, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-1-15.

~~(5)~~(10) 'Reading intervention' means evidence based strategies frequently used to remediate reading deficiencies and includes, but is not limited to, individual and small-group instruction~~, multisensory approaches, tutoring, mentoring, or the use of technology~~ that targets specific reading skills and abilities.

~~(6)~~(11) 'Science of reading' means the body of research that identifies evidence based approaches of explicitly and systematically teaching students to read, including

foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy.

~~(7)~~(12) 'Significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency' ~~'Significant reading deficiency'~~ means for students in kindergarten through third grade that such student's ~~score on a universal reading screener is within the range of scores determined by the department to demonstrate a lack of proficiency in foundational literacy skills~~ foundational literacy skills, as measured by scores on a universal reading screener and other quantitative and qualitative data, indicate that the student is at high risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency.

~~(8)~~(13) 'Structured literacy' means an evidence based approach to teaching oral and written language aligned to the science of reading founded on the science of how children learn to read and characterized by explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic instruction in phonology, sound-symbol association, syllable instruction, morphology, syntax, and semantics. An approach to teaching oral and written language that features or promotes the three-cueing system shall not constitute structured literacy.

(14) 'Three-cueing system' means any model for teaching students to read based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues. Such models are also referred to as 'MSV.'

~~(9)~~(15) 'Tiered reading intervention plan' means a plan that describes the evidence based reading intervention services a student will receive to ~~remediate such student's reading deficit and to ensure that such student becomes proficient~~ support the student in reaching grade level proficiency in foundational literacy skills.

~~(10)~~(16) 'Universal reading screener' means a uniform tool that screens and monitors a student's progress in foundational literacy skills that is administered to students multiple times during the school year.

(c)(1) The board, in consultation with the department and the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to implement uniform grade-appropriate metrics for measuring literacy.

(2) As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the board shall:

(A) Approve high-quality instructional materials to be used for teaching students in kindergarten through third grade to read; and

(B) Establish a procedure for each public school and local school system to annually certify to the department that such school or school system's locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(3)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the department shall establish~~ Every three years beginning in 2027, the center shall review and update, as appropriate, qualifications, ~~time lines~~ timelines, and submission procedures for education service providers to submit one or more universal reading screeners to be considered for inclusion on the board's list of approved universal reading screener providers provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) As soon as practicable but not later than May 15, 2025, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided

for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the following criteria:

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(ii) Capable of measuring foundational literacy skills;

(iii) Capable of identifying students who ~~have a significant reading deficiency~~ are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(iv) Prescribed parameters on the time required to administer a universal reading screener with the primary objective of such prescription being to minimize impacts on instructional time; and

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(B) The council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such universal reading screener available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems.

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(i) Are high-quality instructional materials; and

(ii) Do not utilize the three-cueing system model for teaching word reading.

(C) Instruction in public schools and local school systems shall not employ the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading. Instruction may include visual information and strategies which improve background and experiential knowledge, add context, and increase oral language and vocabulary to support comprehension, but shall not be used to teach word reading.

~~(5)~~(7) By ~~July~~ August 1, 2025, all kindergarten through third grade teachers shall complete a training program developed or procured pursuant to paragraph ~~(e)(5)~~ (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) There is established within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Plan Coordinating Committee. Such committee shall comprise, at a minimum, the Georgia Literacy Coach, the Coordinator of Georgia Literacy Coaching, a representative of the Department of Education, at least one representative of Georgia's regional education services agencies, a representative of a research based education organization with subject matter expertise identified by the Georgia Council on

Literacy, and other subject matter experts identified by the Georgia Literacy Coach or the Georgia Council on Literacy.

(2) The Office of Student Achievement shall employ a Coordinator of Georgia Literacy Coaching, who shall report to the Georgia Literacy Coach provided for in Code Section 20-1-42, and who will be responsible for:

(A) Serving as the chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Plan Coordinating Committee;

(B) Coordinating state-wide literacy coaching efforts;

(C) Direction and oversight of literacy coaches affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional education service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds; and

(D) Coordinating with designated organizations affiliated with the Georgia Council on Literacy with respect to research, best practices, and proactive intervention strategies for birth to adult language and literacy learning.

~~(e)~~(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to abrogate or otherwise affect the operation or application of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

~~(f)~~(g) This Code section shall not be subject to waivers pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-244 for a local board of education, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, or Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter school established pursuant to Article 31 or Article 31A of this chapter, a charter system, or schools within a charter system, or any state special school."

SECTION 1-3.

Said part is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Code Section 20-1-44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) Work in partnership with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to implement the requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 423. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority as relevant to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to add members to the board of directors of such authority; to require all new 9-1-1 systems conform to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1 service standards; to revise the role of the executive director of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson

E Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 475. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital production, so as to revise a definition; to revise rules and regulations; to authorize certain fees; to require companies to pay court costs if the denial of certification is upheld by a court on appeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	N Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Wilkerson
E Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 495. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Burns of the 159th, Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 18, relating to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to transfer the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation to the Department of Agriculture; to provide for a director; to provide for assumption of business and responsibilities of the Centers of Innovation Agribusiness and collaboration with other entities; to provide for the Georgia Rural Development Council; to provide for duties and satellite offices; to provide for funds; to provide for reporting and approval of strategic plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 18, relating to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to transfer the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation to the Department of Agriculture; to provide for a director; to provide for the Georgia Rural Development Council; to provide for duties and satellite offices; to provide for reporting and approval of plans of work; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by repealing Chapter 18, relating to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation, in its entirety.

SECTION 2.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 24

2-24-1.

(a) Effective July 1, 2025, the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation shall be transferred from the University System of Georgia to the department and shall be located within an appropriate facility.

(b)(1) The director of the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation shall be appointed by the Commissioner, provided that such appointment shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Georgia Rural Development Council. The director shall continue to serve in such position until his or her resignation or until the appointment of a new director by the Commissioner, provided that such appointment is approved by a majority vote of such council.

(2) Subject to appropriations, the director shall be authorized to employ such personnel as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

2-24-2.

(a) The Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation shall include a council, to be known and designated as the Georgia Rural Development Council, that shall offer guidance to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.

(b) The Georgia Rural Development Council shall be composed of 12 members who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Six members shall be appointed by the Governor which six members, by majority vote, shall appoint one of such members to serve as the chairperson of the council. Each of the six shall be selected to represent one of the following areas:

(A) Leadership management;

(B) Business development and entrepreneurship;

(C) Finance and taxes;

(D) Logistics of rural industries;

(E) Healthcare; and

(F) Education;

(2) Three members who live in different geographic areas of this state from each other shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(3) Three members who live in different geographic areas of this state from each other shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.

(c)(1) Legislative members who are appointed to the council shall serve for two-year terms. Nonlegislative members shall serve for four-year terms, provided that three of the initial six members to be appointed by the Governor shall serve initial terms of two years, and thereafter such appointments shall be for four-year terms.

(2) Members may serve consecutive terms without limit.

(d) The council shall study the conditions, needs, issues, and problems affecting rural economic development and shall examine related policy areas as it may deem necessary and appropriate, including, but not limited to, population studies, access to healthcare, infrastructure, education, unemployment, and economic growth incentives.

(e) The chairperson shall call all meetings of the council. The council shall meet at least once per quarter and each such meeting shall be at a different location within this state, particularly in rural areas of this state, for the purpose of interacting with local government officials, educational leaders, healthcare providers, business leaders, civic groups, and all other citizens who desire to offer input, so as to enable the council to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this chapter.

(f)(1) Legislative members of the council shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8.

(2) Members of the council who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the council, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the council in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(3) Citizen members of the council shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(4) The allowances and expenses authorized by this subsection shall not be received by the chairperson for more than 15 days and any other member of the council for more than ten days per year. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section shall come from appropriated funds; provided, however, that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

2-24-3.

(a) It shall be the duty of the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation to provide a central information and research hub for rural matters and best practices which may include:

(1) Community planning models for proactively identifying value added gaps or strengths; and

(2) Industry-specific assistance.

(b) The Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation may establish such satellite offices as are necessary to accomplish its mission.

2-24-4.
(a) The Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation shall annually prepare and submit to the General Assembly, for review by the House of Representatives' and the Senate's standing committees on agriculture and economic development, a plan of work that outlines the use of the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation's resources for the upcoming fiscal years.
(b) Said committees may, by majority vote, approve the plan and submit recommendations to the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Committee on Appropriations for their consideration in developing the budget."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook

Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
E Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 66. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to title ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to expand the definition of a rental motor vehicle with respect to the tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to title ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to provide for an alternative method for payment of such ad valorem tax for certain modified rental vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to title ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, is amended in subsection (d) of Code Section 48-5C-1, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, by repealing paragraph (7.1) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(19)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'For-hire charter bus or motor coach' means a motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 15 passengers and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

(ii) 'Special modified rental vehicle' means a motor vehicle that has been significantly modified at a manufacturing facility in this state, provided that:

(I) Such manufacturing facility is operated by the owner of such motor vehicle;

(II) Such owner primarily uses such motor vehicle by renting or leasing it without a driver to businesses; and

(III) Such rental or lease transactions are subject to Georgia state and local sales and use taxes.

(B) In the case of for-hire charter buses or motor coaches or special modified rental vehicles, the person applying for a certificate of title shall be required to pay title ad valorem tax fees in the amount of 50 percent of the amount which would otherwise be due and payable under this subsection at the time of filing the application for a certificate of title, and the remaining 50 percent shall be paid within 12 months following the filing of such application."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
E Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 377. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Burchett of the 176th, Bonner of the 73rd, Wade of the 9th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for manufactured or mobile homes, so as to provide for limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; to provide for preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes; to provide for notice and application requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V

Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
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E Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 422. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require the state employees' health insurance plan include high deductible health plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox

E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 373. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Newton of the 127th, Cooper of the 45th, Mitchell of the 88th, Paris of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require major medical coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to provide for a plan amendment when necessary; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require major medical coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits by a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other insurer or similar entity.

(2) 'Men with a family history of prostate cancer' means men who have a first-degree relative:

(A) Who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer;

(B) Who developed prostate cancer;

(C) Whose death was a result of prostate cancer;

(D) Who has been diagnosed with a cancer known to be associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer; or

(E) Who has a genetic alteration known to be associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer.

(3) 'Men with a high risk for prostate cancer' means:

(A) Men with a family history of prostate cancer who are 40 to 49 years of age;

(B) Men who are 50 years of age and older; and

(C) Other men, as may be determined by a physician.

(b) A health benefit policy shall provide coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for men with a high risk for prostate cancer. Such coverage shall include a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all applicable insurance policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
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Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

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To: Clerk of the House
From: Charlice Byrd, District 20
Date: February 28, 2025

Due to an emergency, my "E" light was on and missed the vote for HB 373. This letter is to record my vote as No on HB 373.

Thank you.

/s/ Charlice Byrd

District 20

HB 240. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Douglas of the 78th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 and Article 13 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act and licensing of mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, respectively, so as to prohibit unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions related to mortgage trigger leads; to provide for definitions; to provide for a remedy; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 303. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Lupton of the 83rd, Jackson of the 68th and Willis of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a monument to honor the Original 33; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House, having been previously postponed, was again postponed until the next legislative day:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for

the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Representative Carpenter of the 4th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 689. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Campbell of the 35th, Hilton of the 48th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing trust fund for the homeless, so as to establish a homelessness prevention program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 451. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Frye of the 122nd, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Caterpillar Inc. on its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 452. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Chastain of the 7th, Gunter of the 8th, Williams of the 148th, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Forestry Commission for serving the State of Georgia as an emergency response agency; the Worth County Unit on being named the 2024 Unit of the Year for Service; the Fannin/Towns/Union Unit on being named the 2024 Unit of the Year for Community Engagement; Clark Rountree for being named 2024 Wildland Firefighter of the Year; and Kevin Lee for being named 2024 Forester of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 453. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hilton of the 48th, Rice of the 139th, Cameron of the 1st, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Artward Howard Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 454. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, O'Steen of the 169th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Donatucci of the 105th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Help for Healthcare Professionals Inc. and recognizing February 24, 2025, as HHCP Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 455. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th and Clifton of the 131st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Terry Holder upon his induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 456. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Miller of the 62nd, Romman of the 97th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Davante Jennings; and for other purposes.

HR 457. By Representative Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kito Jamil; and for other purposes.

HR 458. By Representative Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Cheasequah Nation and recognizing February 24, 2025, as Cheasequah Nation Day; and for other purposes.

HR 459. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Franklin of the 160th, Hitchens of the 161st, Parrish of the 158th and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Matt Brinson; and for other purposes.

HR 460. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Smith of the 18th, Howard of the 71st and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce on its 70th anniversary, Leadership Carroll on its 33rd anniversary, and Carroll Tomorrow on its 25th anniversary and recognizing the Leadership Carroll Class of 2025; and for other purposes.

HR 461. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Frye of the 122nd and Persinger of the 119th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia for its mission of connecting neighbors with nourishing food, its expansion to better serve communities across Northeast Georgia, and its ongoing contributions to economic stability, workforce development, and community well-being; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Neal of the 79th et al., Wade of the 9th et al., Romman of the 97th, Bell of the 75th, Parsons of the 44th, and Tran of the 80th.

Representative Dickey of the 134th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs:

HB 529. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Holcomb of the 101st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and continuous service offers; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Crowe of the 118th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 691. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Smith of the 70th, Camp of the 135th, New of the 40th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the creation of the Georgia Resilience Office under the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide for a board of directors; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such board; to provide for reports; to provide for the hiring of staff; to provide for compensation and funding; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Sharper of the 177th.

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 593 Do Pass
HB 647 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 369	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 494	Do Pass
HB 583	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 651	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 652	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 3, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 3, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, March 3, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cooper	Hatchett	Mathis	Ridley, Jor
Adeyina	Corbett	Hawkins	McClain	Roberts
Alexander	Cox	Heffner	McCollum	Romman
Anderson	Crawford	E Henderson	McDonald	Sampson
Au	Crowe	Herring	McQueen	Santos
Baker	Cummings	Hilton	Meeks	Schofield
Ballard	Davis	Hitchens	Mitchell	Scoggins
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Momtahan	Scott
Barnes	DeLoach	Holly	Moore	Seabaugh
Barton	Dickey	Hong	Myles	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Horner	Neal	Smith, M
Beckles	Douglas	Howard, J	New	Smith, TP
Bell	Draper	Howard, K	Newton	Smith, V
Bennett	Drenner	Huddleston	Okoye	Stephens
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Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Oliver	Tarvin
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Burnough	Erwin	Jasperse	Paris	Townsend
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Cameron	Fleming	Jones, S	Parsons	Wade
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Campbell, J	Franklin	Kahaian	Petrea	Westbrook
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Chastain	Greene	Lumsden	Rice	Willis
Cheokas	Griffin	Martin	Richardson	Yearta
Clark, D	Gullett	Martinez	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Clifton	Gunter	Mathiak		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Blackmon of the 146th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hagan of the 156th, Hugley of the 141st, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Miller of the 62nd, Park of the 107th, Sainz of

the 180th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Sharper of the 177th, Smith of the 70th, Thomas of the 21st, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Representative Mack Jackson, District 128, Tennille, Georgia

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 682. By Representative Mitchell of the 88th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the death penalty generally, so as to provide that the death penalty shall not be imposed if the only evidence of the defendant's guilt is the testimony of a single eyewitness; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 683. By Representative Gullett of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain residential fire sprinkler requirements prohibited, so as to provide that although neither the state residential and fire building code nor any residential fire and building code shall include a requirement that fire sprinklers be installed in single-family or residential buildings, local fire ordinances may require fire sprinklers in one- and two-family dwellings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 684. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Hugley of the 141st, Alexander of the 66th, Williams of the 168th and Holly of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to barbers and cosmetologists, so as to provide for the teaching of trichology training courses by schools of barbering, schools of cosmetology, and schools of hair design; to require that certain teachers and instructors complete 50 hours of trichology training; to provide exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 685. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Bartow County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for general obligation bonds, notes, and other obligations of said districts; to provide for construction; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A. shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the boards' bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 686. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Martin of the 49th, Dubnik of the 29th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to gambling, so as to exclude from the definition of "bet" any consideration paid to a sports betting licensee; to provide for the exemption of persons lawfully engaged in online sports betting from regulations and restrictions regarding gambling information; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 687. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Oliver of the 84th, Willis of the 55th, Draper of the 90th and Frye of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to security deposits, so as to provide that prior to tendering a security deposit, the tenant shall be presented with a comprehensive list of any existing damage to the premises and shall include an itemization of all fees associated with such tenant's lease; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 688. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Holcomb of the 101st, Oliver of the 84th and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to manner for service of process, so as to provide for service by certified mail and statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 690. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Au of the 50th, Cooper of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to provide that such managers have a duty of care to insureds, health plans, and providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a priority of duties; to provide for a private right of action; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 692. By Representatives Newton of the 127th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mandatory reporting requirements for nurses, so as to require registered professional nurses and advanced practice registered nurses in outpatient settings to immediately notify his or her supervising or delegating physician when he or she is subject to a complaint or report made to the Georgia Board of Nursing; to require the Georgia Board of Nursing to transmit to the Georgia Composite Medical Board copies of certain complaints and reports received relating to care rendered in certain settings which requires physician involvement; to provide for definitions; to provide for confidentiality and privileges relating to communications between the boards; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 693. By Representative Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to expand the definition of "approved school"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 694. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Lim of the 98th and Wilkerson of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education grants, so as to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a five-year school pilot

program to increase the availability of effective school counseling and postsecondary preparation services in secondary schools to increase high school graduation rates and the percentage of students who continue into postsecondary education; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 695. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Reese of the 140th, Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a needs based financial aid program to award grants to eligible students who have not yet received their financial aid award so that such students can obtain the essential materials they need to begin classes; to provide a maximum award amount; to provide definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for applications; to provide for rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 696. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Smith of the 18th, Berry of the 56th, Neal of the 79th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for school lunch and school breakfast programs for public school students in this state; to provide for such meals to be offered at no cost to students who attend a school among the lowest performing 25 percent of schools in the state; to provide for school breakfast programs under the Quality Basic Education Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 449. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Modernization of the Traffic Violations Bureau; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HR 450. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 168th, Williams of the 148th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the Georgia General Assembly to provide by general law for sports betting in this state; to provide for the regulation and allocation of revenues of such activities; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 657	HB 658
HB 659	HB 660
HB 661	HB 662
HB 663	HB 664
HB 665	HB 666
HB 667	HB 668
HB 669	HB 670
HB 671	HB 672
HB 673	HB 679
HB 680	HB 681
HB 689	HB 691
HR 426	HR 427
HR 428	HR 429
HR 448	SB 42
SB 69	SB 101
SB 131	SB 141

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Banks and Banking has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 159	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 439	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Carpenter of the 4th District, Chairman of the Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Creative Arts and Entertainment has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 566 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carpenter of the 4th
Chairman

Representative Mathiak of the 82nd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 689 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mathiak of the 82nd
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 03, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 26th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 89 Public Health, Department of; require healthcare providers, facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric or other clinical records (Substitute)(P&CH-Cooper-45th)

HB 296 Motor vehicles; presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format; provisions (Substitute)(MotV-Gaines-120th)

HB 327 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; amend various titles (Substitute)(Judy-Leverett-123rd)

HB 358 Agriculture; prohibiting acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; provide for a definition (Judy-Smith-138th)

HB 378 State courts of counties; online publishing of terms; provide (Judy-Momtahan-17th)

HB 413 Agriculture; prohibit local ordinances that prohibit operation of mobile sawmills on agricultural land (A&CA-Jenkins-136th)

HB 416 Local government; enterprise zones; revise class of retailer from which fees may be collected (Substitute)(GAff-Efstration-104th)

Structured Rule

HB 186 Revenue and taxation; eliminate title ad valorem tax fee requirement for certain inherited vehicles (W&M-Ridley-22nd)

HB 290 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; revise terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law (W&M-Carson-46th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 88. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Douglas Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 145. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Augusta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 152. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," so as to provide that the biological or adopted children of individuals who are foster parents and who meet certain conditions shall qualify for promise scholarship accounts; to provide for such conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 153. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 238. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Rockdale County, approved March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, so as to increase the board of commissioners to five members; to revise the office of chairperson; to provide for initial terms of office; to provide for a county manager; to revise provisions related to the powers and duties of the board of commissioners, chairperson, and county manager; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 404. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Moore of the 91st and Carter of the 93rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Conyers, approved March 16, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3868), as amended, so as to revise the city boundaries; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 468. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the Heard County Board of Education, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5078), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3613), so as to revise the compensation of the members of the Heard County Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 476. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 498. By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th, Newton of the 127th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Augusta-Richmond County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 88. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Douglas Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 145. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Augusta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," so as to provide that the biological or adopted children of individuals who are foster parents and who meet certain conditions shall qualify for promise scholarship accounts; to provide for such conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 153. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Code Revision.

SB 238. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Rockdale County, approved March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, so as to increase the board of commissioners to five members; to revise the office of chairperson; to provide for initial terms of office; to provide for a county manager; to revise provisions related to the powers and duties of the board of commissioners, chairperson, and county manager; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Davis of the 87th et al., Crawford of the 89th, and O'Steen of the 169th et al.

Pursuant to HR 415, the House recognized and commended Delta Air Lines on its centennial anniversary.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Hilton of the 48th et al. and Gambill of the 15th et al.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Smith of the 138th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., and Stinson of the 150th et al.

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 449	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 529	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 296. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presentation of proper identification to poll workers, swearing of statement when unable to produce, use of provisional ballots, and penalty for false swearing, so as to require the presentation of a Georgia driver's license as proper identification at a polling place be in a physical format; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing, so as to require the presentation of driver's license in physical format for issuance of a fishing, hunting, or trapping license or lifetime sportsman's license; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to require the provision of equipment and the implementation of technology capable of verifying validity of driver's licenses in such electronic formats; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 21-2-417 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to presentation of proper identification to poll workers, swearing of statement when unable to produce, use of provisional ballots, and penalty for false swearing, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, each elector shall present proper identification to a poll worker at or prior to completion of a voter's certificate at any polling place and prior to such person's admission to the enclosed space at such polling place. Proper identification shall consist of any one of the following:

(1) A Georgia driver's license in a physical format which was properly issued by the ~~appropriate state agency~~ Department of Driver Services;

(2) A valid Georgia voter identification card issued under Code Section 21-2-417.1 or other valid identification card issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the State of Georgia, any other state, or the United States authorized by law to issue personal identification, provided that such identification card contains a photograph of the elector;

(3) A valid United States passport;

(4) A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state;

(5) A valid United States military identification card, provided that such identification card contains a photograph of the elector; or

(6) A valid tribal identification card containing a photograph of the elector."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing, is amended in Code Section 27-2-2, relating to issuance and sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, withdrawal of agents' authority to sell licenses, and optional participation in anatomical gift program, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Prior to selling any license, except for a license sold over the telephone by an approved telephone license agent or over the ~~Internet~~ internet by an approved ~~Internet~~ internet license agent, each license agent shall require each person desiring to purchase a license to display a driver's license in a physical format or equally reliable identification of the individual and the current residence and age of such individual. In the event the department determines that a license agent has intentionally or negligently sold a resident license to a person who is a nonresident or who is underage, the department may immediately withdraw the authority of such license agent to issue and sell licenses on behalf of the department, provided that the department shall not withdraw the license agent's authority until the license agent has been given ten days' written notice of intention to withdraw authority setting forth the reason or reasons for the withdrawal and giving the license agent a hearing in the county of said agent's residence on the reasons for withdrawal."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 27-2-3.1, relating to hunting licenses, sportsman's license, license card carrier requirement, and creation of lifetime sportsman's licenses, by revising subparagraph (c)(4)(A) as follows:

"(4)(A) For purposes of procuring a lifetime sportsman's license, the term 'residency' means a domicile within Georgia for a minimum of three consecutive months immediately prior to procuring such license. Satisfactory evidence of residency shall consist of a current Georgia driver's license in a physical format or official Georgia identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services; provided, however, that no license or identification card issued pursuant to Code Section 40-5-21.1 shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph."

SECTION 4.

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, is amended by revising Code Section 40-5-29, relating to license to be carried and exhibited on demand, as follows:

"40-5-29.

(a) Every licensee shall have his or her driver's license in his or her immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle. Any person who has a receipt issued by the

department reflecting issuance, renewal, replacement, or reinstatement of his or her driver's license in his or her immediate possession shall be considered to have such license in his or her immediate possession if such is confirmed to be valid by the department or through the Georgia Crime Information Center. The department may establish by rule and regulation the term of such receipt. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no receipt issued by the department shall be accepted as proof of such person's identity for any other purpose, including but not limited to proof of voter identification or proof of age for purposes of purchasing alcoholic beverages.

(b)(1) Every licensee required pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section to possess his or her license shall display his or her license upon the demand of a law enforcement officer. When records of the department indicate that ~~a license has been issued in an electronic format, a law enforcement officer may demand such display be made by physical format. In such instances, if a law enforcement officer demands display of the physical format, the licensee~~ the department has issued a licensee a license in an electronic format and a law enforcement officer possesses the proper equipment, such law enforcement officer shall accept such license upon a wireless telecommunications device as satisfactory proof of compliance with the requirements of this Code section. A licensee issued a license in an electronic format shall not be compelled to display an electronic format of his or her license ~~nor release his or her wireless telecommunications device to the officer. A refusal to comply with such demand not only shall constitute a violation of this subsection but shall also give rise to a presumption of a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section and of Code Section 40-5-20~~ when such licensee displays the physical format of his or her license upon the demand of a law enforcement officer.

(2) Any person utilizing a wireless telecommunications device to display his or her license in electronic format in order to comply with subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be considered to have consented to a search of such device by a law enforcement officer. No person shall be compelled to release his or her wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer pursuant to this Code section.

(3) As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this subsection, the term 'wireless telecommunications device' shall have the same meaning as ~~provided~~ set forth in Code Section 40-6-241.

(4) By July 1, 2027, all law enforcement officers shall acquire equipment capable of verifying a license issued in an electronic format.

(c) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be fined no more than $10.00 if he or she produces in court a license theretofore issued to him or her and valid at the time of his or her arrest."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 154, nays 17.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 358. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Buckner of the 137th and Jenkins of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibiting the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities, so as to provide

for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 120, nays 50.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 89. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th and Hong of the 103rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the department of public health, so as to require healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric or other clinical records; to amend Code Section 37-3-166 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to treatment of clinical records, when release permitted, scope of privileged communications, liability for disclosure, and notice to sheriff of discharge, so as to permit the release of clinical records of a deceased patient to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to remove the requirement that a medical examiner's inquiry for pregnant female deaths be done through a regional perinatal center; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the department of public health, so as to require healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric records; to provide for the establishment of the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee; to provide for its composition and duties; to provide for assessment and recommendations to the commissioner of public health; to require that hospitals interested in being a designated regional perinatal center provide the department of public health with certain criteria; to provide that such department present a plan every four years; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 37-3-166 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to treatment of clinical records, when release permitted, scope of privileged communications, liability for disclosure, and notice to sheriff of discharge, so as to permit the release of clinical records of a deceased patient or deceased former patient to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to remove the requirement that a medical examiner's inquiry for pregnant female deaths be done through a regional perinatal center; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the department of public health, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-2A-16, relating to Maternal Mortality Review Committee established, as follows:

"(d)(1) Health care providers licensed pursuant to Title 43, health care facilities licensed pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 31, and pharmacies licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26 shall provide reasonable access to the committee to all relevant medical records associated with a case under review by the committee within 30 days of receiving a request for such records, unless prohibited by state or federal law.

(2) A health care provider, health care facility, or pharmacy providing access to medical and psychiatric records pursuant to this Code section shall not be held liable for civil damages or be subject to any criminal or disciplinary action for good faith efforts in providing such records."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

31-2A-70.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Advisory committee' or 'committee' means the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee established pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-71.

(2) 'Regional perinatal center' means a specially qualified hospital identified by the department and designated to a specific geographic region to lead collaboration between hospitals and providers to increase the likelihood that deliveries are performed in a hospital with an appropriate level of care for mothers and infants.

31-2A-71.

(a) There is established the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee for the purpose of considering and making recommendations to the commissioner concerning the addition, reduction, or transition of regional perinatal centers in this state. The committee shall advise the commissioner on the estimated costs to the department necessary to implement such recommendations.

(b) The Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee shall be composed of not less than 11 nor more than 21 members to be appointed by the commissioner, who shall appoint one of such members to serve as chairperson. All appointments to the committee shall be for a term of four years. A member shall serve until his or her successor has been duly appointed. The commissioner may reappoint any member.

(c) The advisory committee shall meet upon the call of the chairperson appointed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Beginning on July 1, 2026, and every four years thereafter, the department, in conjunction with the advisory committee, shall assess and make recommendations to the

commissioner on the adequacy of the regional perinatal system and consider hospital or labor and delivery closures. Such assessment shall evaluate whether:

(1) Perinatal facilities in each region are equipped and prepared to stabilize infants and mothers before transport;

(2) Coordination exists between maternity care in each region and regional perinatal centers;

(3) All identified high-risk pregnancies and deliveries are promptly evaluated in consultation with regional perinatal centers and referred to the appropriate designated regional perinatal center for the proper management and treatment of such conditions as needed;

(4) An adequate transport system is available in the region for the transfer of high-risk mothers and infants and specifically considers:

(A) The distance and travel time between referring hospitals and regional perinatal centers;

(B) The types of vehicles used for transport and whether a need exists for additional vehicles; and

(C) The need for upgraded vehicles and transport equipment; and

(5) Each regional perinatal center provides:

(A) Consultation for patients requiring special services, including transport;

(B) Coordination and assurance of follow-up medical care for maternal and neonatal patients requiring special services;

(C) Educational support to ensure quality care in institutions involved in perinatal healthcare in the region;

(D) An annual education plan with all birthing centers in the region;

(E) Compilation and analysis of perinatal data from the center and referring hospitals; and

(F) Coordination of perinatal health services within the region.

(e) When changes to the regional perinatal centers are approved by the department after recommendation by the advisory committee, the department shall submit a budget request to the Office of Planning and Budget prior to the General Assembly's next legislative session seeking appropriations to implement such changes.

31-2A-72.

A hospital interested in being designated as a regional perinatal center shall notify the department of the following:

(1) Such hospital's ability to meet the standards for regional perinatal centers;

(2) Any additional funding necessary to bring such hospital up to standard;

(3) Any special planning problems in such hospital's perinatal region, including, but not limited to, transportation, shortage of facilities, and personnel;

(4) A description of perinatal care currently being provided;

(5) A description of services that can be provided by the center in patient care, education, and consultation to hospitals within the perinatal region; and

(6) Any other information requested by the department.

31-2A-73.
Beginning on July 1, 2026, and every four years thereafter, the department shall present a plan to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate for the designated perinatal centers in every region of the state. Such plan shall include funding considerations to aid hospitals in meeting the standards and for continuing requirements, including, but not limited to, patient care, professional education, training programs, and physical facilities.

31-2A-74.
The department shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this article."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 37-3-166 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to treatment of clinical records, when release permitted, scope of privileged communications, liability for disclosure, and notice to sheriff of discharge, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A clinical record for each patient shall be maintained. Authorized release of the record shall include but not be limited to examination of the original record, copies of all or any portion of the record, or disclosure of information from the record, except for matters privileged under the laws of this state. Such examination shall be conducted on hospital premises at reasonable times determined by the facility. The clinical record shall not be a public record and no part of it shall be released except:

(1) When the chief medical officer of the facility where the record is kept deems it essential for continued treatment, a copy of the record or parts thereof may be released to physicians or psychologists when and as necessary for the treatment of the patient;

(2) A copy of the record may be released to any person or entity designated in writing by the patient or, if appropriate, the parent of a minor, the legal guardian of an adult or minor, or a person to whom legal custody of a minor patient has been given by order of a court;

(2.1) A copy of the record of a deceased patient or deceased former patient may be released to or in response to a valid subpoena of a coroner or medical examiner under Chapter 16 of Title 45, except for matters privileged under the laws of this state;

(3) When a patient is admitted to a facility, a copy of the record or information contained in the record from another facility, community mental health center, or private practitioner may be released to the admitting facility. When the service plan of a patient involves transfer of that patient to another facility, community mental health center, or private practitioner, a copy of the record or information contained in the record may be released to that facility, community mental health center, or private practitioner;

(4) A copy of the record or any part thereof may be disclosed to any employee or staff member of the facility when it is necessary for the proper treatment of the patient;

(5) A copy of the record shall be released to the patient's attorney if the attorney so requests and the patient, or the patient's legal guardian, consents to the release;
(6) In a bona fide medical emergency, as determined by a physician treating the patient, the chief medical officer may release a copy of the record to the treating physician or to the patient's psychologist;
(7) At the request of the patient, the patient's legal guardian, or the patient's attorney, the record shall be produced by the entity having custody thereof at any hearing held under this chapter;
(8) A copy of the record shall be produced in response to a valid subpoena or order of any court of competent jurisdiction, except for matters privileged under the laws of this state;
(8.1) A copy of the record may be released to the legal representative of a deceased patient's estate, except for matters privileged under the laws of this state;
(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a law enforcement officer in the course of a criminal investigation may be informed as to whether a person is or has been a patient in a state facility, as well as the patient's current address, if known; ~~and~~
(10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a law enforcement officer in the course of investigating the commission of a crime on the premises of a facility covered by this chapter or against facility personnel or a threat to commit such a crime may be informed as to the circumstances of the incident, including whether the individual allegedly committing or threatening to commit a crime is or has been a patient in the facility, and the name, address, and last known whereabouts of any alleged patient perpetrator; and
(11) A copy of the record of a deceased patient or deceased former patient may be released to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee established under Chapter 2A of Title 31, except for matters privileged under the laws of this state."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 45-16-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A coroner or county medical examiner who is notified of a death pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section under circumstances specified in paragraphs (1) through ~~(9)~~(10) of such subsection shall order a medical examiner's inquiry of that death. ~~A coroner or medical examiner who is notified of a death pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section under circumstances specified in paragraph (10) of such subsection and which death was not under circumstances specified in paragraphs (1) through (9) of such subsection shall order a medical examiner's inquiry for such death through a regional perinatal center, as identified by the Department of Public Health.~~ This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a medical examiner's inquiry of a death if a coroner or county medical examiner is notified of a death under circumstances specified in paragraph (11) of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	N Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

HB 186. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Ridley of the 6th, Ford of the 170th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, so as to eliminate the title ad valorem tax fee requirement for certain inherited vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Paris	E Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 290. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 176, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 327. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to financial institutions; to amend Chapter 6B of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia power of attorney; to amend Code Section 15-9-127 of the O.C.G.A., relating to concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts and probate court jurisdiction; to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations; to amend Code Section 24-12-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure of AIDS confidential information; to amend Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to guardian and ward; to amend Code Section 31-10-9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration of births; to amend Code Section 43-34-37 of the O.C.G.A.; to amend Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to property; to amend Code Section 51-4-2 of the O.C.G.A.,; to amend Title 53 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial institutions, so as to provide for the appointment of a trust director regarding certain estates; to update certain fiduciary provisions; to amend Chapter 6B of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia power of attorney, so as to provide for certain delegations to powers of attorney; to amend Code Section 15-9-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts and probate court jurisdiction, so as to provide for service of process regarding probate proceedings; to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for parental powers and rights regarding children born out of wedlock or from methods of assisted reproduction; to provide for superior court jurisdiction regarding support orders; to amend Code Section 24-12-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure of AIDS confidential information, so as to

provide for the dissemination of certain information regarding the estate of a person with AIDS; to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to increase the amount of moneys distributed under probate court jurisdiction in cases of minors and incapacitated persons; to revise provisions regarding the compensation for legal counsel or guardian ad litem; to amend Code Section 31-10-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of births, so as to provide for children born from methods of assisted reproduction; to amend Code Section 43-34-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons authorized to perform artificial insemination and civil liability of physician or surgeon, so as to provide for the authorization of performing methods of assisted reproduction; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for petitions of trustees and trust directors regarding nonvested property interests; to provide for certain institutional gifts and funds; to amend Code Section 50-18-160 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of personal information of individuals or nonprofit organizations, so as to provide that certain provisions of such Code section shall not apply to the collection and use of personal information by the Department of Early Care and Learning for purposes authorized by Chapter 1A of Title 20; to amend Code Section 51-4-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wrongful death of spouse or parent, so as to provide for recovery for children born out of wedlock; to amend Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wills, trusts, and administration of estates, so as to provide for the decree of adoption; to provide for estate interests of children born out of wedlock or from methods of assisted reproduction; to provide for procedures when heirship distribution is in question regarding estate property interests; to provide for certain fiduciary powers for estate personal representatives; to provide that creditors give personal representatives timely notice of claims against the estate; to provide for the filing and service of estate annual return documentation; to revise certain definitions relating to trusts; to provide for DNA testing with regard to kinship; to provide for the survival of common law and equity regarding trusts; to provide for interested parties in nonjudicial settlement agreements; to provide for conditions in terrorem trust instruments; to provide for trustee duties to the settlor; to provide for certain trustee powers regarding trust modifications; to provide for charitable trusts; to provide for the capacity, appointment, and removal of trustees; to provide for trustee duties to the beneficiary; to provide for trustee powers; to repeal a provision relating to granting powers by qualified beneficiaries; to provide for limitations of actions against a trustee; to provide for nonresidents acting as trustees; to revise provisions regarding trust instrument delegation and unitrusts; to revise provisions relating to trust directors; to provide for electronic trust administration records and electronic signatures with respect to trusts; to provide for definitions; to provide for conformity to federal law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial institutions, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 7-1-223, relating to substituted trustee or manager for trust and pooled assets, as follows:

"(b) Nothing in this Code section or Code Section 7-1-222 shall be construed to impair any right of the grantor or beneficiaries of trust or pooled assets, a trust director acting as authorized by and in compliance with Article 18 of Chapter 12 of Title 53 with respect to trust or pooled assets, or any person acting as authorized by and in compliance with Code Section 53-12-201 with respect to trust or pooled assets under applicable instruments or otherwise to secure or provide for the appointment of a substituted trustee or manager."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 7-1-242, relating to restriction on corporate fiduciaries, as follows:

"(b) Acting as a fiduciary for purposes of this Code section includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Accepting or executing trusts or otherwise acting as a trustee;

(2) Administering real or tangible personal property located in Georgia or elsewhere. ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this paragraph, the term 'administer' means to possess, purchase, sell, lease, insure, safekeep, manage, or otherwise oversee; and

(3) Acting pursuant to a court order as personal representative~~, executor,~~ or temporary administrator of the estate of a deceased person or as guardian or conservator for a minor or incapacitated person."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 7-1-322, relating to effect of affiliate transfer on bank, abandonment of transfer, and substituted fiduciary, as follows:

"(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to impair any right of the grantor or beneficiaries of any fiduciary relationship or a trust director acting as authorized by and in compliance with Article 18 of Chapter 12 of Title 53 with respect to such fiduciary relationship under applicable instruments or otherwise to secure or provide for the appointment of a substituted fiduciary."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 7-1-324, relating to designation of affiliate trust company as successor fiduciary, as follows:

"7-1-324.

Upon any affiliate transfer, the affiliate trust company may be designated in any deed, trust instrument, agreement, filing, instrument, notice, certificate, pleading, or other document as successor fiduciary pursuant to this part."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 7-1-333, relating to limitations on investments, as follows:

"7-1-333.

Trust institutions and foreign trust institutions, as defined by this part, acting in a fiduciary capacity and for fiduciary purposes, if exercising due care as a prudent investor, and with the consent of any cofiduciary, may invest and reinvest funds held in such fiduciary capacity in the shares of stock of one or more fiduciary investment companies, except where the will, trust instrument or indenture, or other instrument under which such trust institution or foreign trust institution acts prohibits such investment, provided that the fiduciary investment company, by its articles of incorporation issued and granted in conformity with Chapter 2 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code,' shall have and possess the corporate powers required by this part and be subject to the limitations set forth by this part; provided, further, that no such trust institution or foreign trust institution shall invest in the stock of a fiduciary investment company on behalf of any estate, trust, or fund administered by such trust institution or foreign trust institution a sum or amount ~~which~~ that would result in such estate, trust, or fund having a total investment in such stock in excess of the maximum amount or percentage that might be invested by such estate, trust, or fund, under the regulations of the department in effect at the time of such investment, in any common trust fund having total assets equal to the total assets of the fiduciary investment company as increased by the proposed investment; and no trust institution or foreign trust institution shall invest in the stock of a fiduciary investment company if, immediately after such investment and as a consequence thereof, it would own more than 25 percent of the voting securities of such fiduciary investment company ~~which~~ that would then be outstanding."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 7-1-334, relating to corporate powers and limitations and restrictions, as follows:

"7-1-334.

Every fiduciary investment company in which a trust institution or foreign trust institution is authorized by this part to own and hold corporate stock or shares, in order to qualify for such investments, shall have such corporate powers as may be granted by Chapter 2 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code,' by virtue of its incorporation under those chapters and shall, in addition, have the following corporate powers under its articles of incorporation and, by its articles of incorporation or its bylaws, be subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in this Code section:

(1) The stock of any such fiduciary investment company shall be owned and held only by trust institutions and foreign trust institutions acting as fiduciaries or cofiduciaries but may be registered in the name of the nominee or nominees of any such trust institution or foreign trust institution. Such stock shall not be subject to transfer or assignment except to the trust institution or foreign trust institution on whose behalf the stock is held by any such nominee or nominees or to a fiduciary or cofiduciary ~~which~~

that becomes successor to the shareholder and ~~which~~ that is also a trust institution or foreign trust institution qualified to hold such stock~~.~~;

(2) A fiduciary investment company shall have no ~~less~~ fewer than five directors, who need not be shareholders but shall be officers or directors of trust institutions or foreign trust institutions holding stock in such fiduciary investment company; provided, however, that no more than two directors shall be officers or directors of any one trust institution or foreign trust institution if the fiduciary investment company has been organized and incorporated by three or more trust institutions~~.~~;

(3) In acquiring, investing, reinvesting, exchanging, selling, and managing its assets, every fiduciary investment company shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then ~~existing which men~~ prevailing that persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income as well as the safety of their capital. Within the foregoing limitations, a fiduciary investment company may acquire and retain every kind of investment, specifically including, but not limited to, ~~(but not by way of limitation)~~ bonds, debentures, and other corporate obligations and corporate stocks, preferred or common, ~~which men~~ that persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence acquire or retain for their own account, provided that a fiduciary investment company shall not at any time:

(A) Invest in real estate, commodities, or commodity contracts;

(B) Participate on a joint or joint and several basis in any securities trading account;

(C) Invest in companies for the purpose of exercising control or management;

(D) Make loans to any person or persons, except that the purchase of a portion of an issue of debt securities, convertible debt securities, debt securities with warrants, rights, or options attached, or other similar securities when originally issued or thereafter, of a character commonly distributed publicly, shall not be considered the making of a loan;

(E) Purchase or retain the securities of any issuer if immediately after such acquisition and as a result thereof the following requirements would not be met: at least 75 percent of the total assets in the fiduciary investment company taken at market value are represented by cash and cash items, securities issued or guaranteed by the United States or an instrumentality thereof, and other securities ~~which~~ that, as to any one issuer, do not represent more than 10 percent of the value of the total assets of the fiduciary investment company;

(F) Purchase or otherwise acquire the securities of any other investment company as ~~that~~ such term is defined in ~~the act of Congress entitled 'Investment~~ the federal Investment Company Act of ~~1940'~~ 1940;

(G) Act as underwriter of the securities of other issuers;

(H) Borrow money; or

(I) Engage in margin transactions or short sales or write put or call options for the purchase or sale of securities~~.~~;

(4) A fiduciary investment company may acquire, purchase, or redeem its own stock and may, by means of contract or by its bylaws, bind itself to acquire, purchase, or redeem its own stock; but it shall not vote shares of its own stock theretofore redeemed.~~,~~;

(5) A fiduciary investment company shall not be responsible for ascertaining the investment powers of any fiduciary who may purchase its stock, shall not be liable for accepting funds from a fiduciary in violation of restrictions of the will, trust instrument or indenture, or other instrument under which such fiduciary is acting in absence of actual knowledge of such violation, and shall be accountable only to the department and the fiduciaries who are the owners of its stock.~~,~~; and

(6) Every fiduciary investment company subject to the supervision and regulation of the comptroller of the currency of the United States shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of that agency to the extent that such rules and regulations are in addition to or in conflict with rules and regulations promulgated by the department."

SECTION 7.

Chapter 6B of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia power of attorney, is amended in Code Section 10-6B-3, relating to applicability of chapter, by revising paragraphs (9) and (10) and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(9) Any delegation of authority by a personal representative, trustee, or trust director that is expressly provided for under a will or trust instrument or under Title 53, including, but not limited to, paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 53-7-5, paragraph (1) of Code Section 53-12-204, Code Section 53-12-345, and subsection (f) of Code Section 53-12-503;

(10) Powers of attorney provided for under Titles 19 and 33; and

~~(10)~~(11) As set forth in Code Section 10-6B-81."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 10-6B-81, relating to application of Chapter 6B, as follows:

"10-6B-81.

(a) This Code section and Code Section 10-6B-19 shall apply retroactively to powers of attorney created before July 1, 2018. The remainder of this chapter shall not apply to a power of attorney executed before July 1, 2017.

(b) When ~~Code Section 10-6B-3~~ this chapter applies to a power of attorney pursuant to Code Section 10-6B-3, Chapter 6 of this title shall not apply to such power of attorney.

(c) When, other than this Code section and Code Section 10-6B-19, this chapter does not apply to a power of attorney:

(1) It shall not affect the application of Chapter 6 of this title; and

(2) The former provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 6 of this title, as such existed on June 30, 2017, shall remain applicable."

SECTION 9.

Code Section 15-9-127 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts and probate court jurisdiction, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) In a proceeding in the probate court under subsection (a) of this Code section, service of summons, notice, or process may be made pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 53."

SECTION 10.

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-7-1, relating to in whom parental power lies, how such power lost, and recovery for homicide of child or unborn child, as follows:

"(9) A superior court order terminating parental rights of the legal father or the biological father who is not the legal father of the child in a petition for legitimation, a petition to establish paternity, a divorce proceeding, or a custody proceeding pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 5, 8, or 9 of this title, provided that such termination is in the best interest of such child; and provided, further, that this paragraph shall not apply to such termination when a child has been adopted or is conceived by artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-21 or when an embryo is adopted as set forth in Article 2 of Chapter 8 of this title."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-7-21, relating to when children conceived by artificial insemination legitimate, as follows:

"19-7-21.

(a) All children born within wedlock or within the usual period of gestation thereafter who have been conceived by means of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction are irrebuttably presumed legitimate if both spouses have consented in writing to the use and administration of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction.

(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall be subject to Article 2 of Chapter 8 of this title, and, in the event of a conflict, the provisions of such article shall prevail."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 19-7-22, relating to petition for legitimation of child, requirement that mother be named as a party, court order, effect, claims for custody or visitation, and third-party action for legitimation in response to petition to establish paternity, as follows:

"(d)(1) Upon the presentation and filing of a legitimation petition, and after a hearing for which notice was provided to all interested parties, the court may issue an order declaring the biological father's relationship with the child to be legitimate, provided that such order is in the best interests of the child. If such order is issued, the biological

father and child shall be capable of inheriting from each other in the same manner as if the child was born in lawful wedlock, pursuant to division (2)(A)(i) of Code Section 53-2-3 and paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 53-2-4. Such order shall specify the name by which the child shall be known.

(2)(A) If the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the father caused his child to be conceived as a result of having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with the mother of his child or an offense that consists of the same or similar elements under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States, or when the mother is less than ten years of age, ~~or an offense which consists of the same or similar elements under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States,~~ it shall create a presumption against legitimation.

(B)(i) Notwithstanding division (2)(A)(i) of Code Section 53-2-3, if the court denies a legitimation petition under this paragraph, the child shall be capable of inheriting from or through his or her father under divisions (2)(A)(ii) through (vi) of Code Section 53-2-3 or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 53-2-3.

(ii) Notwithstanding Code Section 53-2-4, if the court denies a legitimation petition under this paragraph, the father shall not be capable of inheriting from or through his child.

(C) If there is a pending criminal proceeding in connection with an allegation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the court shall stay discovery in the legitimation action until the completion of such criminal proceeding.

(D) Except as provided in this paragraph, nothing in this article shall be applied or construed to abrogate or limit:

(i) The jurisdiction of a probate court or a superior court under Code Section 53-2-20 to resolve judicially the identity or interest of any heir in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 53; or

(ii) The effect of the findings of such a court in such a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 53-2-26."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 19-7-40, relating to jurisdiction and administrative determination of paternity, to read as follows:

"(c) Nothing in this article shall be applied or construed to abrogate or limit:

(1) The jurisdiction of a probate court or a superior court under Code Section 53-2-20 to resolve judicially the identity or interest of any heir in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 53; or

(2) The effect of the findings of such a court in such a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 53-2-26."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 19-7-43, relating to petition, by whom brought, effect of agreement on right to bring petition, stay pending birth of child, court order for blood tests, and genetic tests, as follows:

"(e) In any case for the collection of child support involving the Department of Human Services in which the paternity of a child or children has not been established or in which the individual receiving services alleges that paternity rests in a person other than the previously established father, the Department of Human Services shall order genetic testing of the mother, the alleged father, and the child or children as specified in Code Section 19-7-45. No genetic testing shall be undertaken by the Department of Human Services if the child was adopted either by the applicant for services or other alleged parent or if the child was conceived by means of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction. The need for genetic testing shall be supported by a sworn statement alleging paternity and setting forth facts establishing a reasonable possibility of the requisite sexual contact between the parties. The parties shall be given notice and an opportunity to contest the order before the Department of Human Services prior to the testing or the imposition of any noncooperation sanction."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) and subparagraph (d)(1)(C) of Code Section 19-7-54, relating to motion to set aside determination of paternity, as follows:

"(3) The child was not conceived by artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction while the male ordered to pay child support and the child's mother were in wedlock;"

"(C) The child was conceived by means of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction; or"

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 2 of Chapter 11, the "Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act," to read as follows:

"19-11-82.

Nothing in this article shall be applied or construed to abrogate or limit:

(1) The jurisdiction of a probate court or a superior court under Code Section 53-2-20 to resolve judicially the identity or interest of any heir in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 53; or

(2) The effect of the findings of such a court in such a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 53-2-26."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 3 of Chapter 11, the "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act," to read as follows:

"19-11-192.

Nothing in this article shall be applied or construed to abrogate or limit:

(1) The jurisdiction of a probate court or a superior court under Code Section 53-2-20 to resolve judicially the identity or interest of any heir in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 53; or

(2) The effect of the findings of such a court in such a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 53-2-26."

SECTION 18.

Code Section 24-12-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure of AIDS confidential information, is amended by revising subsections (y) and (bb) as follows:

"(y) The protection against disclosure provided by Code Section 24-12-20 shall be waived, and AIDS confidential information may be disclosed, to the extent that the person identified by such information~~, his or her~~; such person's heirs, successors, or assigns~~, or~~; a beneficiary of such ~~person, including, but not limited to, an executor, administrator,~~ person's estate; or the personal representative of such person's estate:

(1) Files a claim or claims other entitlements under any insurance policy or benefit plan or is involved in any civil proceeding regarding such claim;

(2) Places such person's care and treatment, the nature and extent of his or her injuries, the extent of his or her damages, his or her medical condition, or the reasons for his or her death at issue in any judicial proceeding; or

(3) Is involved in a dispute regarding coverage under any insurance policy or benefit plan."

"(bb) AIDS confidential information may be disclosed as a part of any proceeding or procedure authorized or required pursuant to Chapter 3, 4, or 7 of Title 37~~,~~ regarding a person who is alleged to be or who is mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or alcoholic or drug dependent;~~, or~~ as a part of any proceeding or procedure authorized or required pursuant to Title 29~~,~~ regarding the guardianship of a person or ~~that~~ the conservatorship of a person's estate; or as a part of any proceeding or procedure authorized or required pursuant to Title 53 regarding the estate of a deceased person, as follows:

(1) Any person who files or transmits a petition or other document ~~which~~ that discloses AIDS confidential information in connection with any such proceeding or procedure shall provide a cover page ~~which~~ that contains only the type of proceeding or procedure, the court in which the proceeding or procedure is or will be pending, and the words 'CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION' without in any way otherwise disclosing thereon the name of any individual or that such petition or other document specifically contains AIDS confidential information;

(2) AIDS confidential information shall only be disclosed pursuant to this subsection after disclosure to and with the written consent of the person identified by that information;~~, or~~ that person's parent or guardian if that person is a minor; ~~or has~~ that person's guardian, if that person previously has been adjudicated as being ~~incompetent,~~ in need of a guardian; the personal representative of that person's estate, if that person is deceased; or by order of court obtained in accordance with subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(3) If any person files or transmits a petition or other document in connection with any such proceeding or procedure ~~which~~ that discloses AIDS confidential information without obtaining consent as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court receiving such information shall either obtain written consent as set forth in that paragraph (2) for any further use or disclosure of such information or:

(A) Return such petition or other document to the person who filed or transmitted same, with directions against further filing or ~~transmittal~~ transmitting of such information in connection with such proceeding or procedure except in compliance with this subsection;

(B) Delete or expunge all references to such AIDS confidential information from the particular petition or other document; or

(C)(i) If the court determines there is a compelling need for such information in connection with the particular proceeding or procedure, petition a superior court of competent jurisdiction for permission to obtain or disclose that information. If the person identified by the information is not yet represented by an attorney in the proceeding or procedure in connection with which the information is sought, the petitioning court shall appoint an attorney for such person. The petitioning court shall have both that person and that person's attorney personally served with notice of the petition and of the date, time, and place of the superior court hearing thereon. Such hearing shall not be held sooner than 72 hours after service, unless the information is to be used in connection with an emergency guardianship proceeding under Code Section 29-4-14, in which event the hearing shall not be held sooner than 48 hours after service.

(ii) The superior court in which a petition is filed pursuant to division (i) of this subparagraph shall hold an in camera hearing on such petition. The purpose of the hearing shall be to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence of a compelling need for the AIDS confidential information sought in connection with the particular proceeding or procedure ~~which~~ that cannot be accommodated by other means. In assessing compelling need, the superior court shall weigh the public health, safety, or welfare needs or any other public or private need for the disclosure against the privacy interest of the person identified by the information and the public interest ~~which~~ that may be disserved by disclosures ~~which~~ that may deter voluntary HIV tests. If the court determines that disclosure of ~~that~~ such information is authorized under this subparagraph, the court shall order ~~that~~ such disclosure and shall impose appropriate safeguards against any unauthorized disclosure. The records of that hearing otherwise shall be under seal; and

(4) The court having jurisdiction over such proceeding or procedure, when it becomes apparent that AIDS confidential information will likely be or has been disclosed in connection with such proceeding or procedure, shall take such measures as the court determines appropriate to preserve the confidentiality of the disclosed information to the maximum extent possible. Such measures shall include, ~~without being~~ but shall not be limited to, closing the proceeding or procedure to the public and sealing all or any part of the records of the proceeding or procedure containing AIDS confidential

information. The records of any appeals taken from any such proceeding or procedure shall also be sealed. Furthermore, the court may consult with and obtain the advice of medical experts or other counsel or advisers as to the relevance and materiality of such information in such proceedings or procedures, provided that the identity of the person identified by such information is not thereby revealed."

SECTION 19.

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended by revising Code Section 29-6-1, relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds and authority to collect debts, as follows:

"29-6-1.

The judges of the probate courts are, in their discretion, made the legal custodians and distributors of all moneys up to ~~$15,000.00~~ $25,000.00 due and owing to any minor or ~~incapacitated~~ adult who is in need of a conservator but who has no legal and qualified conservator; and the judges are authorized to receive and collect all such moneys arising from insurance policies, benefit societies, legacies, inheritances, or any other source. Without any appointment or qualifying order, the judge is authorized to take charge of the moneys or funds of the minor or adult by virtue of the judge's office as judge of the probate court in the county of residence of the minor or adult; provided, however, that notice shall be given to the living parents of a minor, if any, or the guardian of an adult, if any. The certificate of the judge that no legally qualified conservator has been appointed shall be conclusive and shall be sufficient authority to justify any debtor in making payment on claims made by the judge."

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 29-9-15, relating to compensation for legal counsel or guardian ad litem, as follows:

"(b) In connection with any proceeding brought pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 11 of this title, unless voluntarily waived, the court may award reasonable fees and expenses, commensurate with the tasks performed and time devoted to the proceeding, including any appeals, to any legal counsel who is retained by or on behalf of a minor, a proposed ward, a ward, the petitioner or petitioners, or any other party to any proceeding brought pursuant to the provisions of said chapters~~. As~~ as directed by the court in the exercise of its sound discretion and as the court may deem to be in the best interest of the minor, proposed ward, or ward who is the subject of the particular proceeding."

SECTION 21.

Code Section 31-10-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of births, is amended by revising subsections (d) and (f) as follows:

"(d) When a birth occurs on a moving conveyance within the United States and the child is first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be registered in this state and the place where ~~it~~ the child is first removed shall be considered the place of birth.

When a birth occurs on a moving conveyance while in international waters or airspace or in a foreign country or its airspace and the child is first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be registered in this state but the certificate shall show the actual place of birth insofar as such place can be determined."

"(f) The birth certificate of a child born to a married woman as a result of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction, with consent of her husband, shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this Code section."

SECTION 22.

Code Section 43-34-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons authorized to perform artificial insemination and civil liability of physician or surgeon, is amended by revising said Code section as follows:

"43-34-37.

(a) Physicians and surgeons licensed to practice medicine in accordance with and under this article shall be the only persons authorized to administer or perform artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction upon any female human being. Any other person or persons who shall attempt to administer or perform or who shall actually administer or perform artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction upon any female human being shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than five years.

(b) Any physician or surgeon who obtains written authorization signed by both the husband and the wife authorizing him or her to perform or administer artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction shall be relieved of civil liability to the husband and wife or to any child conceived by artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction for the result or results of said artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction, provided that the written authorization ~~provided for in this Code section~~ obtained shall not relieve any physician or surgeon from any civil liability arising from his or her own negligent administration or performance of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction."

SECTION 23.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended by revising Code Section 44-5-37, relating to applicability of Code Sections 53-2-112 through 53-2-114 to elections under or against deed, as follows:

"44-5-37.

The principles of Code Sections ~~53-2-112 through 53-2-114~~ 53-4-70 and 53-4-71 relating to elections shall also apply to deeds."

SECTION 24.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 44-6-203, relating to reform of disposition by court to approximate transferor's plan of distribution, as follows:

"44-6-203.

Upon the petition of ~~an interested person~~ a trustee, trust director, or other person whose interests would be affected, a court shall reform a disposition in the manner that most closely approximates the transferor's manifested plan of distribution and is within the number of years allowed by paragraph (2) of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Code Section 44-6-201 if:

(1) A nonvested property interest or a power of appointment becomes invalid under Code Section 44-6-201;

(2) A class gift is not but might still become invalid under Code Section 44-6-201 and the time has arrived when the share of any class member is to take effect in possession or enjoyment; or

(3) A nonvested property interest that is not validated by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 44-6-201 can vest, but not within 360 years after its creation."

SECTION 25.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of Code Section 44-6-204, relating to exceptions to applicability of article, as follows:

"(1) A nonvested property interest or a power of appointment arising out of a nondonative transfer, except a nonvested property interest or a power of appointment arising out of:

(A) A premarital or postmarital agreement;

(B) A separation or divorce settlement;

(C) A spouse's election;

(D) A similar arrangement arising out of a prospective, existing, or previous marital relationship between the parties;

(E) A contract to make or not to revoke a will or trust, including, but not necessarily limited to, a contract made pursuant to Code Section 53-4-30;

(F) A contract to exercise or not to exercise a power of appointment;

(G) A transfer in satisfaction of a duty of support; or

(H) A reciprocal transfer;

(2) A fiduciary's power relating to the administration or management of assets, including:

(A) The ~~the~~ power of a fiduciary to sell, lease, or mortgage property~~,~~;

(B) The ~~and the~~ power of a fiduciary to determine principal and income; and

(C) A power of direction, as such term is defined in Code Section 53-12-500;"

"(4) A discretionary power of a trustee to distribute or of a trust director to direct the distribution of principal before termination of a trust to a beneficiary having an indefeasibly vested interest in the income and principal~~. Nothing~~; provided, however, that nothing contained in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Code section and this paragraph shall be construed to permit the fiduciary to continue the administration or management

of assets once the nonvested property interest becomes invalid as described in subsection (a) of Code Section 44-6-201;"

SECTION 26.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 44-6-205, relating to applicability of article and court reform of nonvested dispositions created before article became effective, as follows:

"(b) With respect to a nonvested property interest or a power of appointment that was created before July 1, 2018, and that violates this state's rule against perpetuities as that rule existed before July 1, 2018, a court, upon the petition of ~~an interested party~~ a trustee, trust director, or other person whose interests would be affected, may:

(1) Subject to Code Section 23-1-4, exercise its equitable power;

(2) Approve a nonjudicial settlement agreement or make any related determination under subsection (c) of Code Section 53-12-9;

(3) Approve a petition to modify or terminate an irrevocable trust under Code Section 53-12-61; or

(4) Declare that the exercise of the power to invade the principal of the original trust under subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-62 is appropriate and effective

so that the nonvested property interest is within the limits of the rule against perpetuities applicable when the nonvested property interest or power of appointment was created to reform the disposition in the manner that most closely approximates the transferor's manifested plan of distribution and is within the limits of the rule against perpetuities applicable when the nonvested property interest or power of appointment was created."

SECTION 27.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 9 of Chapter 6, the "Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities," to read as follows:

"44-6-207.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Court' means a court of competent jurisdiction as determined in accordance with Code Section 53-12-6.

(2) 'Power of appointment' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 53-12-500.

(3) 'Power of direction' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 53-12-500.

(4) 'Trust' means an express trust, as such term is defined in Code Section 53-12-2."

SECTION 28.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (e) of Code Section 44-15-3, relating to considerations and standard of conduct for institutions receiving gifts, as follows:

"(b) In addition to complying with the duty of loyalty imposed by law other than this chapter, each person responsible for managing and investing an institutional fund shall

manage and invest such fund in good faith and with the care, skill, and caution an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the institutional fund."

"(e) Except as otherwise provided by a gift instrument, the following rules shall apply:

(1) In managing and investing an institutional fund, the following factors, if relevant, shall be considered:

(A) General economic conditions;

(B) The possible effect of inflation or deflation;

(C) The expected tax consequences, if any, of investment decisions or strategies;

(D) The role that each investment or course of action plays within the overall investment portfolio of such fund;

(E) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;

(F) Other resources of the institution;

(G) The needs of the institution and such fund to make distributions and to preserve capital; ~~and~~

(H) An asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the charitable purposes of the institution or to the donor; and

(I) Any special circumstances;

(2) Management and investment decisions about an individual asset shall not be made in isolation but rather in the context of the institutional fund's portfolio of investments as a whole and as a part of an overall investment strategy having risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the institutional fund and to the institution;

(3) An institution may invest in any kind of property or type of investment consistent with the provisions of this Code section;

(4) An institution shall reasonably manage the risk of concentrated holdings of assets by diversifying the investments of the institutional fund or by using some other appropriate mechanism, except as provided in this paragraph, as follows:

(A) The duty imposed by this paragraph shall not apply if the institution reasonably determines that, because of special circumstances, or because of the specific purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the institutional fund, the purposes of such fund are better served without complying with the duty. For purposes of this paragraph, special circumstances shall include an asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the charitable purposes of the institution or to the donor;

(B) No person responsible for managing and investing an institutional fund shall be liable for failing to comply with the duty imposed by this paragraph to the extent that the terms of the gift instrument or express written agreement between the donor and the institution limits or waives the duty; and

(C) The governing board of an institution may retain property contributed by a donor to an institutional fund for as long as the governing board deems advisable;

(5) Within a reasonable time after receiving property, an institution shall make and carry out decisions concerning the retention or disposition of the property or to the

rebalancing of a portfolio, in order to bring the institutional fund into compliance with the purposes, terms, and distribution requirements of the institution or the institutional fund as necessary to meet other circumstances of the institution or the institutional fund and the requirements of this chapter; ~~and~~

(6) A person that has special skills or expertise, or is selected in reliance upon the person's representation that such person has special skills or expertise, has a duty to use those skills or expertise in managing and investing institutional funds; and

(7) In investing and managing institutional funds, an institution may consider the personal values of the donor, including, but not limited to, a desire to engage in investing strategies that align with social, political, religious, philosophical, environmental, governance, or other values or beliefs of the donor; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall allow an institutional fund to be used for a purpose other than a charitable purpose of the institution."

SECTION 29.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 44-15-4, relating to management of institutional funds for endowment, as follows:

"(a) Subject to the intent of a donor expressed in the gift instrument or to any express written agreement between a donor and an institution, an institution may appropriate for expenditure or accumulate assets of an endowment fund as the institution determines shall be prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the endowment fund is established. Unless stated otherwise in the gift instrument, the assets in an endowment fund shall be donor restricted assets until appropriated for expenditure by the institution. In making a determination to appropriate or accumulate assets, the institution shall act in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances~~,~~; shall exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution; and shall consider, if relevant, the following factors:

(1) The duration and preservation of the endowment fund;

(2) The purposes of the institution and the endowment fund;

(3) General economic conditions;

(4) The possible effect of inflation or deflation;

(5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;

(6) Other resources of the institution; ~~and~~

(7) The investment policy of the institution; and

(8) Any special circumstances."

SECTION 30.

Said title is further amended by adding new subsections to Code Section 44-15-6, relating to modification of restrictions, to read as follows:

"(e) For purposes of subsection (a) of this Code section, a donor's designee includes, but is not limited to, an agent under a power of attorney to the extent authorized by the power of attorney and the duly constituted conservator of a donor who is a protected person, as

such term is defined in Code Section 29-11-2, to the extent such conservator is so empowered pursuant to Code Section 29-5-23 or other applicable law.

(f) For purposes of subsection (b) of this Code section, if the gift instrument establishes an express trust, as such term is defined in Code Section 53-12-2, a court shall include a probate court or superior court as provided in Code Section 15-9-127 or 53-12-6."

SECTION 31.

Code Section 50-18-160 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of personal information of individuals or nonprofit organizations, is amended in paragraph (12) of subsection (d) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (C), replacing the period at the end of subparagraph (D) with "; and", and adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(E) By the Department of Early Care and Learning for purposes authorized in Chapter 1A of Title 20."

SECTION 32.

Code Section 51-4-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wrongful death of spouse or parent, is amended by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) In actions for recovery under this Code section, the fact that a child has been born out of wedlock shall be no bar to recovery, provided that such child born out of wedlock had rights of inheritance from or through the child's deceased parent under Code Section 53-2-3."

SECTION 33.

Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wills, trusts, and administration of estates, is amended by revising Code Section 53-1-9, relating to survival of common law and equity, as follows:

"53-1-9.

Except to the extent that the principles of common law and equity governing wills, trusts, and the administration of estates are modified by this title or another provision of law, those principles remain the law of this state. Without limitation:

(1) No provision of this title shall be construed to imply that any other Code section or the common law did not, prior to the enactment of such provision, impose, permit, or otherwise address a duty, power, relationship, or any other matter governed by such provision; and

(2) The failure of the General Assembly to codify an established principle of common law or equity governing wills, trusts, and the administration of estates shall not be construed as evidence that the General Assembly intended to reject that principle unless this title or another provision of law is inconsistent with that principle or there is other evidence the General Assembly intended that such principle should no longer apply."

SECTION 34.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-2, which is reserved, as follows:

"53-2-2.

(a) Code Sections 53-2-3 and 53-2-4 shall be subject to the provisions of subparagraph (d)(2)(B) of Code Section 19-7-22.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be applied or construed to expand or extend the jurisdiction of the probate courts for purposes of Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 19, the 'Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act,' or Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 19, the 'Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.' ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 35.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-3, relating to inheritance by children born out of wedlock, as follows:

"53-2-3.

The rights of inheritance of a child born out of wedlock shall be as follows:

(1) A child born out of wedlock may inherit in the same manner as though legitimate from or through the child's mother, the other children of the mother, and any other maternal kin;

(2)(A) A child born out of wedlock may not inherit from or through the child's father, the other children of the father, or any paternal kin by reason of the paternal kinship, unless:

(i) A court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order declaring the child to be legitimate, under the authority of Code Section 19-7-22 or such other authority as may be provided by law;

(ii) A court of competent jurisdiction has otherwise entered a court order establishing paternity~~;~~ that has not been set aside as provided in Code Section 19-7-54; provided, however, that:

(I) A temporary order of support entered under subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-46.2 or an order of support entered under subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-49 shall not be conclusive under this division unless such order also satisfies division (i) of this subparagraph or unless the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending determines, in its discretion, that such order also satisfies division (vi) of this subparagraph;

(II) A support order, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-11-42, shall not be conclusive under this division unless such order also satisfies division (i) of this subparagraph or unless the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending determines, in its discretion, that such order also satisfies division (vi) of this subparagraph;

(III) A temporary order of support entered under subsection (e) of Code Section 19-11-48 or a temporary order under Code Section 19-11-74 shall not be conclusive under this division unless such order also satisfies division (i) of this subparagraph or unless the court before which proceedings on the estate are

pending determines, in its discretion, that such order also satisfies division (vi) of this subparagraph;

(IV) A support order, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-11-101, shall not be conclusive under this division unless such order also satisfies division (i) of this subparagraph or unless the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending determines, in its discretion, that such order also satisfies division (vi) of this subparagraph;

(V) A temporary child support order entered under paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-140 shall be conclusive under this division. A temporary child support order entered under paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-140 shall satisfy division (vi) of this subparagraph. Any other temporary child support order entered under subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-140 shall not be conclusive under this division unless such order also satisfies division (i) of this subparagraph or unless the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending determines, in its discretion, that such order also satisfies division (vi) of this subparagraph;

(VI) For purposes of this division, an administrative determination of paternity made pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 19-7-40 shall have the same force and effect as a judicial decree;

(VII) For purposes of this division, a court order for child support, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-11-3, issued by an administrative or quasi-judicial entity of this state or another state shall have the same force and effect as a judicial decree;

(VIII) For purposes of this division, a judgment determining parentage of a child issued by a tribunal or a foreign tribunal, as such terms are defined in Code Section 19-11-101, shall be given the same force and effect by the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending as such judgment would be given in the tribunals of Georgia, as designated by subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-102; and

(IX) Nothing in this division shall be applied or construed to make available to the probate courts the information contained in the state case registry pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 19-11-39;

(iii) The father has executed a sworn statement signed by him attesting to the parent-child relationship, including, but not limited to:

(I) A voluntary acknowledgment of legitimation that was valid under the former provisions of Code Section 19-7-21.1 and was executed on or before June 30, 2016;

(II) A voluntary acknowledgment of paternity that satisfies the requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-7-46.1 and is neither timely rescinded nor successfully challenged as provided by subsection (b) or (c) of Code Section 19-7-46.1;

(III) An acknowledgment of paternity made under oath pursuant to Code Section 19-11-13; or

(IV) A voluntary acknowledgment of paternity that is admissible to establish parentage of the child under subsection (j) of Code Section 19-11-135;

(iv)(I) The father has signed the birth certificate of the child.

(II) The name or social security account number of the father appears on the birth certificate of the child or on a certified copy of such birth certificate with the written consent of the father in the manner provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-46.1 or paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code Section 31-10-9.

(III) The father has acknowledged paternity and the social security account information of the father is entered on the birth certificate of the child in the manner provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 31-10-9.1; ~~or~~

(v) The father has otherwise acknowledged paternity under oath in any manner satisfying the definition set forth in paragraph (14) of Code Section 19-11-3 or the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-14; or

(vi) There is other clear and convincing evidence that the child is the child of the father.

(B)(i) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph notwithstanding, a child born out of wedlock may inherit from or through the father, other children of the father, or any paternal kin by reason of the paternal kinship if evidence of the rebuttable presumption of paternity described in this subparagraph is filed with the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending and the presumption is not overcome to the satisfaction of the trier of fact by clear and convincing evidence.

(ii) There shall exist a rebuttable presumption of paternity of a child born out of wedlock if:

(I) The child was born to a mother who was a recipient intended parent as the result of an embryo relinquishment pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 19, the child's mother was not married to the presumptive father at the time of the birth of the child, the child's mother and presumptive father each, as a recipient intended parent, executed a written contract satisfying the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-41, the child is presumed to be the legal child of the presumptive father under subsection (d) of Code Section 19-8-41, and no expedited order of adoption or parentage complying with the requirements of Code Section 19-8-43 has been entered by a court of competent jurisdiction as a final order vesting parental rights and responsibilities in the child's presumptive father as a recipient intended parent; or

(II) Scientifically credible parentage-determination genetic testing establishes at least a 97 percent probability of paternity. ~~Parentage-determination~~ Scientifically credible parentage-determination genetic testing shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, red cell antigen, human leucocyte antigen (HLA), red cell enzyme, and serum protein electrophoresis tests or testing by deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) probes. Parentage-determination genetic testing shall be of a type reasonably relied upon by experts in the field of genetic testing; shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited by the AABB, formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks, or a successor to its functions, or by an accrediting body

designated by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and shall be performed by a duly qualified licensed practicing physician, duly qualified immunologist, or other duly qualified person; provided, however, that in all cases the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending shall determine the number and qualifications of the experts.

(C) If any one of the requirements of divisions (i) through ~~(v)~~ (vi) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is fulfilled, or if the presumption of paternity set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall have been established and shall not have been rebutted by the presentation of clear and convincing evidence as determined by the trier of fact, a child born out of wedlock may inherit in the same manner as though legitimate from and through the child's father, the other children of his or her father, and any other paternal kin~~;~~.

(D) In determining whether clear and convincing evidence has been presented under this paragraph, the trier of fact may consider and determine the relevance, materiality, and weight of any admissible evidence; provided, however, that:

(i) The requirement of reasonable certainty only, as provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 24-14-40, shall not apply to such determination; and

(ii) The party bearing the burden of proof that the child is the child of the father by the presentation of clear and convincing evidence under division (vi) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be relieved from the onus of proving identity, as provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 24-14-40.

(E) Except as provided by division (d)(2)(B)(i) of Code Section 19-7-22, nothing in this paragraph shall be applied or construed to abrogate or limit:

(i) The jurisdiction of a probate court or a superior court under Code Section 53-2-20 to resolve judicially the identity or interest of any heir in accordance with Article 2 of this chapter; or

(ii) The effect of the findings of such a court in such a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 53-2-26;

(3) In distributions under this Code section, the children of a deceased child born out of wedlock shall represent that deceased child in the manner provided by Code Section 53-2-1; and

(4) The limitation imposed by subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-14 upon the full faith and credit to be given by the courts of this state to a determination of paternity made by another state shall not affect the rights of inheritance of a child under a voluntary acknowledgment or an administrative or judicial determination otherwise satisfying the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 36.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-4, relating to inheritance from children born out of wedlock, as follows:

"53-2-4.

(a) The mother of a child born out of wedlock, the other children of the mother, and other maternal kin may inherit from and through the child born out of wedlock in the same manner as though the child were legitimate.

(b) The father of a child born out of wedlock, the other children of the father, and other paternal kin may inherit from and through the child born out of wedlock in the same manner as if the child were legitimate if:

(1) A court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order declaring the child to be legitimate under the authority of Code Section 19-7-22 or such other authority as may be provided by law;

(2) A court of competent jurisdiction has otherwise entered a court order establishing paternity that has not been set aside as provided in Code Section 19-7-54; provided, however, that:

(A) A temporary order of support entered under subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-46.2 or an order of support entered under subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-49 shall not be conclusive under this paragraph unless such order also satisfies paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(B) A support order, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-11-42, shall not be conclusive under this paragraph unless such order also satisfies paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(C) A temporary order of support entered under subsection (e) of Code Section 19-11-48 or a temporary order under Code Section 19-11-74 shall not be conclusive under this paragraph unless such order also satisfies paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(D) A support order, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-11-101, shall not be conclusive under this paragraph unless such order also satisfies paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(E) A temporary child support order entered under paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-140 shall be conclusive under this paragraph. Any other temporary child support order entered under subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-140 shall not be conclusive under this paragraph unless such order also satisfies paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(F) For purposes of this paragraph, an administrative determination of paternity made pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 19-7-40 shall have the same force and effect as a judicial decree;

(G) For purposes of this paragraph, a court order for child support, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-11-3, issued by an administrative or quasi-judicial entity of this state or another state shall have the same force and effect as a judicial decree;

(H) For purposes of this paragraph, a judgment determining parentage of a child issued by a tribunal or a foreign tribunal, as such terms are defined in Code Section 19-11-101, shall be given the same force and effect as such judgment would be given in the tribunals of Georgia, as designated by subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-102; and

(I) Nothing in this paragraph shall be applied or construed to make available to the probate courts the information contained in the state case registry pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 19-11-39;

(3)(A) The father has, during the lifetime of the child, executed a sworn statement signed by the father attesting to the parent-child relationship, including, but not limited to:

(i) A voluntary acknowledgment of legitimation that was valid under the former provisions of Code Section 19-7-21.1 and was executed on or before June 30, 2016;

(ii) A voluntary acknowledgment of paternity that satisfies the requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-7-46.1 and is neither timely rescinded nor successfully challenged as provided by subsection (b) or (c) of Code Section 19-7-46.1;

(iii) An acknowledgment of paternity made under oath pursuant to Code Section 19-11-13; or

(iv) A voluntary acknowledgment of paternity that is admissible to establish parentage of the child under subsection (j) of Code Section 19-11-135.~~;~~

(B) However, ~~provided, however, that~~ when the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the father caused his child to be conceived as a result of having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with the mother of his child or when the mother is less than ten years of age, such sworn statement shall be insufficient for purposes of this subsection;

(4) During ~~The father has, during~~ the lifetime of the child~~,~~:

(A) The father has signed the birth certificate of the child; ~~or~~

(B) The name or social security account number of the father appears on the birth certificate of the child or on a certified copy of such birth certificate with the written consent of the father in the manner provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 19-7-46.1 or paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code Section 31-10-9; or

(C) The father has acknowledged paternity and the social security account information of the father has been entered on the birth certificate of the child in the manner provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 31-10-9.1;

(5) During the lifetime of the child, the father has otherwise acknowledged paternity under oath in any manner satisfying the definition set forth in paragraph (14) of Code Section 19-11-3 or the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-14; provided, however, that, when the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the father caused his child to be conceived as a result of having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with the mother of his child or when the mother is less than ten years of age, such acknowledgment under oath shall be insufficient for purposes of this subsection; or

~~(5)~~(6) The presumption of paternity described in division (2)(B)(ii) of Code Section 53-2-3 has been established and has not been rebutted by the presentation of clear and convincing evidence as determined by the trier of fact.

(c) In determining whether clear and convincing evidence has been presented under paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the trier of fact may consider and

determine the relevance, materiality, and weight of any admissible evidence; provided, however, that the requirement of reasonable certainty only, as provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 24-14-40, shall not apply to such determination.

(d) Except as provided by division (d)(2)(B)(ii) of Code Section 19-7-22, nothing in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be applied or construed to abrogate or limit:

(1) The jurisdiction of a probate court or a superior court under Code Section 53-2-20 to resolve judicially the identity or interest of any heir in accordance with Article 2 of this chapter; or

(2) The effect of the findings of such a court in such a proceeding pursuant to Code Section 53-2-26.

(e) The limitation imposed by subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-14 upon the full faith and credit to be given by the courts of this state to a determination of paternity made by another state shall not affect the rights of inheritance of the father of a child born out of wedlock, the other children of the father, and other paternal kin under a voluntary acknowledgment or an administrative or judicial determination otherwise satisfying the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 37.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-5, relating to inheritance from children conceived by artificial insemination, as follows:

"53-2-5.

(a) An individual conceived by artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction and presumed legitimate in accordance with Code Section 19-7-21 shall be considered a child of the parents and entitled to inherit under the laws of intestacy from the parents and from relatives of the parents, and the parents and relatives of the parents shall likewise be entitled to inherit as heirs from and through such individual.

(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall be subject to Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 19, and, in the event of a conflict, the provisions of such article shall prevail."

SECTION 38.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 1 of Chapter 2, relating to descent and distribution, to read as follows:

"53-2-9.

As used in this article, the term 'child born out of wedlock' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 19-7-23."

SECTION 39.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-20, relating to jurisdiction of probate or superior court, as follows:

"53-2-20.

(a) The identity or interest of any heir may be resolved judicially upon application to the probate court that has jurisdiction by virtue of a pending administration or that would

have jurisdiction in the event of an administration of the estate of the decedent. Alternatively, the petition may be filed in the superior court of the county where the probate court having jurisdiction, as defined in this Code section, is located; provided, however, that, if the petition is filed in connection with a contested proceeding to determine a purported heir's entitlement to a year's support from the decedent's estate pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title, such petition must be filed in the probate court having jurisdiction.

(b) The proceedings for the determination of such questions shall conform to the requirements set forth in this article.

(c) Regardless of its terms, an agreement, other than an agreement approved in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 by a court having jurisdiction under Code Section 19-7-40, between an alleged or presumed father of an individual claiming to be an heir and such individual claiming to be an heir or the mother of such individual claiming to be an heir shall not bar a petition under this article."

SECTION 40.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-21, relating to filing of petition, as follows:

"53-2-21.

(a) Any personal representative, guardian, conservator, ~~committee,~~ trustee, trust director, other fiduciary, or other person having a status ~~which~~ that either by operation of law or pursuant to written instrument devolves upon such person a duty of distributing property to heirs may file a petition for determination of heirship as provided in Code Section 53-2-20. The petition shall allege:

(1) The ~~the~~ names, addresses, ages, and relationship, so far as known to the petitioner, of all parties ~~at~~ in interest, other than creditors, and the nature and character of such interests~~.~~; and

(2) Whether ~~The petition shall further allege whether~~ the petitioner has reason to apprehend that there may be others entitled to participate in the distribution whose names are unknown to the petitioner.

(b) With respect to the estate of a decedent who the petitioner knows or has reason to apprehend is an obligor within the meaning of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (17) of Code Section 19-11-101, an individual who is an obligee within the meaning of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (16) of Code Section 19-11-101 is a party in interest for purposes of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 41.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-22, relating to petition by person claiming to be heir or distributee, as follows:

"53-2-22.

(a) Any individual claiming to be an heir or any person in any way interested as a distributee in any property under the laws of intestacy may apply to either the probate court or the superior court specified in Code Section 53-2-20 to have the claim of heirship

and quantity of interest established. The petition in such a case shall contain the same averments as to all parties ~~at~~ in interest required of persons filing under Code Section 53-2-21 with the person charged with the duty of distribution being named as a party.

(b) With respect to the estate of a decedent who is an obligor within the meaning of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (17) of Code Section 19-11-101, an individual who is an obligee within the meaning of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (16) of Code Section 19-11-101 is a party in interest who may file a petition for determination of heirship under subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 42.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-23, relating to superior court procedure, as follows:

"53-2-23.

(a) Upon the filing in a superior court of a petition described in Code Section 53-2-21 or 53-2-22, service on the parties in interest shall be effected in the same manner as prescribed in cases in which equitable relief is sought; ~~and the~~ provided, however, that the superior court additionally may order service in the manner provided by Code Section 19-7-41. The case shall thereafter proceed to judgment in the manner provided for such cases by the rules of practice in the superior courts.

(b) With respect to a direct request seeking determination of parentage of a child pursuant to Part 7 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 19 that is filed by a petitioner in the superior court as a designated tribunal under subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-102, this article shall apply in the proceeding, as provided by subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-184, to the extent the petitioner seeks such determination of parentage for the purpose of establishing the identity or interest of such child as an heir of the decedent; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be applied or construed to expand or extend the jurisdiction of the probate courts for purposes of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 19, the 'Uniform Interstate Family Support Act,' or to expand or extend the jurisdiction of the Office of State Administrative Hearings and the Department of Human Services for purposes of this article."

SECTION 43.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-24, relating to probate court procedure, as follows:

"53-2-24.

Upon the filing in a probate court of a petition described in Code Section 53-2-21 or 53-2-22, a citation shall be issued and parties in interest shall be served as provided in Chapter 11 of this title; provided, however, that the probate court additionally may order service in the manner provided by Code Section 19-7-41."

SECTION 44.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-25, relating to intervention by person claiming to be heir or distributee, as follows:

"53-2-25.

Any individual claiming to be an heir or any person in any way interested as a distributee and who is not named as such in any petition filed and pending under this article may file a motion to intervene in the proceeding pursuant to Code Section 9-11-24."

SECTION 45.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-26, relating to effect of findings of court, as follows:

"53-2-26.

(a) In the absence of fraud, the findings of the superior court or the probate court in a proceeding brought under this article shall be binding and conclusive as to every person and as to every issue decided.

(b) With respect to the judgment of the superior court or the probate court in a proceeding brought under this article, nothing in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be applied or construed to abrogate or infringe:

(1) Any right of appeal provided by Title 5; or

(2) Any right to relief provided by Code Section 9-11-60."

SECTION 46.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-2-27, relating to DNA testing for kinship, procedure, and costs, as follows:

"53-2-27.

(a)(1) When the kinship of any party in interest to a decedent is in controversy in any proceeding under this article, a probate court or superior court may order the removal and testing of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) samples from the remains of the decedent and from any party in interest whose kinship to the decedent is in controversy for purposes of comparison and determination of the statistical likelihood of such kinship; provided, however, that no DNA testing shall be ordered with respect to any party in interest whose kinship to the decedent was created or terminated by a decree of adoption, pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-19, unless the right of inheritance of such party in interest was not affected by the adoption, pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-19, or if such party in interest was conceived by means of artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction; and provided, further, that, for purposes of this subsection, a decree of adoption shall include:

(A) Any such decree entered pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19;

(B) Any such decree recognized in this state pursuant to Code Section 19-8-22; or

(C) A final order entered pursuant to Code Section 19-8-43.

(2) The court may order the disinterment of the decedent's remains if reasonably necessary to obtain ~~such~~ DNA samples for testing under this subsection.

(b) ~~The~~ An order pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section may be ~~made~~ entered only on motion for good cause shown and upon notice to all parties in interest, and such order shall specify the time, place, manner, conditions, and scope of the removal and

testing of samples, and the person or persons by whom ~~it is~~ such removal and testing of DNA samples are to be made. When such motion is made prior to the birth of a child whose kinship to the decedent is in controversy, such order shall direct that the DNA testing be conducted as soon as medically feasible after the birth of such child and may stay the proceedings until after the child's birth except service of notice; provided, however, that the requirements of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 53-2-1 shall remain applicable to such child. Such motion, when made by a party in interest, shall be supported by affidavit setting forth:

(1) The factual basis for a reasonable belief that the party in interest whose kinship to the decedent is in controversy is or is not so related; and

(2) If disinterment of the decedent's remains is sought, the factual basis for a reasonable belief that reliable DNA samples from the decedent are not otherwise reasonably available from any other source.

(c) Upon request of a party in interest to a proceeding under this article or as ordered by the court on its own motion in the exercise of its discretion, the movant shall, within ten days after such request is made or such order is entered, but in no event later than ten days prior to the date of a hearing at which such report may be introduced into evidence, deliver to all parties in interest a copy of a detailed written report of the tester and of any other expert or other qualified person involved in the determination of such statistical likelihood setting out his or her findings, including the results of all tests made and conclusions or opinions based thereon. Unless a party in interest objects in writing within seven days after receiving such report and prior to the date of such hearing, such report shall be admitted in evidence without the need for foundation testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy. When a timely objection is filed, such report shall be admitted in evidence when offered by a duly qualified licensed practicing physician, duly qualified immunologist, or other duly qualified person; provided, however, that in all cases the court shall determine the number and qualifications of the experts. Other relevant evidence shall be admitted as is deemed appropriate by the court. To provide any party in interest an adequate opportunity to be heard or as otherwise appears reasonably necessary to a just determination in a proceeding under this article, the court shall grant a continuance of any such hearing. Upon motion of any party in interest or on the court's own motion, any hearing or trial held in a proceeding under this article may be held in closed court without any person other than those necessary to the proceeding being admitted.

(d)(1) The costs of obtaining and testing of ~~such~~ DNA samples, including the costs of disinterment and reinterment of the remains of the decedent, if necessary, as well as the costs of providing the report, shall be assessed against and paid by the moving party, and the court may award such costs as part of its final decree; provided, however, that the court may, in its discretion after all parties in interest have been given reasonable opportunity to be heard, cast all or part of such costs against one or more parties in interest upon entering a finding of fact that any such party has asserted in bad faith a position with respect to the kinship in controversy in a proceeding under this article or has failed unreasonably to cooperate with an order for DNA testing entered pursuant to

this Code section. The costs of disinterment may include a reasonable fee for services provided by a cemetery company in connection therewith, subject to the limitation upon such charges imposed by subsection (d) of Code Section 10-14-17.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (1) of this subsection, the court may, in its discretion after all parties in interest have been given reasonable opportunity to be heard, order reasonable fees of counsel, experts, and guardians ad litem and other costs of the proceeding, including pretrial proceedings, to be paid by the parties in interest in proportions and at times determined by the court.

(3) The trier of fact shall receive without foundation or the need for third-party testimony evidence of the costs and fees provided for by this subsection, and the evidence so presented shall constitute prima-facie evidence of the amounts of the costs so incurred. Copies of bills for the obtaining and testing of DNA samples, including the costs of disinterment and reinterment of the remains of the decedent, if necessary, furnished to all parties in interest at least ten days prior to the date of a hearing at which such copies of bills may be introduced into evidence, are admissible in evidence to prove that the charges billed were reasonable, necessary, and customary; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the right of a thorough and sifting cross-examination as to such evidence.

(e) DNA testing performed pursuant to this Code section shall be conducted by a laboratory certified by the American Association of Blood Banks, shall be conducted so that the results meet the standards the American Association of Blood Banks requires in order for such results to be admitted as evidence in a court of law, and shall be performed by a duly qualified licensed practicing physician, duly qualified immunologist, or other duly qualified person; provided, however, that in all cases the court before which proceedings on the estate are pending shall determine the number and qualifications of the experts.

(f) An order for DNA testing entered pursuant to this Code section shall be enforceable by contempt; provided, however, that, if the movant refuses to submit to such an order, the court may, in its discretion after all parties in interest have been given reasonable opportunity to be heard, dismiss or strike the movant's pleadings upon motion by any party in interest or on the court's own motion.

(g) Except as ordered by the court for good cause shown pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the genetic material collected for DNA testing performed pursuant to this Code section:

(1) If collected through the disinterment of the decedent's remains, shall be destroyed within a reasonable time as determined by the court;

(2) If made available from a source other than through the disinterment of the decedent's remains, shall be destroyed or returned in the manner reasonably directed by such source or in accordance with such source's standard rules and regulations; and

(3) Shall not be shared with any other person or entity except to the extent reasonably necessary for compliance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(h) The disinterment and reinterment of the decedent's remains in accordance with a court order entered pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section:

(1) Shall not require a permit under Code Section 12-3-52, 12-3-82, or 36-72-4 as a condition precedent to such disinterment;
(2) Shall not require authorization under subsection (f) of Code Section 31-10-20 as a condition precedent to such disinterment or reinterment;
(3) Shall not constitute a disturbance, destruction, defacing, mutilation, removal, or exposure of interred human remains under Code Section 31-21-6;
(4) Shall not constitute a violation of any provision of Code Section 31-21-44;
(5) Shall be supervised, monitored, or carried out as provided in Code Section 36-72-15 when such disinterment or reinterment is in an abandoned cemetery or burial ground, as defined in Code Section 36-72-2; provided, however, that nothing in Code Section 36-72-15 shall affect the assessment, allocation, or payment of costs ordered by the court pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section; and
(6) May be done by any person who is or is able to be authorized to disinter the remains of a human body under Code Section 45-16-45 or subsection (b) of Code Section 45-16-51; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall limit the persons whom the court may designate to perform such disinterment pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(i) Any person disinterring or reinterring a decedent's remains in accordance with a court order entered pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be deemed to be a person having duties imposed upon that person relating to the possession or disposition of dead bodies while in the performance of said duties within the meaning of subsection (b) of Code Section 31-21-44.
(j) DNA testing performed pursuant to this Code section shall be deemed to be genetic testing conducted to obtain information for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes within the meaning of subsection (a) of Code Section 33-54-3; provided, however, that DNA testing performed pursuant to this Code section may be conducted without written consent prior to the decedent's death.
(k) Any court issuing an order with respect to a determination of heirship under this article shall not, insofar as possible, attach the written results from DNA testing to any pleading or court order."

SECTION 47.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 2 of Chapter 2, relating to judicial determination of heirs and interests, to read as follows:

"53-2-28.

(a) Any proceeding brought under this article is a civil action, which shall be governed by the rules of civil procedure except as otherwise expressly provided in this article. Except to the extent otherwise provided in Code Section 53-2-27, expressly provided in this Code section, or modified by another applicable statute, the common law as expounded by Georgia courts shall continue to be applied to the admission and exclusion of evidence and to procedures at trial in proceedings brought under this article.
(b) If in any proceeding brought under this article no answer or objection has been filed within the time required by Chapter 11 of this title or by Chapter 11 of Title 9, the

'Georgia Civil Practice Act,' as applicable, the case shall automatically become in default unless the time for filing such answer or objection has been extended as provided by law. In any proceeding brought under this article that has become in default:

(1) In the probate court, the default thereafter shall be governed by Code Section 15-9-47; and

(2) In the superior court, the default thereafter shall be governed by Code Section 9-11-55.

(c) In proceedings under this article, the provisions of Title 19 shall be supplemental to the provisions of this title, and the provisions of this title shall be construed and applied in para materia with the provisions of Title 19, except to the extent that the provisions of Title 19 are in conflict with or are incompatible with the provisions of this title."

SECTION 48.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 53-2-40, relating to petition, as follows:

"(c) The personal representative of the estate of a deceased heir is authorized to agree to the division on behalf of ~~that~~ such heir. If the estate of a deceased heir has no personal representative, such deceased heir's estate may be represented in the proceeding by a guardian, pursuant to Code Section 53-11-2, and such guardian is authorized to agree to the division on behalf of such heir."

SECTION 49.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 53-2-51, relating to procedure, as follows:

"(b) Upon filing of the petition, the probate court:

(1) Shall ~~shall~~ issue a citation as provided in Chapter 11 of this title, requiring the heirs~~, if any,~~ to file any objection to the petition by a date that is at least 60 days from the date of the citation~~,~~;

(2) Shall ~~and shall~~ order notice by publication to all heirs of the decedent as provided in Code Section 53-11-4; and

(3) May direct any additional service, as provided in Code Section 53-11-5."

SECTION 50.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 53-4-5, relating to written statement or list disposing of items of tangible personal property, to read as follows:

"(2) Describes the items and the ~~beneficiaries~~ recipients thereof with reasonable certainty; and"

"(c) A written statement or list meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be deemed to be the testator's will or a part of such testator's will."

SECTION 51.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 53-4-20, relating to required writing, signing, witnesses, and codicil, to read as follows:

"(d) A will or codicil that was executed or attested pursuant to the authority of the Governor's Executive Order 04.09.20.01 shall not be treated as invalid solely because it was not executed or attested in the testator's physical presence."

SECTION 52.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-5-8, relating to notice to beneficiary provided by personal representative and representation for beneficiaries, as follows:

"53-5-8.

(a) ~~As used in this Code section, the term 'beneficiary' means a person, including a trust, that is designated in a will to take an interest in real or personal property; that has a present interest, including, but not limited to, a vested remainder interest, but not including a trust beneficiary where there is a trustee who is not also the personal representative required to give notice; and whose identity and whereabouts are known or may be determined by reasonable diligence.~~ The personal representative shall have a duty to notify the beneficiaries of a testate estate of the probate of the will and the name and mailing address of such personal representative; provided, however, that notice shall not be required to be given to any beneficiary who:

(1) Has waived such right to notification in writing;

(2) Acknowledged service of and assented to the petition to probate the will, if such personal representative was a petitioner; or

(3) Is such personal representative.

Such notification shall be given within six months from the date of qualification of the first personal representative of a testate estate to serve.

(b) ~~Within 30 days following the issuance of letters testamentary or letters of administration with the will annexed to the personal representative of a testate estate, such personal representative shall send to all beneficiaries by certified or registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, with return receipt requested, to his or her last known address a notice informing such beneficiaries of the issuance of such letters to the personal representative and providing the name, mailing address, and telephone number of such personal representative. Provided, however, that notice shall not be required to any beneficiary who has waived such right to notification in writing. Within 60 days following the issuance of such letters, such personal representative shall file with the probate court true and correct copies of such waivers and notices, the return receipts for each, and, with respect to any such beneficiary whose identity and whereabouts are unknown, an affidavit of diligent search attesting under oath to the efforts of such personal representative to identify and locate such beneficiary.~~

~~(c)~~ A personal representative who, without sufficient cause, either fails to provide accurate information regarding such personal representative's name, mailing address, and telephone number within five business days of a request for such information by a

beneficiary or by the probate court or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of this Code section, may be cited to appear and show cause as to why the personal representative's letters should not be revoked in the same manner as pursuant to Code Section 53-6-53.

(c) Where there is a trust that is a beneficiary of a testate estate and there is not a trustee who is not the personal representative, any notice or citation required by this Code section shall be given to and may be waived by each beneficiary of such trust to whom income or principal is required or authorized in the trustee's discretion to be distributed currently. For purposes of this Code section, a trust beneficiary may be represented as provided in Code Section 53-12-8.

(d) ~~For purposes of this Code section, a trust beneficiary may be represented as provided in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-50.~~ Nothing in this Code section shall alter or affect any time period established by Code Section 53-7-42, subsection (d) of Code Section 53-8-15, or other applicable law."

SECTION 53.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-6-1, relating to eligibility, as follows:

"53-6-1.

Any individual who is sui juris, regardless of citizenship or residency, is eligible to serve as a personal representative or temporary administrator of the estate of a decedent who dies domiciled in this state, subject to the requirements for qualification set forth in this chapter. Any other person is eligible to serve as a personal representative or temporary administrator of the estate of a decedent who dies domiciled in this state, subject to the requirements set forth in this chapter, provided ~~the~~ that such person is otherwise qualified to act as a fiduciary in this state pursuant to Code Section 7-1-242, Article 15 of Chapter 12 of this title, or other applicable law."

SECTION 54.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 53-6-50, relating to persons required to give and determination of amounts, as follows:

"(b) A national banking association having the power to act as a fiduciary in Georgia pursuant to Code Section 7-1-242, Article 15 of Chapter 12 of this title, or other applicable law or a bank or trust company organized under the laws of this state that seeks to qualify as a personal representative of an intestate estate or temporary administrator shall not be required to give bond for the faithful performance of its duties unless its combined capital, surplus, and undivided profits are less than $400,000.00 as reflected in its last statement filed with the comptroller of the currency of the United States or the commissioner of banking and finance or unless the instrument under which it seeks to qualify expressly provides that it shall give bond.

(c) A person petitioning to qualify as a personal representative of an intestate estate may be relieved from the requirement for giving bond by the unanimous consent of the heirs of the estate in the same manner as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-1 for

the granting of powers to a personal representative. With respect to any heir who is not sui juris, consent may be given by the guardian of the individual, pursuant to Code Section 53-11-2. The personal representative of the estate of a deceased heir is authorized to consent for that heir. If the estate of a deceased heir has no personal representative, such deceased heir's estate may be represented in the proceeding by a guardian, pursuant to Code Section 53-11-2, and such guardian is authorized to consent for that heir. In no case may consent on behalf of an heir who is not sui juris or a deceased heir whose estate has no personal representative be effective if the person consenting is the person petitioning to serve as personal representative."

SECTION 55.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 53-6-60, relating to amount, as follows:

"(a)(1) As used in this subsection, the terms 'beneficiary' and 'heir' shall apply as set forth in Code Section 53-7-68.

(2) A personal representative ~~Personal representatives~~ shall be compensated as specified in either ~~the will or any~~ a written agreement entered into by the decedent and the personal representative prior to the decedent's death or a written agreement signed by all the beneficiaries of a testate estate affected by the personal representative's compensation or by all the heirs of an intestate estate. In the absence of such a written agreement, a personal representative shall be compensated as specified in the will. A written agreement between a testator and a personal representative shall be valid and binding upon the estate of the testator as fully and completely as if set forth in and made a part of the will.

(3) If a beneficiary of a testate estate or an heir of an intestate estate is not sui juris, the duly acting guardian or conservator of such heir or beneficiary shall be authorized to sign an agreement specifying the compensation of the personal representative."

SECTION 56.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-1, relating to general powers and duties of personal representative and additional powers, as follows:

"(2) With respect to any beneficiary of a testate estate or heir of an intestate estate who is not sui juris, the consent required by paragraph (1) of this subsection may be given by such beneficiary's or heir's duly acting conservator or guardian. The personal representative of the estate of a deceased beneficiary or heir shall be authorized to consent on behalf of such deceased beneficiary or heir. If the estate of a deceased beneficiary or heir has no personal representative, such deceased beneficiary's or heir's estate may be represented in the proceeding by a guardian, pursuant to Code Section 53-11-2, and such guardian shall be authorized to consent on behalf of such deceased beneficiary or heir."

SECTION 57.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 53-7-5, relating to powers, duties, and liabilities if more than one personal representative and safe deposit boxes or receptacles, as follows:

"(a) If more than one personal representative is qualified and unless the will provides otherwise:

(1) The personal representatives ~~must~~ shall act by their unanimous action; provided, however, that, while a personal representative is unable to act because of inaccessibility, illness, or other incapacity, or when a vacancy occurs for any other reason, the remaining personal representatives may act as if they were the only personal representatives if necessary to administer the estate; and

(2) The personal representatives may delegate in writing to one or more of them the authority to act for all of them; provided, however, ~~that such delegation must satisfy the requirements of Code Sections 10-6B-5 and 10-6B-40, and~~ that all the personal representatives remain liable for the actions of the personal representative who is authorized to act."

SECTION 58.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-32, relating to

waiver of right to receive and relieving personal representative of duty to make, as follows:

"(b) By unanimous written consent, the beneficiaries of a testate estate or the heirs of an intestate estate may authorize the probate court to relieve the personal representative of the duty to make inventory in the same manner as ~~described~~ provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-1 for the granting of powers to a personal representative. Any such unanimous written consent, regardless of the date of execution, ~~which~~ that relieves the personal representative from making inventory shall also relieve the personal representative from sending a copy of the inventory to the heirs or beneficiaries."

SECTION 59.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) of Code Section 53-7-41, relating to notice for creditors to render accounts, notification of creditors' claims, requirement of reasonable additional proof or accounting, and failure of creditors to give notice of claims, as follows:

"(b) The ~~Every~~ personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to notify the personal representative of their claims and render an account of their demands for payment thereon. The personal representative's notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified. No particular form shall be required for creditors to notify the personal representative of their claims, and such notification of a creditor's claim shall be sufficient for purposes of this Code section if given in writing, providing an account number or other identifying information or itemization adequate to establish the

indebtedness as an obligation of the estate, and stating the principal balance and any applicable interest or other additional charges lawfully owed. An invoice or account statement satisfying the requirements of the preceding sentence of this subsection and generated by a creditor in the ordinary course of such creditor's business shall constitute sufficient notification to the personal representative of such creditor's claim if the personal representative actually receives such notification of the claim or if such creditor files such notification with the probate court having jurisdiction over the decedent's estate or sends such notification of the claim by electronic transmission, other form of wire or wireless communication, or by first-class mail or private carrier to the address of the decedent, the personal representative, or the attorney representing the personal representative; provided, however, that a notification of a claim sent by a creditor by electronic communication to an account for which the decedent is the user shall constitute sufficient notification to the personal representative of such creditor's claim only if the content of such electronic communication lawfully is disclosed to the personal representative pursuant to Chapter 13 of this title. As used in this subsection, the terms 'account',' 'content of an electronic communication',' 'electronic communication',' and 'user' shall have the meaning provided by Code Section 53-13-2."

"(d) Creditors who fail to notify the personal representative of their claims in the manner provided by subsection (b) of this Code section within three months from the date of publication of the personal representative's last notice shall lose all rights to an equal participation with creditors of equal priority to whom distribution is made before sufficient notification of such claims is given to the personal representative, and they may not hold the personal representative liable for a misappropriation of the funds. If, however, there are assets in the hands of the personal representative sufficient to pay such debts and if no claims of greater priority are unpaid, the assets shall be thus appropriated notwithstanding the failure of such creditors to ~~timely~~ notify the personal representative of their claims in a timely manner."

SECTION 60.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 53-7-50, relating to petition by personal representative for discharge, citation and publication, hearing, and subsequently discovered estate, as follows:

"(a) A personal representative who has fully performed all duties or who has been allowed to resign may petition the probate court for discharge from the office and from all liability. The petition shall:

(1) State ~~state~~ that the personal representative has fully administered the estate of the decedent;

(2) Set ~~and shall set~~ forth the names and addresses of all known heirs of an intestate decedent or beneficiaries of a testate decedent, including, as applicable, the personal representative of the estate of or any persons who succeeded to the interest of any heir or beneficiary who died after the decedent died;

(3) Name~~, and shall name~~ which of the heirs or beneficiaries is or should be represented by a guardian~~. The petition shall state~~ as provided in Code Section 53-11-2, including,

as applicable, any heir or beneficiary who died after the decedent died whose estate has no personal representative;

(4) State that the personal representative has paid all claims against the estate or shall enumerate which claims of the estate have not been paid and the reason for such nonpayment~~.~~; and

(5) State ~~The petition shall also state~~ that the personal representative has filed all necessary inventory and returns or, alternatively, has been relieved of such filings by the testator, the heirs or beneficiaries, or the probate court."

SECTION 61.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-7-68, relating to mailing of return to heirs and beneficiaries and relieving personal representative of duty to file return, as follows:

"53-7-68.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Beneficiary' shall not apply to a person who is designated in a will to take an interest in real or personal property after such person's interest in the estate has been satisfied.

(2) 'Heir' shall not apply to an individual who survives the decedent and is determined under the rules of inheritance to take the property of the decedent that is not disposed of by will after such individual's interest in the estate has been satisfied.

(b) Upon filing the annual return with the probate court, the personal representative shall ~~mail~~ send by first-class mail:

(1) To each heir of an intestate estate or each beneficiary of the residue of a testate estate, a copy of the return, but not the vouchers; and~~, to each heir of an intestate estate or each beneficiary of a testate estate. It~~

(2) To each beneficiary of a specific, demonstrative, or general testamentary gift of a testate estate, a copy of the portion of the return relevant to the beneficiary's interest in the estate or other written statement containing such information, but not the vouchers; provided, however, that it shall not be necessary to mail a copy of the return to any heir or beneficiary who is not sui juris or for the court to appoint a guardian for such person.

(c) The personal representative shall file with the probate court a verified statement ~~with the probate court stating that all required mailings of the return to heirs or beneficiaries have been made~~ that the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section have been satisfied.

(d) In the case of a testamentary gift to a trustee of a trust, including, without limitation, a trust created by the will, the term 'beneficiary' shall apply to the trustee and shall not apply to the beneficiaries of the trust, provided that:

(1) If each trustee of the trust is also a personal representative of the estate, the term 'beneficiary' shall apply to those persons who, if the trust were funded, would be entitled to annual reports from the trustee under subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-243, taking into account the provisions of the trust instrument and subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 53-12-243; and

(2) A beneficiary may be represented as provided in Code Section 53-12-8.

(e) In the case of a deceased heir or beneficiary, the term 'heir' or 'beneficiary' shall apply to the personal representative of such heir's or beneficiary's estate.

(f) The determination of the persons to whom paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section apply, including, without limitation, the application of subsection (a), (d), (e), or (h), shall be made as of the date the annual return was filed with the probate court.

(g) The determination of the persons who are required to constitute unanimous consent under subsection (j) of this Code section, including, without limitation, the application of subsection (a), (d), (e), or (h), shall be made as of the date of the petition is filed.

(h) If an heir or beneficiary is not sui juris, such heir's or beneficiary's duly acting conservator or guardian shall:

(1) After a written request delivered to the personal representative, be entitled to receive any report or written statement that would be required to be sent to such heir or beneficiary under subsection (b) of this Code section if such heir or beneficiary were sui juris; and

(2) Be authorized to give the consent required under subsection (j) of this Code section.

~~(b)~~(i) Any heir or beneficiary may waive individually the right to receive a copy of the annual return or of the portion of the annual return to which such heir or beneficiary would be entitled under subsection (b) of this Code section by a written statement that is delivered to the personal representative. Such waiver may be revoked in writing at any time.

~~(c)~~(j) As part of a petition, including, but not limited to, the petition for letters testamentary, letters of administration with the will annexed, or letters of administration ~~By unanimous written consent~~, the heirs of an intestate estate or the beneficiaries of a testate estate may, by unanimous written consent, authorize the probate court to relieve the personal representative from filing annual returns ~~with them or~~ with the court, the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section, or both~~, in the same manner as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-1 for the granting of powers to a personal representative~~. Any such unanimous written consent, regardless of the date of execution, that relieves the personal representative from filing annual returns with the court shall also relieve the personal representative from ~~sending a copy of the return to the heirs or beneficiaries~~ the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 62.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-7-69.1, relating to annual statement of receipts and disbursements, as follows:

"53-7-69.1.

(a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a~~ A personal representative shall ~~furnish to the heirs of an intestate estate or the beneficiaries of the residuum of a testate estate, at least annually, a statement of receipts and disbursements~~ send, at least annually:

(1) To each heir of an intestate estate or each beneficiary of the residue of a testate estate, a statement of receipts and disbursements; and

(2) To each beneficiary of a specific, demonstrative, or general testamentary gift of the testate estate, a statement of any receipts and disbursements relevant to the beneficiary's interest in the estate.

(b) Any heir or beneficiary may waive individually the right to receive a statement of receipts and disbursements ~~in the same manner as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 53-7-68 for waiving the right to receive a copy of an annual return~~ by a written statement that is delivered to the personal representative. Such waiver may be revoked in writing at any time.

(c) The heirs or beneficiaries may authorize the probate court to relieve the personal representative from furnishing statements of receipts and disbursements in the same manner as provided in ~~subsection (c) of~~ Code Section 53-7-68 for relieving the personal representative from filing annual returns. A testator may, by will, dispense with the necessity of the personal representative's furnishing a statement of receipts and disbursements in the same manner as provided in Code Section 53-7-69 for dispensing with the necessity of the personal representative's filing an annual return~~.~~; provided, however, that such dispensation does not work any injury to creditors or persons other than beneficiaries under the will. It shall not be necessary to furnish a statement of receipts and disbursements to any heir or beneficiary who is not sui juris or for the probate court to appoint a guardian for such person.

(d) When a personal representative has been relieved from furnishing statements of receipts and disbursements, the probate court, on its own motion or on the representation of any party in interest that the personal representative is mismanaging the estate, shall order the personal representative to appear and show cause as to why statements of receipts and disbursements should not be furnished or the personal representative's letters revoked. Such order shall be served in person on the personal representative at least ten days prior to the hearing. Failure to show cause shall authorize the court to require statements of receipts and disbursements to be furnished or to revoke the letters or to take any other action as may be necessary under the circumstances.

(e) For purposes of this Code section:

(1) The statement provided under subsection (a) of this Code section shall contain the receipts and disbursements of principal and income that have occurred during the last complete fiscal year of the estate or since the last accounting to that heir or beneficiary and a statement of the assets and liabilities of the estate as of the end of the accounting period, provided that the information in any statement required under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be limited as provided in that paragraph;

(2) The terms 'heir' and 'beneficiary' shall apply as provided in Code Section 53-7-68;

(3) The determination of the persons entitled to receive statements under subsection (a) of this Code section and the application of this subsection shall be made as of the final day of the period covered by the statement;

(4) The determination of the persons who may authorize the probate court under subsection (c) of this Code section and the application of this subsection shall be made as of the date of the authorization; and

(5) If an heir or beneficiary is not sui juris, such heir's or beneficiary's duly acting conservator or guardian shall:

(A) After a written request delivered to the personal representative, be entitled to receive any statement of receipts and disbursements that would be required to be sent to such heir or beneficiary under subsection (a) of this Code section if such heir or beneficiary were sui juris; and

(B) Be authorized to give the consent required under subsection (b) of this Code section.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall affect the power of the probate court to require or excuse an accounting under this part, Part 1 of this article, or other applicable law."

SECTION 63.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-7-72, relating to docket of persons liable to make returns and failure to make returns, as follows:

"53-7-72.

~~To ensure annual returns from every personal representative, it~~ It shall be the duty of the probate court to keep a docket of all ~~those~~ personal representatives who are liable to make returns and, immediately after the ceasing of the January term or as soon thereafter as the court deems practical in each year, to cite all defaulters to show cause for their neglect. A willful and continued failure to make a return shall be good cause for removal."

SECTION 64.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (10) and (14) of and by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 53-12-2, relating to definitions regarding trusts, to read as follows:

"(2.1)(A) 'Donor' means a person, including a testator, who contributes property to the trust, provided that:

(i) If another person makes a transfer of property to the trust, other than as a bona fide sale for an adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth, for purposes of Sections 2036 through 2038 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, or if the value of the property held in the trust is included in the gross estate of another person under Chapter 11 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, then such other person shall be the donor; and

(ii) Notwithstanding division (i) of this subparagraph, if a person has the power to revoke the trust, such term means the person who has the power to revoke the trust.

(B) If a trust has more than one donor, each such person is the donor of the portion of the trust attributable to the property of which such person is the donor."

"(10)(A) 'Qualified beneficiary' means a living individual or other existing person who, on the date of determination of beneficiary status:

~~(A)~~(i) Is a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal;

~~(B)~~(ii) Would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal if the interests of the distributees described in ~~subparagraph (A) of this paragraph~~ division (i) of this subparagraph terminated on that date without causing the trust to terminate; or

~~(C)~~(iii) Would be a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal if the trust terminated on that date.

(B) ~~The Attorney General has the rights of a qualified beneficiary with respect to a charitable trust as defined in Code Section 53-12-170, and a~~ With respect to a charitable trust as defined in Code Section 53-12-170, the Attorney General has the rights of a qualified beneficiary. With respect to any trust, including, but not limited to, a charitable trust, a charitable organization that is expressly designated as a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal has the rights of a qualified beneficiary if, on the date of determination, such charitable organization is described in division (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. With respect to a trust that is not a charitable trust and designates a class of unascertainable charitable beneficiaries as distributees or permissible distributees of trust income or principal, the Attorney General has the rights of a qualified beneficiary if, on the date of determination, such unascertainable charitable beneficiaries are described in division (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. A person appointed to enforce a trust created for the care of an animal under Code Section 53-12-28 also has the rights of a qualified beneficiary."

"(14) 'Trust instrument' means ~~the document, including any testamentary instrument,~~ an instrument that contains the trust provisions. The trust instrument includes any trust provisions established, determined, or amended by a trustee or other person in accordance with the provisions of the trust, a court order, a nonjudicial settlement agreement under Code Section 53-12-9, or other applicable law."

SECTION 65.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-3, relating to survival of common law and equity, as follows:

"53-12-3.

Except to the extent that the principles of common law and equity governing trusts are modified by this chapter or another provision of law, those principles remain the law of this state. Without limitation:

(1) No provision of this chapter shall be construed to imply that any other Code section or the common law did not, prior to the enactment of such provision, impose, permit, or otherwise address a duty, power, relationship, or any other matter governed by such provision; and

(2) The failure of the General Assembly to codify an established principle of common law or equity governing trusts shall not be construed as evidence that the General Assembly intended to reject that principle unless this chapter or another provision of law is inconsistent with that principle or there is other evidence the General Assembly intended that such principle should no longer apply."

SECTION 66.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (d), (h), and (k) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 53-12-8, relating to notice to person permitted to bind another person, consent on behalf of another person, and representation of others, to read as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, a donor ~~A settlor~~ may not represent and bind a beneficiary under this Code section with respect to the termination or modification of a trust under Article 4 of this chapter."

"(h) A person who ~~on the date of determination would be eligible to receive distributions of income or principal from the trust upon the termination of the interests of all persons then currently eligible to receive distributions of income or principal~~ is a qualified beneficiary under division (10)(A)(iii) of Code Section 53-12-2 may represent and bind contingent successor beneficiaries with respect to matters in which there is no conflict of interest between the representative and the persons represented with respect to a particular question or dispute."

"(k) Any person whose interests would be affected or who reasonably claims to represent or bind a person whose interests would be affected may request that the court determine whether an interest is represented under this Code section or whether the representation is adequate. If the court determines that an interest is not represented under this Code section, or that the otherwise available representation might be inadequate, the court may appoint a representative to receive notice, give consent, and otherwise represent, bind, and act on behalf of a minor, incapacitated, or unborn individual, or a person whose identity or location is unknown and not reasonably ascertainable. A representative may be appointed to represent several persons or interests. A representative may act on behalf of the individual represented with respect to any matter arising under this chapter, regardless of whether a judicial proceeding concerning the trust is pending. In making decisions, a representative may consider the general benefit accruing to the living members of the individual's family."

"(m) Representation under this Code section is effective for purposes of this chapter, the trust provisions, or any matter involving a trust."

SECTION 67.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-9, relating to binding nonjudicial settlement agreement, as follows:

"53-12-9.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the trustee, any trust director, and all other persons whose interests would be affected may enter into a binding nonjudicial settlement agreement with respect to any matter involving the trust.

(b) A nonjudicial settlement agreement:

(1) Shall be valid only to the extent it does not violate a material purpose of the trust and includes terms and conditions that could be properly approved by the court under this ~~Code section~~ chapter or other applicable law; and

(2) During the settlor's lifetime, shall ~~Shall~~ not be valid with respect to any modification or termination of an irrevocable trust when ~~the settlor's consent would be required in a proceeding to approve~~ such modification or termination could be properly approved by the court only in a proceeding under subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-61.

(c) The trustee, trust director, and any person whose interests would be affected by a nonjudicial settlement agreement may request that the court approve such agreement, determine whether the representation as provided in Code Section 53-12-8 was adequate, determine whether such agreement violates a material purpose of the trust, determine whether such agreement contains terms and conditions the court could have properly approved, or make any other similar determination.

(d) A nonjudicial settlement agreement entered into in accordance with this Code section shall be final and binding on all parties to such agreement, including ~~individuals not sui juris, unborn beneficiaries, and persons unknown~~ parties who are represented by a person who may represent and bind such parties under Code Section 53-12-8, as if ordered by a court with competent jurisdiction over the trust, the trust property, and the parties.

(e) Entering into or petitioning a court regarding a nonjudicial settlement agreement under this Code section shall not constitute a violation of a condition in terrorem under Code Section ~~53-12-22~~ 53-12-29."

SECTION 68.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-22, relating to trust purposes and conditions in terrorem, as follows:

"53-12-22.

~~(a)~~ A trust may be created for any lawful purpose.

~~(b) A condition in terrorem shall be void unless there is a direction in the trust instrument as to the disposition of the property if the condition in terrorem is violated, in which event the direction in the trust instrument shall be carried out, except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.~~

~~(c) A condition in terrorem shall not be enforceable against an individual for:~~

~~(1) Bringing an action for interpretation or enforcement of a trust instrument;~~

~~(2) Bringing an action for an accounting, for removal, or for other relief against a trustee; or~~

~~(3) Entering into a settlement agreement.~~"

SECTION 69.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 2 of Chapter 12, relating to creation and validity of express trusts, to read as follows:

"53-12-29.

A condition in terrorem shall be void unless there is a direction in the trust instrument as to the disposition of the property if the condition in terrorem is violated, in which event the direction in the trust instrument shall be carried out, except that a condition in terrorem shall not be enforceable against an individual for:

(1) Bringing an action for interpretation or enforcement of a trust instrument;

(2) Bringing an action for an accounting, for removal, or for other relief against a trustee; or

(3) Entering into a settlement agreement."

SECTION 70.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 3 of Chapter 12, relating to revocable trusts, to read as follows:

"53-12-46.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if the settlor reserved a power of revocation over a trust, the settlor is alive, and the power of revocation has not been released:

(A) The duties of the trustee are owed exclusively to the settlor; and

(B) With respect to any trust property held for personal use or enjoyment by a beneficiary or any other trust property designated as being subject to this paragraph pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section:

(i) The settlor shall have the power to direct the trustee in the management of such property and the provisions of Article 18 of this chapter shall apply so that the trustee is a directed trustee who, without limitation, is relieved from the duties from which trustees are relieved under subsection (f) of Code Section 53-12-504; and

(ii) The trustee shall not have any duty to account at least annually to the beneficiaries under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-243, to keep the beneficiaries reasonably informed of the trust and its administration under the common law, or to provide information to the trust director under paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 53-12-504.

(2) Unless the trust instrument provides otherwise, if the trustee is required or authorized in the trustee's discretion to make distributions of trust property to other beneficiaries while the settlor is alive, the settlor has not released the power to revoke the trust, and the settlor lacks capacity to revoke the trust, then the trustee owes duties to the beneficiaries to whom income or principal is required or authorized in the trustee's discretion to be distributed currently and the office of trust director created pursuant to this subsection is governed by Code Section 53-12-506.

(b) If subsection (a) of this Code section applies to a trust:

(1) In addition to any persons who may seek to enforce the trust under any other Code section or the common law, the following persons may seek to enforce the trust:

(A) The settlor's guardian or conservator;

(B) The settlor's agent under a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to estates, trusts, and other beneficial interests under Code Section 10-6B-50, general authority with respect to claims and litigation under Code Section 10-6B-51, or substantially similar authority that would make it appropriate for the agent to enforce the trustee's duties to the settlor;

(C) The settlor's parent, spouse, or descendant; or

(D) Any qualified beneficiary of the trust;

(2) Upon a motion by the settlor, the court shall dismiss any action seeking to enforce the trust unless the court finds that the settlor lacks capacity to revoke the trust; and

(3) Upon a motion by a person described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the court shall dismiss any action seeking to enforce the trust filed by a person described in subparagraph (C) or (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, unless the court finds that the settlor's interests in the trust are not adequately represented by the person moving to dismiss the action.

(c) For purposes of this Code section:

(1) 'Property held for personal use or enjoyment' means property held for purposes other than, or in addition to, monetary value, and shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) All personal effects, including, but not limited to, clothing, jewelry, firearms, and equipment;

(B) All household goods and equipment, including, but not limited to, furniture and furnishings, works of art, and collectibles;

(C) All automobiles, aircraft, watercraft, and other vehicles; and

(D) All dwellings and other real property that are used or enjoyed by a beneficiary, regardless of whether rented, leased, or otherwise held out for use or enjoyment by other persons.

(2) If trust property includes an indirect interest in property, including, but not limited to, an interest in an entity, the entire indirect interest is held for personal use or enjoyment if any portion of the property in which the trustee holds an indirect interest is held for personal use or enjoyment.

(3)(A) The trust instrument, or a majority of the persons to whom the trustee owes duties under subsection (a) of this Code section in a writing delivered to the trustee, may designate trust property as:

(i) Being held or not being held for personal use or enjoyment; or

(ii) Property subject to or not subject to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section.

(B) A designation of trust property made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall control; provided, however, that a failure to make a designation of trust property pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not constitute evidence that such property is not held for personal use or enjoyment.

(4) 'Management' of property means the exercise of all powers over such property that an unmarried competent owner has over individually owned property."

SECTION 71.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b), (c), and (k) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 53-12-61, relating to power to direct modification or termination, petition to modify or terminate irrevocable trust, proceeding to approve proposed modification or termination, distribution of trust property under order for termination, and waiver of notice, to read as follows:

"(b) During the settlor's lifetime, the court shall approve a petition to modify or terminate an irrevocable trust, even if the modification or termination is inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, if the settlor and all qualified beneficiaries consent to such

modification or termination and the trustee has ~~received~~ been given notice of the proposed modification or termination. A settlor's power to consent to such trust's modification or termination may be exercised by:

(1) An agent under a power of attorney only to the extent expressly authorized by the power of attorney and the provisions of the trust;

(2) The settlor's conservator with the approval of the court supervising the conservatorship if an agent is not so authorized; or

(3) The settlor's guardian with the approval of the court supervising the guardianship if an agent is not so authorized and a conservator has not been appointed.

(c) Following the settlor's death the court shall approve a petition to:

(1) Modify an irrevocable trust if all qualified beneficiaries consent, the trustee has ~~received~~ been given notice of the proposed modification, and the court concludes that modification is not inconsistent with any material purpose of such trust; and

(2) Terminate an irrevocable trust if all qualified beneficiaries consent, the trustee has ~~received~~ been given notice of the proposed termination, and the court concludes that continuance of such trust is not necessary to achieve any material purpose of such trust."

"(k) Subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section shall not apply to charitable trusts. If a transfer to any other trust qualified for a charitable deduction under Sections 170(a), 2055(a), or 2522(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, the trust may not be modified or terminated pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section in a manner that prevents the transfer to the trust from qualifying for or reduces the amount of such charitable deduction."

"(o) For purposes of subsection (b) of this Code section, notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 53-12-8, all qualified beneficiaries shall represent and bind all other beneficiaries who are not qualified beneficiaries, regardless of whether there is a conflict of interest between a qualified beneficiary and any such other beneficiary or whether any such other beneficiary objects to the representation."

SECTION 72.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-62, relating to power of trustee to invade principal of original trust, as follows:

"53-12-62.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Original trust' refers to the trust from which principal is being distributed.

(2) 'Second trust' refers to the trust to which assets are being distributed from the original trust, whether a separate trust or an amended version of the original trust.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'current beneficiary' means a person who, on the date of distribution to the second trust, is a distributee or permissible distributee of trust income or principal.

(2) Unless the original trust instrument expressly provides otherwise, a trustee, other than a ~~person who contributed property~~ donor to the trust, with the discretionary authority to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust to make distributions to or for the benefit of one or more of the beneficiaries may also,

independently or with court approval, exercise such authority by distributing all or part of the income or principal of the original trust subject to such discretion to a trustee of a second trust; provided, however, that the second trust shall not include as a:

(A) Current beneficiary any person that is not a current beneficiary of income or principal of the original trust; or

(B) Beneficiary any person that is not a beneficiary of the original trust.

(c) Except as provided in this Code section, a trustee may exercise the power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section without the consent of the settlor or the beneficiaries of the original trust if such trustee provides written notice of such trustee's decision to exercise the power to such settlor, if living, any trust director, and those persons then entitled to annual reports from the trustee of the original trust under subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-243, taking into account the provisions of the original trust and subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 53-12-243. Such notice shall:

(1) Describe the manner in which such trustee intends to exercise such power;

(2) Specify the date such trustee proposes to distribute to the second trust; and

(3) Be delivered at least 30 days before the proposed distribution to the second trust.

(d) The exercise of the power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be by an instrument in a writing, signed and acknowledged by the trustee, and filed with the records of the original trust.

(e) The exercise of the power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section shall not extend the permissible period of the rule against perpetuities that applies to such original trust.

(f) The exercise of the power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section by a trustee who is also a beneficiary shall be subject to the limitations of Code Section 53-12-270.

(g) This Code section shall not be construed to abridge the right of any trustee who has a power ~~of invasion~~ to distribute ~~property~~ income or principal in further trust that arises under any other law or under common law, and nothing in this Code section shall be construed to imply that the common law does not permit the exercise of a power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of a trust in the manner authorized under subsection (b) of this Code section.

(h) A second trust may confer a power of appointment upon a beneficiary of the original trust to whom or for the benefit of whom the trustee has the power to distribute ~~the~~ income or principal of such original trust. For purposes of this subsection, the permissible appointees of the power of appointment conferred upon a beneficiary may include persons who are not beneficiaries of such original trust or second trust.

(i) If any contribution to the original trust qualified for the annual exclusion under Section 2503(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, ~~as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ the marital deduction under Section 2056(a) or 2523(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, ~~as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ or the charitable deduction under Section 170(a), ~~642(c),~~ 2055(a), or 2522(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, ~~as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ is a direct skip qualifying for treatment under Section 2642(c) of the

federal Internal Revenue Code, ~~as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ or qualified for any other specific tax benefit that would be lost by the existence of the authorized trustee's authority under subsection (b) of this Code section for income, gift, estate, or generation-skipping transfer tax purposes under the federal Internal Revenue Code, then the authorized trustee shall not have the power to distribute the income or principal of a trust pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section in a manner that would prevent the contribution to the original trust from qualifying for such exclusion, deduction, or other tax benefit or would reduce such exclusion, deduction, or other tax benefit that was originally claimed with respect to such contribution.

(j) The exercise of the power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to the following limitations with respect to any portion of the original trust or second trust that does or will qualify as a grantor trust with respect to a donor:

(1) The second trust need not qualify as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes, even if the original trust does qualify as a grantor trust, except that if such original trust qualifies as a grantor trust because of the application of Section 672(f)(2)(A) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, ~~as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ such second trust may not include or omit a term that, if included in or omitted from the original trust instrument, would have prevented such original trust from qualifying under such section;

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, when the original trust does not qualify as a grantor trust and the donor is alive, the terms of the second trust shall not provide for a power of disposition that is not exempt from the application of subsection (a) of Section 674 of the federal Internal Revenue Code unless an adverse party, as defined in subsection (a) of Section 672 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, approves or consents to the inclusion of the power in the second trust. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the second trust may qualify as a grantor trust pursuant to other sections of the federal Internal Revenue Code;

~~(2)~~(3) Unless ~~the settlor~~ the donor objects in a writing delivered to the trustee before the date the trustee proposes to distribute from the original trust to the second trust, such second trust may qualify as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes, even if such original trust does not so qualify, except that if such original trust does not so qualify and such second trust will so qualify, in whole or in part, with respect to the ~~settlor~~ donor, such second trust shall grant such ~~settlor~~ donor or another person a power that would cause such second trust to cease to be a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes; and

~~(3)~~(4) When both the original trust and the second trust qualify as grantor trusts for federal income tax purposes and such original trust grants the ~~settlor~~ donor or another person the power to cause such original trust to cease to be a grantor trust, such second trust shall grant an equivalent power to the ~~settlor~~ donor or another person unless such ~~settlor~~ donor objects in a writing delivered to the trustee before the date the trustee proposes to distribute from such original trust to such second trust.

For purposes of this subsection, a trust that is a 'grantor trust' or that qualifies as a 'grantor trust' shall mean a trust, or portion of a trust, of which the donor is treated as the owner of the trust property for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Subchapter J of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(k) During any period when the original trust owns stock in a Subchapter 'S' corporation as defined in Section 1361(a)(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, ~~as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ an authorized trustee shall not exercise a power authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section to distribute part or all of the stock of the Subchapter 'S' corporation to a second trust that is not a permitted shareholder under Section 1361(c)(2) of the federal Internal Revenue Code~~, as it existed on February 1, 2018~~.

(l) A trustee or other person that reasonably relies on the validity of a distribution of property of the original trust to the second trust under subsection (b) of this Code section or any other law or common law shall not be liable for any action or failure to act as a result of such reliance.

(m) This Code section shall not create or imply a duty for a trustee or trust director to exercise a power conferred by this Code section.

(n) If exercise of the power to ~~invade the~~ distribute income or principal of the original trust would be effective under subsection (b) of this Code section except that the second trust in part does not comply with this Code section, such exercise of the power shall be effective, a provision in such second trust that is not permitted under this Code section shall be void to the extent necessary to comply with this Code section, and a provision required by this Code section to be in such second trust that is not contained in such second trust shall be deemed to be included in such second trust to the extent necessary to comply with this Code section.

(o) The ~~settlor~~ donor of the original trust shall be deemed to be the ~~settlor~~ donor of the second trust with respect to the portion of the income or principal of the original trust subject to the exercise of the power to ~~invade~~ distribute the principal of such original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section. The settlor of the second trust shall be the person who creates the second trust, including a testator in the case of a testamentary trust; provided, however, that, if the trustee of the original trust creates the second trust, the settlor of the original trust shall be deemed to be the settlor of the second trust.

(p) A debt, liability, or other obligation enforceable against property of the original trust shall be enforceable to the same extent against the property when held by the second trust after exercise of the power to ~~invade~~ distribute the income or principal of such original trust under subsection (b) of this Code section.

(q) This Code section shall apply to any trust ~~the meaning and effect of whose trust provisions are determined by the law of this state~~ that:

(1) Has its principal place of administration in this state, including a trust whose principal place of administration has been changed to this state; or

(2) Provides in its trust instrument that it is governed by the law of this state or is governed by the law of this state for the purpose of:

(A) Administration, including administration of a trust whose governing law for purposes of administration has been changed to the law of this state;

(B) Construction of the terms of the trust; or

(C) Determining the meaning or effect of the terms of the trust.

(r) This Code section shall not apply to charitable trusts."

SECTION 73.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 53-12-80, relating to spendthrift provisions, as follows:

"(f) If a beneficiary is also a ~~contributor to the trust~~ donor, a spendthrift provision shall not be valid as to such beneficiary to the extent of the ~~proportion~~ portion of trust property ~~attributable to such beneficiary's contribution~~ of which such beneficiary is the donor. This subsection shall not apply to a special needs trust established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. ~~Sections~~ Section 1396p(d)(4)(A) or 1396p(d)(4)(C)."

SECTION 74.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-81, relating to limitations on creditors' rights to discretionary distributions, as follows:

"53-12-81.

A transferee or creditor of a beneficiary shall not compel the trustee or a trust director to pay any amount that is payable only in the discretion of the trustee or trust director regardless of whether the discretion is expressed in the form of a standard of distribution, including, but not limited to, health, education, maintenance, and support, and whether such trustee or trust director is also a beneficiary. This Code section shall not apply to the extent of the ~~proportion~~ portion of trust property ~~attributable to the beneficiary's contribution~~ of which such beneficiary is the donor."

SECTION 75.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-82, relating to rules for trusts and consideration of assets of an inter vivos marital trust following death, as follows:

"53-12-82.

(a)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'creditor' means:

(A) With respect to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, those creditors of a ~~settlor~~ donor whose claims against the property of the trust are governed by this article, including those creditors identified in subsection (d) of Code Section 53-12-80; and

(B) With respect to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, those claimants whose claims against the property of ~~the settlor's~~ a donor's estate are governed by Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title, including those claimants identified in Code Section 53-7-40.

(2) Regardless of whether the trust instrument contains a spendthrift provision, the following rules shall apply:

(A) During the lifetime of the settlor, the settlor shall be treated as the donor of all property of a ~~revocable~~ trust revocable by such settlor and such property shall be subject to claims of ~~the settlor's~~ such donor's creditors;

(B) With respect to an irrevocable trust:

(i) Creditors or assignees of the ~~settlor~~ donor may reach the maximum amount that can be distributed to or for the ~~settlor's~~ donor's benefit during the ~~settlor's~~ donor's life or that could have been distributed to or for the ~~settlor's~~ donor's benefit immediately prior to the ~~settlor's~~ donor's death~~, provided that, if a trust has more than one settlor, the amount the creditors or assignees of a particular settlor may reach shall not exceed the settlor's interest in the portion of the trust attributable to that settlor's contribution~~; and

(ii) The portion of a trust that can be distributed to or for the ~~settlor's~~ donor's benefit pursuant to the power of a trustee, whether arising under the trust instrument or any other law, to make a distribution to or for the benefit of a ~~settlor~~ donor for the purpose of reimbursing the ~~settlor~~ donor in an amount equal to any income taxes payable on any portion of the trust principal and income that is treated as the ~~settlor's~~ donor's individual income under applicable law shall not be considered an amount that can be distributed to or for the ~~settlor's~~ donor's benefit during the ~~settlor's~~ donor's life or that could have been distributed to or for the ~~settlor's~~ donor's benefit immediately prior to the ~~settlor's~~ donor's death; and

(C) After the death of a ~~settlor~~ donor, and subject to the ~~settlor's~~ donor's right to direct the source from which liabilities shall be paid:

(i) The settlor shall be treated as the donor of all property of a trust that was revocable by the settlor at the settlor's death or had become irrevocable as a result of the settlor's incapacity, and such property shall be subject to claims of the creditors of the ~~settlor's~~ donor's estate to the extent the ~~settlor's~~ donor's probate estate is inadequate; and

(ii) Payments that would not be subject to the claims of the creditors of the ~~settlor's~~ donor's estate if made by way of beneficiary designation to persons other than the ~~settlor's~~ donor's estate shall not be made subject to such claims by virtue of this Code section unless otherwise provided in the trust instrument.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Donor's spouse' means the spouse of the donor at the time of the creation of an inter vivos marital trust, regardless of whether such spouse is married to the donor at the time of such spouse's death.

~~(A)~~(B) 'Inter vivos marital trust' means:

(i) A trust described in Section 2523(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986~~, as it existed on February 1, 2018~~;

(ii) A trust for which the election described in Section 2523(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986~~, as it existed on February 1, 2018,~~ has been made; or

(iii) Another trust to the extent such trust's ~~assets are~~ property is attributable to a trust described in division (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph.

~~(B) 'Settlor's spouse' means the spouse of the settlor at the time of the creation of an inter vivos marital trust, regardless of whether such spouse is married to the settlor at the time of such spouse's death.~~

(2) Subject to Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 18, after the death of the ~~settlor's~~ donor's spouse, the ~~assets~~ property of an inter vivos marital trust shall be deemed to have been contributed by the ~~settlor's~~ donor's spouse and not by the ~~settlor~~ donor so that the spouse becomes the donor of all such property; provided, however, that this Code section shall not apply to any property contributed to such trust after the death of the donor's spouse."

SECTION 76.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-83, relating to creditors' claims against property that is subject to withdrawal right, as follows:

"53-12-83.

For purposes of this article, the ~~The~~ holder of a power of withdrawal, during the period that the power may be exercised, shall be treated in the same manner as the settlor of a revocable trust to the extent of the property subject to the power~~. The~~, and the lapse, release, or waiver of a power of withdrawal shall not cause the holder to be treated as a ~~settlor~~ donor of the trust."

SECTION 77.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-172, relating to cy pres, as follows:

"53-12-172.

If a charitable ~~trust or gift cannot be executed in the manner provided by the settlor or donor~~ purpose of a charitable trust becomes unlawful, impracticable, impossible to achieve, or wasteful, the ~~superior~~ court shall, upon a petition by a donor or other interested person pursuant to this Code section, modify or terminate the trust ~~exercise equitable powers~~ in such a way as will as nearly as possible effectuate the intention of the settlor or donor."

SECTION 78.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-200, relating to capacity of trustee, as follows:

"53-12-200.

A trustee shall have legal capacity under Georgia law to acquire, hold, and transfer title to property. An individual shall be eligible to serve as a trustee regardless of citizenship or residency. If the trustee is a corporation, partnership, or other entity, it shall be required to have the power to act as a trustee in Georgia pursuant to Code Section 7-1-242, Article 15 of this chapter, or other applicable law."

SECTION 79.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-201, relating to appointment and vacancies, as follows:

"53-12-201.

(a) A settlor may appoint trustees or grant that power to others, including trust beneficiaries.

(b) A trust shall never fail for want of a trustee.

(c) ~~If the trust instrument names a person to fill a vacancy or provides a method of appointing a trustee, any vacancy shall be filled or appointment made as provided in the trust instrument.~~ A vacancy in a trusteeship occurs if:

(1) A person designated as trustee rejects the trusteeship;

(2) A person designated as trustee cannot be identified, cannot be located, or does not exist;

(3) A guardian or conservator is appointed for an individual serving as trustee;

(4) A trustee is disqualified or removed;

(5) A trustee resigns or dies; or

(6) For any other reason there is no person currently serving as trustee of a trust.

(d) ~~The qualified beneficiaries may appoint a trustee by unanimous consent.~~ Unless otherwise provided in the trust instrument, if one or more cotrustees remain in office, a vacancy need not be filled.

(e) ~~In all other cases, the court, on petition of an interested person, may appoint any number of trustees consistent with the intention of the settlor and the interests of the beneficiaries.~~ A vacancy in a trusteeship that is required to be filled shall be filled, in the following order of priority, by a person:

(1) Designated in the trust instrument as successor trustee;

(2) Appointed as provided in the trust instrument;

(3) Appointed by the unanimous agreement of the qualified beneficiaries; or

(4) On petition of an interested person, appointed by the court.

(f) Regardless of whether a vacancy in a trusteeship exists or is required to be filled, the court may, on petition of an interested person, appoint an additional trustee or special fiduciary whenever the court considers the appointment consistent with the intention of the settlor and the interests of the beneficiaries, or otherwise necessary for the administration of the trust.

~~(f)~~(g) A ~~The~~ petition provided for in ~~subsection (e) of~~ this Code section shall be served upon all qualified beneficiaries.

~~(g)~~(h) A trustee appointed as a successor trustee shall have all the authority of the original trustee."

SECTION 80.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-221, relating to removal of trustee, as follows:

"53-12-221.

(a) A trustee may be removed:

(1) In accordance with the provisions of the trust instrument; or

(2) Upon petition to the court by any interested person ~~showing good cause~~ or by the court on its own motion.

(b) The court may remove a trustee if:

(1) The trustee has committed a serious breach of trust;

(2) Lack of cooperation among cotrustees substantially impairs the administration of the trust;

(3) The court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries because of unfitness (including, but not limited to, a lack of capacity to make or communicate significant responsible decisions concerning the management of trust property) or unwillingness or persistent failure to administer the trust effectively;

(4) There has been a substantial change of circumstances, the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available; or

(5) Removal is requested by all of the qualified beneficiaries, the court finds that removal of the trustee best serves the interests of the beneficiaries and is not inconsistent with a material purpose of the trust, and a suitable cotrustee or successor trustee is available.

(c) In the discretion of the court, in order to protect the trust property or the interests of any beneficiary, on its own motion or on motion of a cotrustee or other interested person, the court may compel the trustee whose removal is being sought to surrender trust property to a cotrustee, a receiver, or temporary trustee pending a decision on a petition for removal of a trustee or pending appellate review of such decision. To the extent the court deems necessary, the powers of the trustee also may be suspended."

SECTION 81.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 53-12-243, relating to duty to provide reports and accounts, as follows:

"(b)(1) A trustee shall account at least annually, at the termination of the trust, and upon a change of trustees to each beneficiary of an irrevocable trust to whom income or principal is required or authorized in the trustee's discretion to be distributed ~~currently~~ during the period covered by the report, including upon the termination of the trust on the last day of such period, and to any person who may revoke the trust. ~~At the termination of the trust, the trustee shall also account to each remainder beneficiary.~~ Upon a change of trustees, the trustee shall also account to the successor trustee.

(2) An accounting furnished to a beneficiary pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall contain a statement of receipts and disbursements of principal and income that have occurred during the last complete fiscal year of the trust or since the last accounting to that beneficiary and a statement of the assets and liabilities of the trust as of the end of the accounting period.

(c) A trustee shall not be required to report information or account to:

(1) A ~~a~~ beneficiary who has waived in writing the right to a report or accounting and has not withdrawn that waiver; or

(2) The unascertainable charitable beneficiaries of a trust that is not a charitable trust."

SECTION 82.

Said title is further amended in Part 1 of Article 13 of Chapter 12, relating to duties of trustee, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"53-12-248.

When a person holds a power of appointment, as defined in Code Section 53-12-500, over property with respect to which the person is also a trustee or a trust director, the duties imposed on such person as a trustee or trust director shall not apply to the exercise or nonexercise of the power of appointment."

SECTION 83.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (11), (23), (28), and (29) of and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-261, relating to powers of trustee and limitation based on fiduciary duties, to read as follows:

"(11) To borrow money for such periods of time and upon such terms and conditions as to rates, maturities, renewals, and security as the fiduciary shall deem advisable for ~~the~~ any purpose ~~of paying debts, taxes, or other charges against the estate or trust or any part thereof~~ and to mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber such portion of the property held by the fiduciary as may be required to secure the loan and to renew existing loans either as maker or endorser;"

"(23) To employ and compensate, out of income or principal or both and in such proportion as the fiduciary shall deem advisable, persons deemed by the fiduciary needful to advise or assist in the administration of the estate or trust, including, but not limited to, agents, accountants, brokers, attorneys at law, attorneys in fact, investment brokers, rental agents, realtors, appraisers, and tax specialists; and to do so without liability for any neglect, omission, misconduct, or default of any such agent or representative selected and retained with due care on the part of the fiduciary; ~~provided, however, that, if an attorney in fact is appointed by a power of attorney to which Chapter 6B of Title 10 is applicable under Code Section 10-6B-81, the exercise of the fiduciary powers of the trustee by the attorney in fact shall be subject to Code Section 10-6B-40;~~"

"(28) To determine:

(A) What is principal and what is income of any estate or trust and to allocate or apportion receipts and expenses, as between principal and income, in the exercise of the fiduciary's discretion and, by way of illustration and not limitation of the fiduciary's discretion, to charge premiums on securities purchased at a premium against principal or income or partly against each;

(B) Whether to apply stock dividends and other noncash dividends to income or principal or to apportion them as the fiduciary shall deem advisable; and

(C) What expenses, costs, and taxes, other than estate, inheritance, and succession taxes and other governmental charges, shall be charged against principal or income or apportioned between principal and income and in what proportions; ~~and~~

(29) To make, modify, and execute contracts and other instruments, under seal or otherwise, as the fiduciary deems advisable; and

(30) To endorse, guarantee, become the surety of or otherwise become obligated for or with respect to the debts or other obligations of a beneficiary or any debt or obligation incurred for the benefit of a beneficiary, whether with or without consideration, as the fiduciary deems advisable."

SECTION 84.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-262, relating to powers of corporate fiduciaries, as follows:

"53-12-262.

A corporate fiduciary, without authorization by the court, may exercise the power:

(1) To retain stock or other securities of its own issue received on the creation of the trust or later contributed to the trust, including the securities into which the securities originally received or contributed may be converted or ~~which~~ that may be derived therefrom as a result of merger, consolidation, stock dividends, splits, liquidations, and similar procedures. The corporate fiduciary may exercise by purchase or otherwise any rights, warrants, or conversion features attaching to any such securities. The authority described in this paragraph shall:

(A) Apply to the exchange or conversion of stock or securities of the corporate fiduciary's own issue, regardless of whether ~~or not~~ any new stock or securities received in exchange therefor are substantially equivalent to those originally held;

(B) Apply to the continued retention of all new stock and securities resulting from merger, consolidation, stock dividends, splits, liquidations, and similar procedures and received by virtue of such conversion or exchange of stock or securities of the corporate fiduciary's own issue, regardless of whether ~~or not~~ the new stock or securities are substantially equivalent to those originally received by the fiduciary;

(C) Have reference, inter alia, to the exchange of such stock or securities for stock or securities of any holding company ~~which~~ that owns stock or other interests in one or more other corporations, including the corporate fiduciary, whether the holding company is newly formed or already existing and regardless of whether ~~or not~~ any of the corporations own assets identical or similar to the assets of or carry on a business identical or similar to the corporation whose stock or securities were previously received by the fiduciary and the continued retention of stock or securities, or both, of the holding company; and

(D) Apply regardless of whether any of the corporations have officers, directors, employees, agents, or trustees in common with the corporation whose stock or securities were previously received by the fiduciary; and

(2) To borrow money from its own banking department for such periods of time and upon such terms and conditions as to rates, maturities, renewals, and security as the fiduciary shall deem advisable for ~~the~~ any purpose ~~of paying debts, taxes, or other charges against the estate or any trust or any part thereof, and to mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber such portion of the estate or any trust~~ as may be required to secure the loan or loans; and to renew existing loans either as maker or endorser."

SECTION 85.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 53-12-264, relating to granting of powers by qualified beneficiaries.

SECTION 86.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-270, relating to exercise of power by trustee who is also a beneficiary, as follows:

"53-12-270.

(a) Subject to subsection (c) of this Code section, and unless the trust provisions expressly indicate that a rule in this subsection shall not apply, a person other than a settlor or donor who is a beneficiary and either a trustee or trust director of a trust shall not:

(1) ~~A person other than a settlor who is a beneficiary and trustee of a trust that confers on such trustee a power to make~~ Make discretionary distributions to or for ~~such trustee's personal~~ the benefit ~~may exercise such power only in~~ of such person unless in accordance with an ascertainable standard; ~~and~~

(2) Make discretionary allocations of receipts or expenses as between principal and income, unless such person acts in a fiduciary capacity whereby such person has no power to enlarge or shift any beneficial interest except as an incidental consequence of the discharge of such person's fiduciary duties; and

(3) Make ~~A trustee shall not exercise a power to make~~ discretionary distributions to satisfy ~~a~~ any of such person's legal ~~obligation~~ obligations of support ~~that such trustee personally owes another person~~.

(b) A power whose exercise is limited or prohibited by subsection (a) of this Code section may be exercised by a majority of the remaining trustees or trust directors who have the power to make or direct discretionary distributions to or for such trustee or trust director and whose exercise of such power is not so limited or prohibited. If the power of all trustees or trust directors is so limited or prohibited, the court may appoint a special fiduciary with authority to exercise the power.

(c) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) A power held by the settlor's or donor's spouse who is the trustee or trust director of a trust for which a marital deduction, as defined in Section 2056(b)(5) or 2523(e) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, was previously allowed;

(2) Any trust during any period that the trust may be revoked or amended by its settlor; ~~or~~

(3) A trust if contributions to such trust qualify for the annual exclusion under Section 2503(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

(4) Any portion of a trust over which the trustee or trust director is expressly granted in the trust instrument a presently exercisable or testamentary general power of appointment.

(d)(1) If a beneficiary of a trust, in an individual, fiduciary, or other capacity, removes and appoints a successor trustee or trust director who would be related or subordinate to the beneficiary within the meaning of Section 672(c) of the federal Internal Revenue

Code if the beneficiary were a grantor, the successor trustee or trust director's discretionary powers shall be limited as follows:

(A) The trustee or trust director's discretionary power to make distributions to or for the benefit of that beneficiary is limited to an ascertainable standard;

(B) The trustee or trust director's discretionary power shall not be exercised to satisfy any of that beneficiary's legal obligations for support or other purposes; and

(C) The trustee or trust director's discretionary power shall not be exercised to grant to the beneficiary a general power to appoint property of the trust to the beneficiary, the beneficiary's estate, or the creditors thereof within the meaning of Section 2041 of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(2) This subsection shall not apply if the appointment of the trustee or trust director by the beneficiary may be made only in conjunction with another person having a substantial interest in the property of the trust subject to the power that is adverse to the exercise of the power in favor of the beneficiary within the meaning of Section 2041 (b)(1)(C)(ii) of the federal Internal Revenue Code."

SECTION 87.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 53-12-301, relating to actions for breach of trust, to read as follows:

"(d) If the settlor of a trust provides for both charitable and noncharitable purposes, the settlor or a donor may maintain a civil action to enforce the charitable purposes of the trust.

(e) The provision of remedies for breach of trust shall not prevent resort to any other appropriate remedy provided by statute or common law."

SECTION 88.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 53-12-307, relating to limitation of actions, as follows:

"(a) Unless a claim is previously barred by adjudication, consent, limitation, or otherwise, if a beneficiary ~~has received a written report~~ was sent a written report that adequately ~~discloses~~ disclosed the existence of a claim against the trustee for a breach of trust, the claim shall be barred as to that beneficiary unless a proceeding to assert the claim is commenced within two years after ~~receipt of the report~~ the date the beneficiary was sent such report. A report adequately discloses existence of a claim if it provides sufficient information so that the beneficiary knows of such claim or reasonably should have inquired into the existence of such claim. If the beneficiary ~~has not received a report which~~ was not sent a report that adequately ~~discloses~~ disclosed the existence of a claim against the trustee for a breach of trust, such claim shall be barred as to that beneficiary unless a proceeding to assert such claim is commenced within six years after the beneficiary discovered, or reasonably should have discovered, the subject of such claim."

SECTION 89.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 53-12-320, relating to nonresidents acting as trustees, as follows:

"(a) Any nonresident who is eligible to serve as a trustee under Code Section ~~53-12-201~~ 7-1-242, Part 1 of Article 11 of this chapter, or other applicable law may act as a trustee in this state pursuant to the terms of this Code section."

SECTION 90.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 53-12-321, relating to foreign entities acting as trustees, as follows:

"(a) Any foreign entity may act in this state as a trustee, ~~executor,~~ trust director, personal representative, temporary administrator, conservator, or guardian, or in any other like or similar fiduciary capacity, whether the appointment is by law, will, deed, inter vivos trust, security deed, mortgage, deed of trust, court order, or otherwise without the necessity of complying with any law of this state relating to the qualification of foreign entities to do business in this state or the licensing of foreign entities to do business in this state, except as provided in this article, and notwithstanding any prohibition, limitation, or restriction contained in any other law of this state, provided only that the foreign entity is authorized to act in the fiduciary capacity in the state in which it is chartered or licensed or, if the foreign entity is a national banking association, in the state in which it has its principal place of business."

SECTION 91.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 53-12-323, relating to filing statement with Secretary of State and appointment of agent for service, as follows:

"(c) Any foreign entity that acts as a trustee or trust director in this state shall be deemed to have consented to service upon the Secretary of State of any summons, notice, or process in connection with any action or proceeding in the courts of this state growing out of or based upon any act or failure to act on the part of the trustee or trust director unless the trustee or trust director shall designate as the agent for such service some person who may be found and served with notice, summons, or process in this state by a designation to be filed, from time to time, in the office of the Secretary of State, giving the name of the agent and the place in this state where the agent may be found and served."

SECTION 92.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b), (g), and (j) of Code Section 53-12-362, relating to conversion to unitrust, as follows:

"(b)(1) The trustee may petition the ~~superior~~ court to order the conversion to a unitrust.

(2) A beneficiary may request a trustee to convert to a unitrust. If the trustee does not convert, the beneficiary may petition the ~~superior~~ court to order the conversion.

(3) The court shall order conversion if ~~the~~ such court concludes that the conversion will enable the trustee to better carry out the intent of the settlor or testator and the purposes of the trust."

"(g) The trustee or, if the trustee declines to do so, a beneficiary may petition the ~~superior~~ court to:

(1) Select a payout percentage different from 4 percent but not lower than 3 percent or higher than 5 percent;

(2) Provide for a distribution of net income, as would be determined if the trust were not a unitrust, in excess of the unitrust distribution if such distribution is necessary to preserve a tax benefit;

(3) Average the valuation of the trust's net assets over a period other than three years; or

(4) Reconvert from a unitrust. Upon a reconversion, the power to adjust under Code Section 53-12-361 shall be revived."

"(j)(1) If paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (i) of this Code section applies to a trustee and there is more than one trustee, a cotrustee to whom such provision does not apply may convert the trust unless the exercise of the power by the remaining trustee is prohibited by the governing trust instrument.

(2) If paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (i) of this Code section applies to all the trustees, the trustees may petition the ~~superior~~ court to direct a conversion."

SECTION 93.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (2) and (3) of Code Section 53-12-500, relating to definitions regarding trust directors, as follows:

"(2) 'Power of appointment' means a power that enables a person, acting in a nonfiduciary capacity, to:

(A) Designate a recipient of either an ownership interest in or another power of appointment over trust property;

(B) Rescind or terminate either an ownership interest in or another power of appointment over trust property; ~~and~~ or

(C) Determine when a beneficiary shall have the rights granted under Code Sections 53-12-242 and 53-12-243 or similar rights granted under the ~~governing~~ trust instrument.

(3) 'Power of direction' means a power over a trust granted to a person by the trust instrument to the extent the power is exercisable in a capacity other than as a trustee. Such term includes a power over the administration of the trust or the investment, management, or distribution of the trust property; a power to consent to a trustee's actions, whether through exercise of an affirmative power to consent or through nonexercise of a veto power over a trustee's actions, where a trustee may not act without such consent; and all further powers appropriate to the exercise or nonexercise of such powers held by the trust director pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 53-12-502. Such term shall exclude the powers described in subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-

501 and the power of a person designated in a trust instrument to receive notice and provide consent pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection (f) of Code Section 53-12-8."

SECTION 94.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of Code Section 53-12-501, relating to application of article and construction of trust instrument, as follows:

"(5) A power over a trust if both:

(A) The trust instrument provides such power is held in a nonfiduciary capacity; and

(B) Such power ~~is~~ must be held in a nonfiduciary capacity to achieve the settlor's tax objectives."

SECTION 95.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 53-12-506, relating to statutory provisions applicable to trust directors, defenses available to trust directors, personal jurisdiction, and term "trustee" includes trust director where required or permitted, as follows:

"53-12-506.

(a) An individual shall be eligible to serve as a trust director regardless of citizenship ~~and~~ or residency. If the trust director is a corporation, partnership, or other entity, it shall be required to have the power to act as a trustee in Georgia.

(b) The rules applicable to a trustee apply to a trust director regarding:

(1) Jurisdiction under Code Section 53-12-6;

(2) All matters governed by Article 11 of this chapter, including, but not limited to, appointment ~~Appointment~~ and acceptance, compensation, and resignation and removal ~~of trustees under Article 11 of this chapter~~; and

(3) Accounting under Article 12 of this chapter~~; and~~.

~~(4) Nonresidents and foreign entities acting as trustees under Article 15 of this chapter.~~

~~(c) In an action against a trust director for breach of trust, the trust director may assert the same defenses a trustee in a like position and under similar circumstances could assert in an action for breach of trust against the trustee.~~

~~(d) By accepting appointment as a trust director of a trust subject to this article, a trust director submits to personal jurisdiction of the courts of this state regarding any matter related to a power or duty of a trust director. This subsection shall not preclude use of another method to obtain jurisdiction over a trust director.~~

~~(e) As used in this Code, where the context requires or permits, the term 'trustee' includes a trust director.~~"

SECTION 96.

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to Chapter 12, relating to trusts, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 19

53-12-510.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Electronic' means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(2) 'Electronic address' means a unique username or other identifier, commonly expressed as a string of characters or numbers, at which information may be received by electronic means and shall include, but shall not be limited to, an email or internet address, and any other information system or portion thereof, designed for the exchange of information among parties.

(3) 'Electronic portal' means a website or other similar electronic service through which a person may retrieve information.

(4) 'Electronic record' means a record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

(5) 'Electronic signature' means an electronic symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.

(6) 'Information' includes data, text, images, codes, computer programs, software, and data bases.

(7) 'Record' means information:

(A) Inscribed on a tangible medium; or

(B) Stored in an electronic or other medium and retrievable in perceivable form.

(8) 'Security procedure' means a procedure applied to verify that an electronic signature, record, or performance is that of a specific person or to detect a change or error in an electronic record. Such term includes a procedure that uses an algorithm, code, identifying word or number, encryption, or callback or other acknowledgment procedure.

(9) 'Sign' means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:

(A) Execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

(B) Attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic signature.

53-12-511.

(a) This Code section shall govern notice to a person or the sending of a record to a person under this chapter, under the provisions of a trust instrument, or with respect to any matter involving a trust. This Code section shall not govern whether notice or the sending of a record complied with any duties relating to the privacy, confidentiality, or security of a notice or record.

(b) Notice to a person or the sending of a record to a person shall be accomplished in a manner that is likely to result in receipt of the notice or record and reasonably suitable under the circumstances.

(c) Without limitation, the manner of notice to a person or the sending of a record to a person shall be presumed likely to result in receipt of the notice or record, unless proven otherwise by clear and convincing evidence, if accomplished by:

(1) Personal delivery;

(2) Registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to either the person's last known place of residence or place of business or the address last used by the person to receive notices or records;

(3) An electronic address the person has consented to use to receive notices or records; or

(4)(A) An electronic portal if:

(i) The person has been granted access to an electronic portal and informed that notices and records will be made available in the electronic portal;

(ii) The notice or record is made available in the electronic portal;

(iii) Concurrently with or subsequently to the notice or record being made available in the electronic portal, the person is notified that one or more notices or records have been made available in the electronic portal; and

(iv) For a period of at least 90 days after the date on which the person was notified as provided in division (iii) of this subparagraph, the person's access to the electronic portal is not terminated without his or her consent and the notice or record remains available in the electronic portal.

(B) If the person objects to notices or the sending of records by means of an electronic address or electronic portal, then notice or the sending of a record by such means shall not be presumed likely to result in receipt of the notice or record.

(d) If a record was sent to a beneficiary solely by means of an electronic portal and the existence of a claim would not have been adequately disclosed to the beneficiary for purposes of Code Section 53-12-307 but for the sending of the record, the running of the limitations period under Code Section 53-12-307 for such claim shall be tolled if the beneficiary's access to the electronic portal is terminated without his or her consent or the record is no longer available in the electronic portal; provided, however, that the period shall not be tolled if, within 30 days after such event, the beneficiary is notified of an alternative means by which to obtain the record. If the limitations period is tolled, the period shall recommence on the date on which the record is resent to the beneficiary, whether by means of an electronic portal or otherwise.

(e)(1) For purposes of subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section:

(A) Without limitation, a person consents to the use of an electronic address to receive notices and records from:

(i) Any person with respect to any matter involving a particular trust, by providing the electronic address to any other person to be used to receive notices and records with respect to any matters involving such trust, regardless of whether such other person is the person providing notice or sending the record; and

(ii) A particular person with respect to any matter involving any trust, by providing the electronic address to such person to receive such notices and records with respect

to any matters involving a trust, regardless of whether such trust is the trust to which the notice or record relates; and

(B) The use of an electronic address by a person with respect to any matter involving a trust shall constitute a provision of the electronic address with respect to the trust under division (i) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and the use of an electronic address to communicate with another person with respect to any matter involving a trust shall constitute a provision of the electronic address to the other person under division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(2) Requiring a person to take steps to activate his or her account in an electronic portal or take other similar actions to establish access to an electronic portal shall not prevent the person from having been granted access to the electronic portal.

(3) A notice or record shall not be considered to have been made available in an electronic portal unless a person who has been granted access to the electronic portal can download or otherwise preserve a copy of the notice or record outside of the electronic portal.

(4) If a notice or record is made available in an electronic portal but the notice required by division (c)(4)(A)(iii) of this Code section is not provided to a person who has been granted access to the electronic portal, such notice shall be deemed provided to such person on the next date on which the person accesses the electronic portal.

(5) A person's access to an electronic portal shall not be considered to have been terminated without his or her consent solely because such person is required to change or reset his or her password or take other similar actions to preserve his or her access.

(f) With respect to whether notice or the sending of a record to a person was reasonably suitable under the circumstances:

(1) For purposes of Code Section 53-12-307 providing for the limitation of actions, the sending of a record to a person in a manner that is likely to result in receipt shall be presumed to have been accomplished in a manner that was reasonably suitable under the circumstances unless proven otherwise by clear and convincing evidence; and

(2) For all other purposes, whether notice or the sending of a record to a person was accomplished in a manner reasonably suitable under the circumstances shall be determined, without limitation, in the context of the subject matter of the notice or record, the length of any time period imposed with respect to notice or sending of the record, the circumstances of the person, the sender's knowledge of those circumstances, and when actual receipt, if any, occurred.

(g) Notice to a person or the sending of a record to a person shall be deemed:

(1) To have been accomplished on the date such person has actual knowledge of the contents of the notice or record; and

(2) Not to have been accomplished if the person providing notice or sending a record has actual knowledge the person did not receive the notice or record.

(h) Notice or the sending of a record to a person otherwise required under this chapter or the trust instrument:

(1) Need not be provided to a person whose identity or location is unknown to and not reasonably ascertainable by the trustee, trust director, or other person required to provide the notice or send the record; and

(2) May be waived by the person to be notified or sent the record.

(i) An action by a trustee, trust director, or other person authorized under this chapter or a trust instrument to act with respect to any matter involving a trust shall not be ineffective because of a failure to provide notice required under this chapter or the trust instrument if such person acted with reasonable care to comply with this Code section.

(j) Notice of a judicial proceeding shall be provided as required by the applicable rules of civil procedure.

(k) This Code section shall be construed and applied to be consistent with reasonable practices concerning the use of electronic addresses and electronic portals to provide notice and send records for matters involving trusts and the continued expansion of those practices.

53-12-512.

(a) This Code section shall apply to all records and signatures relating to trusts, except a writing and signature creating or declaring an express trust under Code Section 53-12-20, including, but not limited to:

(1) Exercises, delegations, determinations, releases, waivers, renunciations, disclaimers, and all other actions related to powers and rights granted under this chapter or a trust instrument;

(2) Notices and records required to be provided or sent by this chapter or the provisions of a trust instrument, including, but not limited to, notices under Code Section 53-12-242, reports and accounts under Code Section 53-12-243, and accountings under Article 12 of this chapter;

(3) Binding nonjudicial settlement agreements under Code Section 53-12-9 or other applicable law, including agreements that modify a trust instrument;

(4) Notices of a trustee's decision to exercise the power to distribute income or principal of a trust under Code Section 53-12-62 or other applicable law;

(5) Consents to actions by and the release from liability of a trustee or trust director;

(6) Reports described in Code Section 53-12-307; and

(7) Certifications of a trust under Code Section 53-12-280.

(b) This Code section shall be construed and applied to facilitate electronic records and electronic signatures consistent with other law and to be consistent with reasonable practices concerning electronic records and electronic signatures and continued expansion of those practices.

(c) This Code section shall not invalidate an electronic record or electronic signature that is valid under other applicable law.

(d)(1) A record or signature shall not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form.

(2) If other laws of this state or a trust instrument require a record to be in writing, an electronic record satisfies the requirement.

(3) If other laws of this state or a trust instrument require a signature to be in writing, an electronic signature satisfies the requirement.

(e)(1) An electronic record or electronic signature is attributable to a person if it was the act of the person. The act of the person may be shown in any manner, including, but not limited to, showing the efficacy of a security procedure applied to determine the person to which the electronic record or electronic signature was attributable.

(2) The effect of attribution to a person under paragraph (1) of this subsection of a record or signature shall be determined from the context and surrounding circumstances at the time of its creation, execution, or adoption and as provided by other law.

(f) If other laws of this state or a trust instrument require a record or signature to be acknowledged or notarized, the requirement shall be satisfied if the signature of the individual performing the acknowledgement or notarization, together with all other information required to be included under other laws of this state or the trust instrument, is attached to or logically associated with the electronic record or electronic signature.

(g) A person may create a certified paper copy of an electronic record by affirming under penalty of perjury that the paper copy is a complete and accurate copy of the record.

(h) If other laws of this state or a trust instrument require a record to be retained, transmitted, copied, or filed:

(1) The requirement shall be satisfied by retaining, transmitting, copying, or filing an electronic record that:

(A) Accurately reflects the information in the record after it was first generated in final form as an electronic record or as a certified paper copy under this Code section; and

(B) Remains accessible to the extent required by the other laws of this state or a trust instrument;

(2) The requirement to retain a record shall not apply to information the sole purpose of which is to enable the record to be sent, communicated, or received;

(3) A person may satisfy paragraph (1) of this subsection by using the services of another person;

(4) A requirement that a record be presented or retained in its original form shall be satisfied by an electronic record retained in accordance with this subsection; and

(5) This subsection shall not preclude a governmental agency from specifying requirements for the retention of a record subject to the agency's jurisdiction in addition to those in this subsection.

(i) Evidence relating to a record or a signature may not be excluded in a judicial proceeding solely because it is in electronic form.

53-12-513.

The provisions of this chapter conform to the requirements of Section 102 of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7002, and supersede, modify, and limit the requirements of such act."

SECTION 97.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 176, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 413. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Campbell of the 171st, Ridley of the 22nd and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding agriculture, so as to prohibit local ordinances that prohibit the operation of mobile sawmills on agricultural lands; to provide for agricultural products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 13.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 416. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Blackmon of the 146th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, is amended in Code Section 36-88-6, relating to criteria for enterprise zone, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g)(1) A nominated area under this subsection shall:

(A) Be included in an urban redevelopment area as defined ~~by paragraph (23) of~~ in Code Section 36-61-2; and

(B) Contain within its borders the site for a redevelopment project having a minimum of $400 million in capital investment for the redevelopment of an area certified by the commissioner to have been chronically underdeveloped for a period of 20 years or more.

(2) Any nominated area meeting the criteria in paragraph (1) of this subsection may be designated as an enterprise zone. Any redevelopment project used to qualify an area for designation as an enterprise zone under this subsection shall, upon approval of such designation, qualify for an exemption of any sales and use tax levied within the boundaries of such project.

(3) Any variation in the sales price of goods and services within any redevelopment project used to qualify an area for designation as an enterprise zone under this

subsection attributable to lease arrangements between a retailer and the owner of the project shall be a permitted practice under Parts 1 and 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.

(4) By resolution or ordinance, the local governing body designating and creating an enterprise zone under this subsection may assess and collect annual enterprise zone infrastructure fees from each retailer ~~operating within the boundaries of the project~~ that is a qualifying business or service enterprise making sales transactions exempted from sales and use tax under paragraph (2) of this subsection in an amount not to exceed, in aggregate, the amount of sales and use tax on transactions of such retailer exempted under paragraph (2) of this subsection, which fees may be pledged by such local governing body, directly or indirectly, as security for revenue bonds issued for development or infrastructure within the enterprise zone.

(5) This subsection shall not apply to projects involving or related to casino gambling."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 36-88-10, relating to time limitations, as follows:

"36-88-10.

An area designated as an enterprise zone shall remain in existence for ten years from the first day of the calendar year immediately following its designation as an enterprise zone; provided, however, that an area designated as an enterprise zone under subsection (g) of Code Section 36-88-6 shall remain in existence for 30 years from ~~such day or until the redevelopment project required in subparagraph (g)(1)(B) of Code Section 36-88-6 is complete and~~ the first issuance of any revenue bonds issued under paragraph (4) of subsection (g) of Code Section 36-88-6 ~~are retired, whichever first occurs~~ with a principal amount in excess of $100,000.00. Municipal and county governments may enter into agreements with qualifying business or service enterprises in designated enterprise zones to provide for modification or termination of the tax and fee exemptions and abatements. Property tax incentives available to a qualified business or service enterprise in an enterprise zone shall remain in effect for the full ten-year period established by Code Section 36-88-8, regardless of the termination of the designation of the enterprise zone."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 378. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practice and procedure relative to state courts of counties, so as to provide for the online publishing of terms of state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	N Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 11.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 464. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Burnough of the 77th, Bennett of the 94th, Au of the 50th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Khari Oramae Burns and recognizing March 8, 2025, as Infant Emergency Awareness Day; and for other purposes.

HR 465. By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Kahaian of the 81st, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th, Holly of the 116th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the McDonough High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Warhawk Battalion; and for other purposes.

HR 466. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the historical significance of the 1911 Rand McNally map of Dawson County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 467. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Jackson of the 68th, Olaleye of the 59th, Prince of the 132nd and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 468. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Gunter of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the historical significance of the 1911 Rand McNally map of White County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 469. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Bennett of the 94th, Adeyina of the 110th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending LaShonia Turner; and for other purposes.

HR 470. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Holly of the 116th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Olori Atuwatse III; and for other purposes.

HR 471. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the historical significance of the 1911 Rand McNally map of Lumpkin County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 472. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Howard of the 129th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for families affected by premature births; and for other purposes

HR 473. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Stinson of the 150th, Ford of the 170th, Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant and congratulating the 2024 Georgia Peach Queens; and for other purposes.

HR 474. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Toombs County High School football team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class A Division 1 State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 67. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 67
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 67 (FY 2025A)		Governor	House	SAC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$40,554,546,549	$40,554,546,549	$40,554,546,549
State General Funds		$35,084,655,008	$35,084,655,008	$35,084,655,008
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs		$364,417,323	$364,417,323	$364,417,323
State Motor Fuel Funds		$2,445,474,339	$2,445,474,339	$2,445,474,339
Lottery Proceeds		$1,575,803,147	$1,575,803,147	$1,575,803,147
Tobacco Settlement Funds		$148,615,599	$148,615,599	$148,615,599
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund		$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
State Children’s Trust Funds		$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds		$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
Trauma Care Trust Funds		$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds		$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,903,574	$8,903,574	$8,903,574
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$159,618,486	$159,618,486	$159,618,486
Hospital Provider Fee	$457,188,256	$457,188,256	$457,188,256
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$21,587,805,850	$21,564,299,944	$21,546,609,183
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,585,871,154	$6,585,871,154	$6,586,242,749
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$88,513,892	$92,198,844	$93,999,647
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,345,504	$17,345,504	$17,345,504
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,851,012,819	$11,824,961,076	$11,803,394,882
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$55,774,355	$55,774,355	$55,774,355
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$490,742,589	$489,603,474	$489,603,474
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$398,775,158	$398,775,158	$400,478,193
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$396,226,387	$396,226,387	$397,929,422
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,938,467,723	$6,938,844,948	$6,938,467,723
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902
Reserved Fund Balances	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300
Interest and Investment Income	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567

Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,546,173,687	$2,546,173,687	$2,546,173,687
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$473,047,785	$473,047,785	$473,047,785
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683
Royalties and Rents	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315
Sales and Services	$3,776,564,362	$3,776,941,587	$3,776,564,362
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$882,209,091	$882,586,316	$882,209,091
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,879,981,353	$5,879,606,353	$5,879,981,353
State Funds Transfers	$5,874,437,141	$5,874,437,141	$5,874,437,141
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$137,499,029	$137,499,029	$137,499,029
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$16,284,617	$16,284,617	$16,284,617
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,726,822	$8,726,822	$8,726,822
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$89,935,038	$89,935,038	$89,935,038
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$3,446,722	$3,071,722	$3,446,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,446,722	$3,071,722	$3,446,722
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,080,820,122	$69,057,691,441	$69,039,623,455

Changes in Fund Availability			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,418,322,322	$4,418,322,322	$4,418,322,322
State General Funds	$3,741,915,382	$3,741,915,382	$3,741,915,382
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$364,417,323	$364,417,323	$364,417,323
State Motor Fuel Funds	$244,008,339	$244,008,339	$244,008,339
Lottery Proceeds	$15,529,238	$15,529,238	$15,529,238
Ambulance Provider Fees	($477,435)	($477,435)	($477,435)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$6,731,771	$6,731,771	$6,731,771
Hospital Provider Fee	$46,197,704	$46,197,704	$46,197,704
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	($47,645,673)	($71,151,579)	($88,842,340)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,203,756	$11,203,756	$11,575,351
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$0	$3,684,952	$5,485,755
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($6,857,668)	($32,909,411)	($54,475,605)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($50,272,557)	($51,411,672)	($51,411,672)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($16,169)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($16,169)
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$387,225	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$387,225	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$387,225	$10,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,000	$0	$375,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000	$0	$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$0	$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,371,061,649	$4,347,557,968	$4,329,864,982

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
State General Funds	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,664,273	$17,664,273	$17,390,468
State General Funds	$17,664,273	$17,664,273	$17,390,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,664,273	$17,664,273	$17,390,468

Lieutenant Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940

1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940

Secretary of the Senate's Office **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

Senate **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
State General Funds	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285

3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*			
State General Funds	$273,805	$273,805	$0

3.1000 Senate			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$13,690,285
State General Funds	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$13,690,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$13,690,285

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595

House of Representatives		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595

4.1000 House of Representatives			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
State General Funds	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,588,929	$22,588,929
State General Funds	$22,388,929	$22,588,929	$22,588,929
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,588,929	$22,588,929

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
State General Funds	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539

5.1000 Ancillary Activities			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
State General Funds	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
State General Funds	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
State General Funds	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300

Office of Legislative Counsel			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
State General Funds	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090

7.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

7.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,584,090	$6,584,090
State General Funds	$6,384,090	$6,584,090	$6,584,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,584,090	$6,584,090

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
State General Funds	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,553,165	$46,553,165	$46,553,165

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
State General Funds	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,553,165	$46,553,165	$46,553,165

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,098,788	$38,098,788	$38,098,788

8.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,098,788	$38,098,788	$38,098,788

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771

9.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

10.1000 Legislative Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
State General Funds	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606

11.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest		**Appropriation (HB 67)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
State General Funds	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
State General Funds	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,871,868	$26,740,463	$26,536,098
State General Funds	$26,871,868	$26,740,463	$26,536,098
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,021,868	$26,890,463	$26,686,098

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
State General Funds	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028

12.1 *Increase funds for allotted Judges' pay to recognize semi-monthly pay periods. (H and S:Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass)*

State General Funds	$23,840	($16,930)	($16,930)

12.2 *Increase funds for annual leave conversion payouts. (S:Reduce funds for annual leave conversion payouts based on utilization)*

State General Funds	$80,000	$80,000	($125,000)

12.3 *Increase funds for mandatory website updates required to maintain federal ADA compliance.*

State General Funds	$90,000	$0	$0

12.4 *Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass. [State-wide Business Court] (S:NO; Recognize in State-wide Business Court at Judicial Council)*

State General Funds		($635)	$0

12.1000 Court of Appeals **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,871,868	$26,740,463	$26,536,098
State General Funds	$26,871,868	$26,740,463	$26,536,098
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,021,868	$26,890,463	$26,686,098

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865
State General Funds	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,002,552	$28,002,552	$28,002,552
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,830,241	$23,586,722	$23,703,087
State General Funds	$23,830,241	$23,586,722	$23,703,087
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
Sales and Services	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,296,928	$28,053,409	$28,169,774

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767

13.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

14.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

15.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648
State General Funds	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,452,920	$20,452,920	$20,452,920
16.1 *Increase funds for judicial security initiatives.*			
State General Funds	$177,522	$27,018	$27,018
16.2 *Increase funds for personnel for three information technology positions.*			
State General Funds	$106,854	$106,854	$106,854
16.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*			
State General Funds		($67,000)	$0
16.4 *Increase funds for legal records and county organ preservation.*			
State General Funds			$50,000

16.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the

Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,721,024	$17,503,520	$17,620,520
State General Funds	$17,721,024	$17,503,520	$17,620,520
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,737,296	$20,519,792	$20,636,792

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
State General Funds	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716

17.1 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start date of new position.*

State General Funds	($26,015)	($26,015)

17.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,385,701	$1,385,701
State General Funds	$1,411,716	$1,385,701	$1,385,701
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,385,701	$1,385,701

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

18.1000 Resource Center **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
State General Funds	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138

19.1 *Recognize funds for operations.*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

19.2 *Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass.*

State General Funds	($635)

19.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,944,503
State General Funds	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,944,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,955,138	$1,955,138	$1,954,503

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
State General Funds	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,234	$9,876,234	$9,876,234

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
State General Funds	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,234	$9,876,234	$9,876,234

Council of Juvenile Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486

Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,093,637	$2,093,637	$2,093,637

20.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,093,637	$2,093,637	$2,093,637

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

21.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723
State General Funds	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611

Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,012,526	$127,012,526	$127,012,526

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$125,506,646	$125,168,977	$122,567,936
State General Funds	$125,506,646	$125,168,977	$122,567,936
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,746,449	$127,408,780	$124,807,739

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
State General Funds	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129

22.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
State General Funds	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

23.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923
State General Funds	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,624,726	$113,624,726	$113,624,726

24.1 *Increase funds for one district attorney, one investigator, two secretaries, and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (2024 Session). (H and S:NO; Utilize existing funds)*

State General Funds	$258,593	$0	$0

24.2 *Increase funds to provide one assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Tifton Judicial Circuit effective July 1, 2024 pursuant to HB906 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$70,624	$70,624	$70,624

24.3 *Increase funds for four assistant district attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit.*

State General Funds	$404,706	$404,706	$0

24.4 *Reduce funds for one Assistant District Attorney position for a new judgeship in the Douglas Judicial Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session.*

State General Funds		($79,076)	($79,076)

24.5 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds			($2,196,335)

24.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$112,118,846	$111,781,177	$109,180,136
State General Funds	$112,118,846	$111,781,177	$109,180,136
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$114,358,649	$114,020,980	$111,419,939

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
State General Funds	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950

25.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
State General Funds	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

26.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009
State General Funds	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,237,134	$92,237,134	$92,237,134

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,892,079	$91,892,079	$91,892,079
State General Funds	$91,892,079	$91,892,079	$91,892,079
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,973,204	$91,973,204	$91,973,204

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

27.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

28.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434
State General Funds	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$86,763,434	$86,763,434	$86,763,434

29.1 *Reduce funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session but was funded in the FY2025 Appropriations Act (HB916, 2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($218,555)	($218,555)	($218,555)

29.2 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Atlantic Circuit new judgeship created in SB66 (2023 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

29.3 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Coweta Circuit new judgeship created in HB243 (2023 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

29.4 *Reduce funds for the initial equipment set-up for the first six months of funding added for the Dougherty Circuit new judgeship created in HB77 (2023 Legislative Session).*

State General Funds	($15,125)	($15,125)	($15,125)

29.1000 Superior Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,454,504	$86,454,504	$86,454,504
State General Funds	$86,454,504	$86,454,504	$86,454,504
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$86,499,504	$86,499,504	$86,499,504

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,996,305	$18,982,678	$18,982,678
State General Funds	$18,996,305	$18,982,678	$18,982,678
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,856,128	$20,842,501	$20,842,501

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650

30.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,589	$2,589	$2,589

30.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority (GBA) rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$13,343	$13,343	$13,343

30.3 *Increase funds for an adjustment to agency premiums for State Accounting Office (SAO).*

State General Funds	$1,293	$1,293	$1,293

30.4 *Increase funds for the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	$10,253	$10,253	$10,253

30.5 *Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass.*

State General Funds		($13,627)	($13,627)

30.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,996,305	$18,982,678	$18,982,678
State General Funds	$18,996,305	$18,982,678	$18,982,678
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,856,128	$20,842,501	$20,842,501

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
State General Funds	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885

Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,865,476	$34,865,476	$34,865,476
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,273,341	$8,273,341	$8,273,341
State General Funds	$8,273,341	$8,273,341	$8,273,341
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,859,506	$34,859,506	$34,859,506

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,284,176	$1,284,176	$1,284,176

31.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,284,176	$1,284,176	$1,284,176

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
State General Funds	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,433,165	$23,433,165	$23,433,165

32.1 *Eliminate funds provided for 4% cost-of-living adjustments to reflect program being fully funded by TeamWorks billings.*

State General Funds	($5,970)	($5,970)	($5,970)

32.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506

Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,830,374	$2,830,374	$2,830,374

33.1000 Shared Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,830,374	$2,830,374	$2,830,374

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,837	$3,260,837	$3,260,837

34.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812

Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,837	$3,260,837	$3,260,837

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
State General Funds	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612

35.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
State General Funds	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

36.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814
State General Funds	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Sales and Services	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Funds Transfers	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,726,822	$8,726,822	$8,726,822
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$306,425,659	$306,425,659	$306,425,659

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$349,626,735	$304,152,401	$308,126,735
State General Funds	$349,626,735	$304,152,401	$308,126,735

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Sales and Services	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Funds Transfers	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,726,822	$8,726,822	$8,726,822
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$636,068,580	$590,594,246	$594,568,580

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

37.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445

38.1000 Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445

Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160
Intergovernmental Transfers	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Sales and Services	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Funds Transfers	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851
Merit System Assessments	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

39.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160
Intergovernmental Transfers	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Sales and Services	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Funds Transfers	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851
Merit System Assessments	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

40.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
State Funds Transfers	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
Merit System Assessments	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,963,212	$13,963,212	$13,963,212

41.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
State Funds Transfers	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
Merit System Assessments	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,963,212	$13,963,212	$13,963,212

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$222,004,783	$222,004,783	$222,004,783

42.1 *Increase funds to meet the cost of excess insurance and projected future claims expenses for the property risk pool.*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

42.2 *Increase funds to reduce outstanding obligations in to the state's liability insurance program.*

State General Funds	$175,000,000	$175,000,000	$175,000,000

42.3 *Increase funds for supplemental payments for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) pursuant to HB451 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$657,877	$657,877	$657,877

42.4 *Increase funds to capitalize the COVID-19 indemnity fund.*

State General Funds			$3,500,000

42.1000 Risk Management **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$226,287,877	$226,287,877	$229,787,877
State General Funds	$226,287,877	$226,287,877	$229,787,877
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$447,662,660	$447,662,660	$451,162,660

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000;

to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

43.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

44.1000 Surplus Property			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Georgia Tax Tribunal			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

45.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

Administrative Hearings, Office of State			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Funds Transfers	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769

46.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Funds Transfers	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769

State Treasurer, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427

47.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

48.1 *Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization, the Department of Human Services $TARS modernization project, the Board of Dentistry licensing software, and the State Board of Pharmacy licensing software. (H:Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 and utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) related to interest revenue accrued for the Department of Human Services IT modernization project)(S:Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, increase funds and utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) related to interest revenue accrued, to be used for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization, the Department of Human Services $TARS modernization project, the Board of Dentistry licensing software, and the State Board of Pharmacy licensing software)*

State General Funds	$103,985,044	$23,510,710	$58,985,044

48.2 *Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-2-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) in the amount of $70,000,000 in state funds to match in the most efficient and effective CMS FMAP for an estimated total project cost of $218,750,000, with $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in this appropriations cycle and an additional $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in the next appropriations cycle to match cash flows and actual costs of the project and the federal draw of matching funds.*

State General Funds		$35,000,000	$0

48.3 *As part of quarterly reporting requirements to ensure proper oversight and accountability over the Technology Empowerment Fund (TEF), per O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, the Georgia Technology Authority shall provide to the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a report on TEF operations to include an itemized list of disbursements and payments made from the fund, an accounting of funds residing in TEF, including interest accrued, and a budget plan for any funds to be utilized directly by the Georgia Technology Authority. (H:YES)(S:YES; While the Georgia Technology Authority provides regular updates to the Technology Empowerment Fund Oversight Committee on project disbursements, the authority shall provide to the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a quarterly accounting report on funds residing in TEF including interest accrued and a budget plan for any funds to be utilized directly by the authority)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

48.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority		**Appropriation (HB 67)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$118,985,044	$73,510,710	$73,985,044
State General Funds	$118,985,044	$73,510,710	$73,985,044
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,985,044	$73,510,710	$73,985,044

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,271,485	$66,271,485	$66,271,485
State General Funds	$64,137,629	$64,137,629	$64,137,629
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023

Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,848,331	$77,848,331	$77,848,331

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,922,257	$216,890,795	$266,826,909
State General Funds	$64,788,401	$214,756,939	$264,693,053
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,499,103	$228,467,641	$278,403,755

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867

49.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
State General Funds	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,446,475	$47,446,475	$47,446,475

50.1 *Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and equipment costs to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$425,772	$425,772	$361,886

50.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on start date of new position.*

State General Funds		($31,462)	($31,462)

50.1000 Consumer Protection **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,201,102	$38,169,640	$38,105,754
State General Funds	$38,201,102	$38,169,640	$38,105,754
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,872,247	$47,840,785	$47,776,899

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
State General Funds	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,989,538	$9,989,538	$9,989,538

51.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
State General Funds	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,989,538	$9,989,538	$9,989,538

Marketing and Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,169,417	$8,169,417	$8,169,417
State General Funds	$6,035,561	$6,035,561	$6,035,561
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,025,118	$9,025,118	$9,025,118

52.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,169,417	$8,169,417	$8,169,417
State General Funds	$6,035,561	$6,035,561	$6,035,561
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,025,118	$9,025,118	$9,025,118

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

53.1 *Increase funds for five replacement vehicles. (S:YES; This is the final capital expenditure funded by the state. These are vehicles for a state vendor. If replacement vehicles are needed by the vendor, the vendor should restructure the contract so that the cost of replacement vehicles are covered by the proceeds of the contract)*

State General Funds	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000

53.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,274,057	$3,274,057	$3,274,057
State General Funds	$3,274,057	$3,274,057	$3,274,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,274,057	$3,274,057	$3,274,057

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778

54.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498

55.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498

Payments to the Georgia Development Authority		**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide development opportunities and disaster recovery assistance to Georgia farmers and timberland owners.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

500.1 *Recognize $100,000,000 in funds previously authorized through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and increase funds to provide an additional $150,000,000 in disaster relief assistance to farmers and timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene (Total funds: $250,000,000). (S:Recognize $100,000,000 in funds previously authorized through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and increase funds to provide an additional $200,000,000 in disaster relief assistance to farmers and timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene (Total Funds: $300,000,000))*

State General Funds	$150,000,000	$200,000,000

500.1000 Payments to the Georgia Development Authority		**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide development opportunities and disaster recovery assistance to Georgia farmers and timberland owners.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$150,000,000	$200,000,000
State General Funds	$150,000,000	$200,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,000,000	$200,000,000

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
State General Funds	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,143,652	$15,143,652	$15,143,652
State General Funds	$15,143,652	$15,143,652	$15,143,652
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,143,652	$15,143,652	$15,143,652

Departmental Administration (DBF) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057

56.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
State General Funds	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093

57.1 *Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.*

State General Funds	$105,984	$105,984	$105,984

57.2 *Increase funds for data management software upgrades to include Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks.*

State General Funds	$121,427	$121,427	$121,427

57.1000 Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,754,504	$8,754,504	$8,754,504
State General Funds	$8,754,504	$8,754,504	$8,754,504
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,754,504	$8,754,504	$8,754,504

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091

58.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691
State General Funds	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$410,757,049	$410,757,049	$410,757,049
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$197,861,644	$197,861,644	$197,861,644
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,650,933,409	$1,651,029,527	$1,648,714,527
State General Funds	$1,640,678,271	$1,640,774,389	$1,638,459,389
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$410,757,049	$410,757,049	$410,757,049
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$197,861,644	$197,861,644	$197,861,644
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,794,710	$2,419,710	$2,794,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000		$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000		$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,090,032,130	$2,089,753,248	$2,087,813,248

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631
State General Funds	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,224,765	$101,224,765	$101,224,765

59.1 *Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*

State General Funds	($375,000)	$0	($375,000)
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000	$0	$375,000
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

59.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,160,631	$56,535,631	$56,160,631
State General Funds	$56,160,631	$56,535,631	$56,160,631
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903

Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,000		$375,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$375,000		$375,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$375,000		$375,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,224,765	$101,224,765	$101,224,765

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

60.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$524,242,653	$524,242,653	$524,242,653
State General Funds	$513,987,515	$513,987,515	$513,987,515
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$286,878,619	$286,878,619	$286,878,619
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$167,457,115	$167,457,115	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$833,981,272	$833,981,272	$833,981,272

61.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the delayed start date of the Macon Crisis Stabilization and Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	($1,597,362)	($1,597,362)	($3,597,362)

61.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$522,645,291	$522,645,291	$520,645,291
State General Funds	$512,390,153	$512,390,153	$510,390,153
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$286,878,619	$286,878,619	$286,878,619
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$167,457,115	$167,457,115	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$832,383,910	$832,383,910	$830,383,910

Adult Forensic Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927
State General Funds	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$149,601,427	$149,601,427	$149,601,427

62.1 *Reduce funds to reflect the delayed start date of a 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.*

State General Funds	($436,920)	($436,920)	($436,920)

62.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$148,973,007	$148,973,007	$148,973,007
State General Funds	$148,973,007	$148,973,007	$148,973,007
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$149,164,507	$149,164,507	$149,164,507

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869
State General Funds	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$26,658,953	$26,658,953	$26,658,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$16,870,420	$16,870,420	$16,870,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$670,079,917	$670,079,917	$670,079,917

63.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia State Investment and Financing Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the planning, design, and land acquisition of a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta. (S:Transfer funds from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the planning, design, and land acquisition of a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta)*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

63.1000 Adult Mental Health Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$643,530,869	$643,530,869	$643,530,869
State General Funds	$643,530,869	$643,530,869	$643,530,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$26,658,953	$26,658,953	$26,658,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$16,870,420	$16,870,420	$16,870,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$670,579,917	$670,579,917	$670,579,917

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

64.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,075,670	$20,075,670	$20,075,670

65.1 *Increase funds to assist families in connection and engagement with children with disabilities.*

State General Funds	$60,000

65.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,850,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,850,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,075,670	$20,075,670	$20,135,670

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

66.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
State General Funds	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,836,026	$67,836,026	$67,836,026

67.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
State General Funds	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,836,026	$67,836,026	$67,836,026

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,397,481	$40,397,481	$40,397,481

68.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,397,481	$40,397,481	$40,397,481

Direct Care Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,613,577	$161,613,577	$161,613,577

69.1000 Direct Care Support Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,613,577	$161,613,577	$161,613,577

Substance Abuse Prevention		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

70.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,805,984	$2,805,984	$2,805,984

71.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,805,984	$2,805,984	$2,805,984

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

72.1 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($278,882)	($278,882)

72.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,248,514	$3,248,514
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,248,514	$3,248,514
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,248,514	$3,248,514

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802
State General Funds	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,895,455
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Sales and Services	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
State Funds Transfers	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
Agency to Agency Contracts	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$312,287,079	$312,287,079	$312,287,079
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$862,449,802	$872,824,802	$905,561,777
State General Funds	$862,449,802	$872,824,802	$905,561,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,895,455
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Sales and Services	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
State Funds Transfers	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
Agency to Agency Contracts	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,112,487,079	$1,122,862,079	$1,155,599,054

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,192,383	$1,192,383	$1,192,383

73.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,192,383	$1,192,383	$1,192,383

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

74.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed

enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

Coordinated Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
State General Funds	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
State Funds Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,219	$5,127,219	$5,127,219

75.1 *Increase funds for historic rural churches trail.*

State General Funds $111,975

75.1000 Coordinated Planning **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and

Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,898,334
State General Funds	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,898,334
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
State Funds Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,219	$5,127,219	$5,239,194

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
State General Funds	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Sales and Services	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,642	$12,888,642	$12,888,642

76.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
State General Funds	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Sales and Services	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,642	$12,888,642	$12,888,642

Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
State General Funds	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$802,763	$802,763	$802,763
Intergovernmental Transfers	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Sales and Services	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,297,326	$61,297,326	$61,297,326

77.1000 Federal Community and Economic Development Programs			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
State General Funds	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$802,763	$802,763	$802,763
Intergovernmental Transfers	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Sales and Services	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,297,326	$61,297,326	$61,297,326

Homeownership Programs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,999,151	$6,999,151	$6,999,151
Intergovernmental Transfers	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Sales and Services	$300	$300	$300
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300	$300	$300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,870,468	$7,870,468	$7,870,468

78.1000 Homeownership Programs **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,999,151	$6,999,151	$6,999,151
Intergovernmental Transfers	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Sales and Services	$300	$300	$300
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300	$300	$300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,870,468	$7,870,468	$7,870,468

Regional Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$92,000	$92,000	$92,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,552,101	$1,552,101	$1,552,101

79.1000 Regional Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$92,000	$92,000	$92,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,552,101	$1,552,101	$1,552,101

Rental Housing Programs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,823,351	$9,823,351	$9,823,351
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Sales and Services	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$154,964,251	$154,964,251	$154,964,251

80.1000 Rental Housing Programs			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,823,351	$9,823,351	$9,823,351
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Sales and Services	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$154,964,251	$154,964,251	$154,964,251

Research and Surveys			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161

81.1000 Research and Surveys			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161

Special Housing Initiatives		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$793,910	$793,910	$793,910
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,100,435	$15,100,435	$15,100,435

82.1000 Special Housing Initiatives		**Appropriation (HB 67)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$793,910	$793,910	$793,910
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835

State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,100,435	$15,100,435	$15,100,435

State Community Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983
State General Funds	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
State Funds Transfers	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,889,256	$8,889,256	$8,889,256

83.1 *Increase funds to recapitalize the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund.*

State General Funds	$3,000,000

83.1000 State Community Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$5,508,983
State General Funds	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$5,508,983
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
State Funds Transfers	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,889,256	$8,889,256	$11,889,256

State Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,338,621	$14,338,621	$14,338,621

84.1000 State Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,338,621	$14,338,621	$14,338,621

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

85.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia Fund to support water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities. (S:YES; Reflect funds in Special Project - Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority)*

State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,375,000	$0

85.2 *Increase funds to support the development and construction of additional surface water resources for Georgia's coastal region to meet growth in demand.*

State General Funds	$501,700,000	$501,700,000	$501,700,000

85.3 *Increase funds for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District to complete the state's five-year water plan update.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

85.4 *Increase funds for state direct investment in water and sewer infrastructure.*

State General Funds			$65,000,000

85.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$753,453,495	$753,828,495	$568,453,495
State General Funds	$753,453,495	$753,828,495	$568,453,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$753,453,495	$753,828,495	$568,453,495

85.1001 Special Project - Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities not benefiting from funding appropriated in the Amended FY2025 budget for development and construction of additional surface water resources for Georgia's coastal region to meet growth in demand.

State General Funds	$200,000,000

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$26,605,861

86.1 *Increase funds for grants and loans for rural workforce housing.*

State General Funds	$28,000,000	$28,000,000	$28,000,000

86.2 *Increase funds for grants for rural site development.*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

86.3 *Increase funds for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. (S:Increase funds to engage nonprofit community through grants for rebuilding and recovery efforts for victims of Hurricane Helene)*

State General Funds		$10,000,000	$25,000,000

86.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,460,340	$84,460,340	$99,460,340
State General Funds	$74,460,340	$84,460,340	$99,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,605,861	$84,605,861	$99,605,861

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021
State General Funds	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715

Hospital Provider Fee	$410,990,552	$410,990,552	$410,990,552
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$541,015,146	$541,015,146	$541,015,146
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,302,844,824	$5,341,789,168	$5,338,661,793
State General Funds	$4,553,072,157	$4,592,016,501	$4,588,889,126
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,903,574	$8,903,574	$8,903,574
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$159,618,486	$159,618,486	$159,618,486
Hospital Provider Fee	$457,188,256	$457,188,256	$457,188,256
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,028,948,631	$12,001,757,773	$12,001,757,773
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,522,589,569	$11,496,537,826	$11,496,537,826
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$490,742,589	$489,603,474	$489,603,474
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263

Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,783,119,146	$23,794,872,632	$23,791,745,257

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876
State General Funds	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$359,848,882	$359,848,882	$359,848,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$478,970,112	$478,970,112	$478,970,112

87.1 *Increase funds for consulting and actuarial services for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$795,000	$795,000	$795,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,045,000	$1,045,000	$1,045,000
Total Public Funds:	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000

87.2 *Increase funds to develop a pilot program to deploy predictive modeling to detect potential fraud, waste, and abuse within the state's Medicaid program.*

State General Funds		$685,125	$342,563

87.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($1,025,465)	($1,025,465)

87.4 *Prepare for the implementation of HB196 (2025 Session), which intends to address the reimbursement amounts for pharmacies. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

87.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$94,319,876	$93,979,536	$93,636,974
State General Funds	$94,319,876	$93,979,536	$93,636,974
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$360,893,882	$360,893,882	$360,893,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$330,788,048	$330,788,048	$330,788,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$480,810,112	$480,469,772	$480,127,210

Georgia Board of Dentistry		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500
State General Funds	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500

88.1 *Utilize existing funds ($83,100) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review. (G:YES)(H:Utilize existing funds ($83,100) and increase funds for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($83,100) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review, and reflect additional funding for project development of licensing software in Payments to Georgia Technology Authority)*

State General Funds	$0	$263,396	$0

88.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$942,500	$1,205,896	$942,500
State General Funds	$942,500	$1,205,896	$942,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$942,500	$1,205,896	$942,500

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
State General Funds	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723

89.1 *Utilize existing funds ($192,566) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review. (G:YES)(H:Utilize existing funds ($192,566) and increase funds for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance*

efficiency in licensure review)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($192,566) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review, and reflect additional funding for project development of licensing software in Payments to Georgia Technology Authority)

State General Funds	$0	$237,167	$0

89.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,723	$1,119,890	$882,723
State General Funds	$882,723	$1,119,890	$882,723
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,723	$1,119,890	$882,723

Health Care Access and Improvement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709
State General Funds	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,682,297	$17,682,297	$17,682,297

90.1 *Increase funds for one-time grant funds for 45 public rural and critical access hospitals to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene. (S:Increase funds for one-time grant funds for public rural and critical access hospitals included in the Major Disaster Declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene)*

State General Funds	$35,642,908	$15,635,292

90.2 *Increase funds for one-time grant funds for federally qualified health centers included in the Major Disaster Declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.*

State General Funds	$100,000

90.3 *Increase funds for Side-by-Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.*

State General Funds	$300,000

90.4 *Increase funds for school based health centers.*

State General Funds	$250,000

90.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,509,709	$53,152,617	$33,795,001
State General Funds	$17,509,709	$53,152,617	$33,795,001
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,682,297	$53,325,205	$33,967,589

Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,173,031	$40,173,031	$40,173,031

91.1 *Utilize existing funds ($417,898) for consulting and personnel for the Certificate of Need program pursuant to HB1339 (2024 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

91.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,173,031	$40,173,031	$40,173,031

Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

92.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208
State General Funds	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,840,441	$41,840,441	$41,840,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024

93.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$89,280,404	$75,073,604	$75,073,604
State General Funds	$45,987,812	$38,674,281	$38,674,281
Total Public Funds:	$135,268,216	$113,747,885	$113,747,885

93.2 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$17,932,529	$17,932,529	$17,932,529
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$34,814,082	$34,814,082	$34,814,082
Total Public Funds:	$52,746,611	$52,746,611	$52,746,611

93.3 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$9,836,618	$9,791,892	$9,791,892

93.4 *Increase funds for new high cost drugs.*

State General Funds	$11,499,654	$11,499,654	$11,499,654
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$22,325,346	$22,325,346	$22,325,346
Total Public Funds:	$33,825,000	$33,825,000	$33,825,000

93.5 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($4,703,106)	($4,703,106)	($4,703,106)
Hospital Provider Fee	$4,703,106	$4,703,106	$4,703,106
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

93.6 *Replace funds.*

Nursing Home Provider Fees	$6,731,771	$6,731,771	$6,731,771
State General Funds	($6,731,771)	($6,731,771)	($6,731,771)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

93.7 *Reduce funds for Ambulance Provider Fees based on projected revenue.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	($477,435)	($477,435)	($477,435)

93.8 *Increase funds for a skilled nursing facility inflationary increase to account for the cost difference between the 2022 cost report and the actual cost of delivering care in 2024 and 2025. (S:NO; However, prepare to move to most recently available unaudited cost report in the FY2026 budget)*

State General Funds		$1,434,250	$0

93.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,840,449,386	$2,834,525,379	$2,833,091,129
State General Funds	$2,619,191,973	$2,613,267,966	$2,611,833,716
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,903,574	$8,903,574	$8,903,574
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$159,618,486	$159,618,486	$159,618,486
Hospital Provider Fee	$46,543,547	$46,543,547	$46,543,547
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,472,651,613	$5,458,444,813	$5,458,444,813
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,469,864,399	$5,455,657,599	$5,455,657,599
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,677,964,034	$8,657,833,227	$8,656,398,977

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190
State General Funds	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$369,150,111	$369,150,111	$369,150,111
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193

Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385

94.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($85,331,654)	($91,443,102)	($91,443,102)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($165,662,255)	($177,507,198)	($177,507,198)
Total Public Funds:	($250,993,909)	($268,950,300)	($268,950,300)

94.2 *Increase funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$5,841,041	$5,841,041	$5,841,041
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,339,755	$11,339,755	$11,339,755
Total Public Funds:	$17,180,796	$17,180,796	$17,180,796

94.3 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($41,494,598)	($41,494,598)	($41,494,598)
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,494,598	$41,494,598	$41,494,598
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

94.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,974,992,577	$1,968,881,129	$1,968,881,129
State General Funds	$1,446,477,323	$1,440,365,875	$1,440,365,875
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$410,644,709	$410,644,709	$410,644,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,183,647,655	$5,171,802,712	$5,171,802,712
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,050,548,135	$5,038,703,192	$5,038,703,192
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193

Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,811,175,272	$7,793,218,881	$7,793,218,881

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399
State General Funds	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,724,068	$502,724,068	$502,724,068

95.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($16,149,587)	($16,507,601)	($16,507,601)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($51,712,952)	($52,852,067)	($52,852,067)
Total Public Funds:	($67,862,539)	($69,359,668)	($69,359,668)

95.2 *Increase funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective January 1, 2024.*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$1,440,395	$1,440,395	$1,440,395
State General Funds	$449,825	$449,825	$449,825
Total Public Funds:	$1,890,220	$1,890,220	$1,890,220

95.1000 PeachCare **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,411,637	$108,053,623	$108,053,623
State General Funds	$108,411,637	$108,053,623	$108,053,623
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$328,188,329	$327,049,214	$327,049,214
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$328,188,329	$327,049,214	$327,049,214
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$436,751,749	$435,254,620	$435,254,620

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
State General Funds	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812

96.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
State General Funds	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
State General Funds	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
97.1 *Reduce funds to reflect savings in the implementation of a Behavioral Health Care Workforce Database.*			
State General Funds	($120,000)	($120,000)	($120,000)
97.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new position.*			
State General Funds		($44,720)	($44,720)

97.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,860,021	$1,815,301	$1,815,301
State General Funds	$1,860,021	$1,815,301	$1,815,301
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,860,021	$1,815,301	$1,815,301

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
State General Funds	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
98.1 *Increase funds for two child and adolescent psychiatric fellowship positions.*			
State General Funds		$79,402	$79,402
98.2 *Increase funds for start-up funding for graduate medical education.*			
State General Funds		$12,500,000	$12,500,000

98.3 *Increase funds for graduate medical education for Colquitt Regional Medical Center.*

State General Funds $1,500,000

98.4 *Increase funds for naïve graduate medical education programs south of State Route 540, with preference for programs reflecting high post-residency retention in Georgia.*

State General Funds $20,007,616

98.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,002,461	$49,581,863	$71,089,479
State General Funds	$37,002,461	$49,581,863	$71,089,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,002,461	$49,581,863	$71,089,479

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
State General Funds	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597

99.1 *Increase funds to replace and expand the existing Mercer School of Medicine building. (H and S:Increase funds for a one-time enhancement to the Mercer School of Medicine to support learning opportunities to produce and prepare physicians for rural communities)*

State General Funds $25,000,000 $25,000,000 $25,000,000

99.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant	**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$59,586,597	$59,586,597	$59,586,597
State General Funds	$59,586,597	$59,586,597	$59,586,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,586,597	$59,586,597	$59,586,597

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

100.1 *Increase funds for a new academic building for the Morehouse School of Medicine. (H and S:Increase funds for a one-time enhancement for faculty recruitment and retention, medical curriculum modernization, and expansion of the pathway and career academy program)*

State General Funds	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000

100.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,429,696	$58,429,696	$58,429,696
State General Funds	$58,429,696	$58,429,696	$58,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,429,696	$58,429,696	$58,429,696

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
State General Funds	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000

101.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program for the nursing faculty loan repayment program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

101.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Physicians for Rural Areas **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

102.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program for the nursing faculty loan program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

102.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for scholarships for Georgia medical students attending Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) South Georgia. (S:NO; Reflect funds for medical education in South Georgia on line 98.3)*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$0

102.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$10,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$10,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$10,195,783	$7,195,783

Georgia Composite Medical Board			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
State General Funds	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,912,028	$4,912,028	$4,912,028

103.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
State General Funds	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000

Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,912,028	$4,912,028	$4,912,028

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
State General Funds	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334

104.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
State General Funds	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461
State General Funds	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$224,505,176	$224,505,176	$224,505,176

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,849,799	$224,950,688	$224,950,688
State General Funds	$222,849,799	$224,950,688	$224,950,688
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$224,614,514	$226,715,403	$226,715,403

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
State General Funds	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,121,350	$11,121,350	$11,121,350

105.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
State General Funds	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,121,350	$11,121,350	$11,121,350

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741
State General Funds	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$206,694,903	$206,694,903	$206,694,903

106.1 *Increase funds for the Milledgeville Day Reporting Center lease. (H and S:Increase funds for the Milledgeville Field Office lease)*

State General Funds	$109,338	$109,338	$109,338

106.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($214,502)	$0

106.3 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention. (S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($214,502) for personnel to reflect increased retention)*

State General Funds		$2,315,391	$2,100,889

106.1000 Field Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,390,079	$207,490,968	$207,490,968
State General Funds	$205,390,079	$207,490,968	$207,490,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$206,804,241	$208,905,130	$208,905,130

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901

107.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901

Misdemeanor Probation			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
State General Funds	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770

108.1000 Misdemeanor Probation			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
State General Funds	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229

Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,252	$1,088,252	$1,088,252

109.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,252	$1,088,252	$1,088,252

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218
State General Funds	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,855,014,814	$1,829,291,355	$1,806,476,707
State General Funds	$1,855,014,814	$1,829,291,355	$1,806,476,707
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,871,784,485	$1,846,061,026	$1,823,246,378

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
State General Funds	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260

110.1 *Increase funds to develop and implement a statewide targeted marketing initiative to recruit and onboard new correctional officers. (H and S:Increase funds to develop and implement a statewide targeted recruit and retention plan to onboard new correctional officers)*

State General Funds	$2,800,000	$1,012,142	$1,012,142

110.2 *Increase funds to develop and implement updated training curriculum for correctional officers.*

State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

110.3 *Increase funds to develop a 10-year facility and population management plan, including target staffing ratios and classification review of offenders, to determine best future use of existing facilities and prioritize capital and security needs across the system.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$936,000

110.4 *Increase funds for planning, technical assistance, and project management services.*

State General Funds	$906,290	$906,290	$0

110.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,951,550	$48,163,692	$43,193,402
State General Funds	$49,951,550	$48,163,692	$43,193,402
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$49,951,550	$48,163,692	$43,193,402

Detention Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753
State General Funds	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,745,649	$69,745,649	$69,745,649

111.1 *Increase funds to replace 150 Chromebooks for technical education programs.*

State General Funds	$67,500	$67,500	$67,500

111.2 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$22,808	$22,808	$22,808

111.3 *Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program contract.*

State General Funds	$73,674	$73,674	$73,674

111.4 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Detention Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance.*

State General Funds	$1,572,489	$1,572,489	$1,572,489

111.5 *Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*

State General Funds		$2,285,106	$2,285,106

111.6 *Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$54,011	$54,011

111.1000 Detention Centers **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$68,975,224	$71,314,341	$71,314,341
State General Funds	$68,975,224	$71,314,341	$71,314,341
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$71,482,120	$73,821,237	$73,821,237

Food and Farm Operations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
State General Funds	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039

112.1 *Increase funds for farming operations.*

State General Funds		$4,210,677	$0

112.1000 Food and Farm Operations			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,110,039	$33,320,716	$29,110,039
State General Funds	$29,110,039	$33,320,716	$29,110,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,110,039	$33,320,716	$29,110,039

Health			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
State General Funds	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$346,298,393	$346,298,393	$346,298,393
113.1 *Increase funds for the physical health contract to support increased population.*			
State General Funds	$14,661,767	$14,661,767	$14,661,767
113.2 *Increase funds for the pharmacy services contract to support increased population.*			
State General Funds	$9,936,342	$9,936,342	$3,936,342
113.3 *Increase funds for the mental health contract to support increased population.*			
State General Funds	$8,081,370	$8,081,370	$8,081,370
113.4 *Increase funds for the dental health contract to support increased population.*			
State General Funds	$2,198,857	$2,198,857	$2,198,857
113.5 *Increase funds for an agency-managed electronic health records solution.*			
State General Funds	$15,048,183	$15,048,183	$15,048,183

113.6 *Increase funds for increased physical health contract risk share expenses for outside-the-wire care.*

State General Funds	$15,789,474	$15,789,474	$7,894,737

113.1000 Health			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$411,134,602	$411,134,602	$397,239,865
State General Funds	$411,134,602	$411,134,602	$397,239,865
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$412,014,386	$412,014,386	$398,119,649

Offender Management			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
State General Funds	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720

114.1 *Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*

State General Funds	$2,771,395

114.1000 Offender Management			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$48,604,115
State General Funds	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$48,604,115
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$48,604,115

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
State General Funds	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303

115.1 *Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution. (H and S:Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution beginning February 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$2,946,260	$2,455,217	$2,246,260

115.2 *Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living-adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($856,800), Jenkins ($450,000) and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025. (S:Increase funds to provide a one-time supplemental payment for a cost-of-living-adjustment for employees at Coffee ($636,529), Wheeler ($706,351), Jenkins ($370,544) and Riverbend ($582,349) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025)*

State General Funds		$2,666,450	$2,295,772

115.1000 Private Prisons **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$150,781,563	$152,956,970	$152,377,335
State General Funds	$150,781,563	$152,956,970	$152,377,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,781,563	$152,956,970	$152,377,335

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320
State General Funds	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$788,534,658	$788,534,658	$788,534,658

116.1 *Increase funds to replace 750 Chromebooks for technical education programs.*

State General Funds	$337,500	$337,500	$337,500

116.2 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$662,700	$662,700	$662,700

116.3 *Increase funds to prevent contraband through the use of managed access and drone detection systems.*

State General Funds	$35,027,675	$35,027,675	$17,918,718

116.4 *Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program contract.*

State General Funds	$176,326	$176,326	$176,326

116.5 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Detention Centers ($1,572,489) and Transition Centers ($718,679) programs for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)

116.6 *Increase funds to continue operating the Digital Forensics Unit through a contract.*

State General Funds	$1,471,563	$2,261,515	$2,261,515

116.7 *Increase funds to purchase 1,460 body cameras and 1,300 tasers for increased facility security. (H and S:Increase funds to purchase 2,200 body cameras, 1,800 tasers and certifications for increased security and safety for correctional officers and inmates throughout state facilities)*

State General Funds	$7,224,150	$10,490,930	$10,490,930

116.8 *Increase funds for hardware and software licenses for additional officer tablets to improve documentation and information sharing on offender management.*

State General Funds	$2,506,740	$2,506,740	$2,506,740

116.9 *Increase funds for additional facility maintenance personnel and regional support staff to address critical facility maintenance needs.*

State General Funds	$15,286,214	$9,284,058	$9,284,058

116.10 *Increase funds for a "tiger team" to support existing Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) locking team to address repairs needed on facility locks, locking controls, and security electronics.*

State General Funds	$248,062	$248,062	$248,062

116.11 *Increase funds for skilled craftsman "tiger teams" focused on HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and fabrication needs in facilities.*

State General Funds	$1,186,615	$636,469	$636,469

116.12 *Increase funds for project management resources to oversee capital projects.*

State General Funds	$5,961,200	$5,961,200	$1,560,000

116.13 *Increase funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff.*

State General Funds	$913,248	$913,248	$0

116.14 *Increase funds to add 330 correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios. (H and S:Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios)*

State General Funds	$10,432,551	$13,547,415	$28,510,673

116.15 *Increase funds to address critical capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$35,000,000	$35,000,000	$25,000,000

116.16 *Increase funds for sitework and construction of four 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements. (H:Increase funds for sitework and construction of two 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements)(S:Increase funds for sitework and construction of three 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements)*

State General Funds	$93,203,352	$46,601,676	$69,902,514

116.17 *Increase funds for design and construction to replace locking control systems at various facilities.*

State General Funds	$34,262,515	$34,262,515	$34,262,515

116.18 *Increase funds for project backlog and major maintenance and renovation projects at facilities.*

State General Funds	$36,999,379	$35,922,011	$30,922,011

116.19 *Increase funds for renovation, equipment and technology for the creation of an Over Watch and Logistics unit to increase safety of correctional officers and inmates throughout state facilities.*

State General Funds		$7,158,672	$7,158,672

116.20 *Increase funds for data intelligence advanced integration development.*

State General Funds		$6,225,000	$6,225,000

116.21 *Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$489,666	$489,666

116.22 *Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*

State General Funds			($2,771,395)

116.1000 State Prisons **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,053,979,942	$1,020,793,530	$1,018,862,826
State General Funds	$1,053,979,942	$1,020,793,530	$1,018,862,826
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,067,143,280	$1,033,956,868	$1,032,026,164

Transition Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214
State General Funds	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,688,867	$44,688,867	$44,688,867

117.1 *Increase funds to replace 100 Chromebooks for technical education programs.*

State General Funds	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000

117.2 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$16,281	$16,281	$16,281

117.3 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Transition Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$718,679	$718,679	$718,679

117.4 *Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$35,944	$35,944

117.5 *Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*

State General Funds	$489,666	$489,666

117.1000 Transition Centers			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,249,174	$45,774,784	$45,774,784
State General Funds	$45,249,174	$45,774,784	$45,774,784
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,468,827	$45,994,437	$45,994,437

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
State General Funds	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,162,590	$111,162,590	$111,162,590

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
State General Funds	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,162,590	$111,162,590	$111,162,590

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,579,516	$2,579,516	$2,579,516

118.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,579,516	$2,579,516	$2,579,516

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
State General Funds	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,693,955	$88,693,955	$88,693,955

119.1000 Military Readiness **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
State General Funds	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,693,955	$88,693,955	$88,693,955

Youth Educational Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
State General Funds	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,889,119	$19,889,119	$19,889,119

120.1000 Youth Educational Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
State General Funds	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,889,119	$19,889,119	$19,889,119

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
State General Funds	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121

Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,962,117	$88,962,117	$88,962,117

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$87,139,996	$87,139,996	$87,139,996
State General Funds	$87,139,996	$87,139,996	$87,139,996
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,984,117	$89,984,117	$89,984,117

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,409,888	$11,409,888	$11,409,888

121.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,409,888	$11,409,888	$11,409,888

License Issuance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
State General Funds	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,029,032	$76,029,032	$76,029,032
122.1 *Increase funds to implement technology to prevent address fraud.*			
State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
122.2 *Increase funds to implement phase three of chatbot technology in the call center to provide improved efficiency in customer service.*			
State General Funds	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
122.3 *Increase funds for the investigations division case management system transition to cloud services.*			
State General Funds	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000

122.1000 License Issuance			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$75,223,197	$75,223,197	$75,223,197
State General Funds	$75,223,197	$75,223,197	$75,223,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,051,032	$77,051,032	$77,051,032

Regulatory Compliance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,523,197	$1,523,197	$1,523,197

123.1000 Regulatory Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,523,197	$1,523,197	$1,523,197

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$613,306,642	$613,306,642	$613,306,642
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
Lottery Proceeds	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020

Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$620,828,789	$620,828,789	$620,828,789
State General Funds	$71,982,694	$71,982,694	$71,982,694
Lottery Proceeds	$548,846,095	$548,846,095	$548,846,095
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,228,988,174	$1,228,988,174	$1,228,988,174

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020

Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$452,173,841	$452,173,841	$452,173,841

124.1000 Child Care Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$452,173,841	$452,173,841	$452,173,841

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

125.1 *Increase funds for startup grants of up to $10,000 per provider to establish additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity. (S:Increase funds for food banks with a priority towards those establishing additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity)*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

125.1000 Nutrition Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,100,000	$170,100,000	$170,100,000

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$541,598,948	$541,598,948	$541,598,948

126.1 *Increase funds to provide salary parity between Pre-K teachers with K12 teachers by moving to the State Board of Education salary schedule.*

Lottery Proceeds	$7,422,147	$7,422,147	$7,422,147

126.2 *Utilize existing funds ($3,549,690) for development costs of the new Pre-K Management System. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Lottery Proceeds	$0	$0	$0

126.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$548,846,095	$548,846,095	$548,846,095
Lottery Proceeds	$548,846,095	$548,846,095	$548,846,095
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$549,021,095	$549,021,095	$549,021,095

Quality Initiatives		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

127.1000 Quality Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026
State General Funds	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,115,216	$40,115,216	$40,115,216

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,439,026	$46,059,934	$37,193,195
State General Funds	$39,439,026	$46,059,934	$37,193,195
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,365,216	$46,986,124	$38,119,385

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
State General Funds	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093

128.1 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development for support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

128.2 *Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*

State General Funds	($167,939)

128.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,022,093	$6,022,093	$5,854,154
State General Funds	$6,022,093	$6,022,093	$5,854,154
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,022,093	$6,022,093	$5,854,154

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
State General Funds	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927

129.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
State General Funds	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

130.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

131.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293

132.1 *Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*

State General Funds ($697,000)

132.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$9,964,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$9,964,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$9,964,293

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002

133.1 *Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*

State General Funds ($370,000)

133.1000 Innovation and Technology **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,388,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,388,002
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,388,002

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392
State General Funds	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,182	$3,146,182	$3,146,182

134.1 *Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*

State General Funds	($453,300)

134.1000 International Relations and Trade **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,426,092
State General Funds	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,426,092
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,182	$3,146,182	$2,692,882

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
State General Funds	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889

135.1 *The Department of Economic Development is directed to study the impact and efficacy of the Rural Development program and provide a report of activities and results to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 1, 2025. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

135.2 *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect vacancies.*

State General Funds	($379,092)	($379,092)

135.1000 Rural Development			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,018,797	$1,018,797
State General Funds	$1,397,889	$1,018,797	$1,018,797
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,018,797	$1,018,797

Small and Minority Business Development			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
State General Funds	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381

136.1 *Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*

State General Funds	($178,500)

136.1000 Small and Minority Business Development			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$901,881
State General Funds	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$901,881
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$901,881

Tourism		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
State General Funds	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899

137.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to prepare for the execution of public safety and infrastructure costs related to the hosting of future major sporting events, including the Super Bowl 62 and 2031 NCAA Men's Final Four. (S:NO; Align funds to year of expenditure so interest on appropriated funds remains with the state)*

State General Funds	$7,000,000	$0

137.1000 Tourism		**Appropriation (HB 67)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,884,899	$18,884,899	$11,884,899
State General Funds	$11,884,899	$18,884,899	$11,884,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,884,899	$18,884,899	$11,884,899

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595
State General Funds	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,420,608,106	$13,421,442,947	$13,416,028,612
State General Funds	$13,056,190,783	$13,057,025,624	$13,051,611,289
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$364,417,323	$364,417,323	$364,417,323
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,718,899,639	$15,719,734,480	$15,714,320,145

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911
State General Funds	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,877,914	$16,877,914	$16,877,914

138.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for agricultural improvements and facilities.*

State General Funds	$600,000

138.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$16,018,911
State General Funds	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$16,018,911
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,877,914	$16,877,914	$17,477,914

Business and Finance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
State General Funds	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,612,595	$18,612,595	$18,612,595

139.1000 Business and Finance Administration			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
State General Funds	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,612,595	$18,612,595	$18,612,595

Central Office			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357
State General Funds	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,475,947	$66,475,947	$66,475,947

140.1 *Increase funds for an adaptive sports program. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for adaptive sports programs)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$300,000

140.2 *Reduce funds for travel expenses and to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds	($492,684)

140.1000 Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,250,357	$5,400,357	$5,057,673
State General Funds	$5,250,357	$5,400,357	$5,057,673
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,475,947	$66,625,947	$66,283,263

Charter Schools			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
State General Funds	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,427,123	$10,427,123	$10,427,123

141.1 *Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB318 (2024 Session). (H:NO; Utilize existing funds to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session))(S:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB318 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	($265,501)	$0	($265,501)

141.2 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds ($151,393)

141.3 *Reduce funds to reflect projected operations.*

State General Funds ($330,000)

141.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

141.1000 Charter Schools			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,212,280	$5,477,781	$4,730,887
State General Funds	$5,212,280	$5,477,781	$4,730,887
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,161,622	$10,427,123	$9,680,229

Communities in Schools		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
State General Funds	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100

142.1000 Communities in Schools			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
State General Funds	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100

Curriculum Development			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501
State General Funds	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,276,551	$18,276,551	$18,276,551

143.1 *Increase funds for AP exams ($2,244,870) and PSAT exams ($249,424) due to increased utilization. (S:Increase funds for PSAT exams and utilize existing funds for AP exams)*

State General Funds	$2,494,294	$249,424

143.2 *Reduce funds for an unused supplementary secondary math pilot program.*

State General Funds	($475,000)

143.3 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds	($438,981)

143.1000 Curriculum Development	**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,266,501	$13,760,795	$10,601,944
State General Funds	$11,266,501	$13,760,795	$10,601,944
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,276,551	$20,770,845	$17,611,994

Curriculum Development - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
State General Funds	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300

144.1000 Curriculum Development - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
State General Funds	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

145.1000 Federal Programs			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,356,289	$62,356,289	$62,356,289

146.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,356,289	$62,356,289	$62,356,289

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,370,004	$11,370,004	$11,370,004

147.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,370,004	$11,370,004	$11,370,004

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
State General Funds	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,528,084	$21,528,084	$21,528,084

148.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds ($207,767)

148.2 *The Department of Education shall provide information on the progress and purpose of the unappropriated Information Technology Centralization Project to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by March 30, 2025. (S:YES)*

State General Funds $0

148.1000 Information Technology Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$20,911,050
State General Funds	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$20,911,050
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,528,084	$21,528,084	$21,320,317

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
State General Funds	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822

149.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
State General Funds	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822

Nutrition		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
State General Funds	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$846,230,485	$846,230,485	$846,230,485

150.1000 Nutrition			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
State General Funds	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$846,230,485	$846,230,485	$846,230,485

Preschool Disabilities Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
State General Funds	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

151.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
State General Funds	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

Pupil Transportation			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
State General Funds	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373

152.1000 Pupil Transportation			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
State General Funds	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373

Quality Basic Education Equalization			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
State General Funds	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487

153.1 *Reduce funds to reflect a data correction for Gainesville City and Hall County Tax Digests.*

State General Funds	($24,340,036)	($24,340,036)	($24,340,036)

153.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$998,507,451	$998,507,451	$998,507,451
State General Funds	$998,507,451	$998,507,451	$998,507,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,507,451	$998,507,451	$998,507,451

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
State General Funds	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)

154.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share for two new State Commission Charter Schools.*

State General Funds	($214,870)	($214,870)	($214,870)

154.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)
State General Funds	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)	($2,753,609,278)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
State General Funds	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664

155.1 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment based on enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	$114,935,908	$114,282,588	$114,282,588

155.2 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement for a total supplement of $248,482,930.*

State General Funds	$12,904,817	$12,904,817	$12,904,817

155.3 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$5,688,691	$2,921,948	$2,630,880

155.4 *Reduce formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement. (H and S:Increase formula funds for the Completion Special Schools Supplement)*

State General Funds	($1,875,833)	$203,344	$203,344

155.5 *Increase funds to reflect growth in the Special Needs Scholarship.*

State General Funds	$12,440,382	$13,209,096	$12,304,103

155.6 *Increase funds to reflect a data correction for two locally-approved charter schools, Drew Charter School ($137,098) and The Kindezi School ($698,068), in the Atlanta Public Schools system.*

State General Funds	$835,166	$0	$0

155.7 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the charter system grant.*

State General Funds	$267,110	$267,110	$267,110

155.8 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the local charter school grant.*

State General Funds	$150,725	$93,202	$93,202

155.9 *Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the training and experience for Discovery Regional High School.*

State General Funds			$291,068

155.10 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($364,417,323)	($364,417,323)	($364,417,323)
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$364,417,323	$364,417,323	$364,417,323
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

155.1000 Quality Basic Education Program			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,246,952,630	$14,245,487,769	$14,244,582,776
State General Funds	$13,882,535,307	$13,881,070,446	$13,880,165,453
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	$364,417,323	$364,417,323	$364,417,323
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,246,952,630	$14,245,487,769	$14,244,582,776

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
State General Funds	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985

156.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
State General Funds	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985

School Improvement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
State General Funds	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,367,970	$14,367,970	$14,367,970

157.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds ($328,732)

157.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,581,517
State General Funds	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,581,517
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,367,970	$14,367,970	$14,039,238

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
State General Funds	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230

158.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
State General Funds	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230

School Security Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
State General Funds	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000

159.1 *Increase funds for security grants in the amount of $21,635 per school allowing local school systems to enhance security system-wide.*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$50,000,000	$50,000,000

159.2 *The Department of Education shall provide an annual report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office regarding the utilization of the $108,905,000 base funding for school security by Local Education Agencies. Reports shall be provided annually on August 1, beginning August 1, 2025. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

159.1000 School Security Grants **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,905,000	$158,905,000	$158,905,000
State General Funds	$158,905,000	$158,905,000	$158,905,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,905,000	$158,905,000	$158,905,000

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

160.1 *Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program ($265,501) and increase funds ($344,592) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session). (H:NO; Implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session) in the Charter Schools program)(S:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB318 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$610,093	$0	$265,501

160.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

160.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,093	$0	$265,501
State General Funds	$610,093	$0	$265,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,295,472	$6,685,379	$6,950,880

State Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
State General Funds	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,058,578	$41,058,578	$41,058,578

161.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds ($280,443)

161.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,519,675
State General Funds	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,519,675
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,058,578	$41,058,578	$40,778,135

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320
State General Funds	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,055,530	$81,055,530	$81,055,530

162.1 *Increase funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operations to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operations to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education)*

State General Funds	$95,859	$95,859	$0

162.1000 Technology/Career Education **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,450,179	$24,450,179	$24,354,320
State General Funds	$24,450,179	$24,450,179	$24,354,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,151,389	$81,151,389	$81,055,530

Testing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452
State General Funds	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,750,259	$34,750,259	$34,750,259

163.1 *Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenditures.*

State General Funds ($213,613)

163.1000 Testing **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$18,838,839
State General Funds	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$18,838,839
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,750,259	$34,750,259	$34,536,646

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

164.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,191.66. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844
State General Funds	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,179,539	$102,179,539	$102,179,539

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$566,314,844	$566,314,844	$566,314,844
State General Funds	$566,314,844	$566,314,844	$566,314,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511

State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$602,173,539	$602,173,539	$602,173,539

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

165.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

166.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000

167.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400
State General Funds	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,398,911	$57,398,911	$57,398,911

168.1 *Increase funds to strategically invest in increasing the funded ratio in order to improve long-term financial viability of the pension system and support state retirees.*

State General Funds	$500,000,000	$500,000,000	$500,000,000

168.2 *Eliminate funds for actuarially determined costs for HB472 (2024 Session) as legislation failed to pass.*

State General Funds	($6,000)	($6,000)	($6,000)

168.1000 System Administration (ERS)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400
State General Funds	$526,760,400	$526,760,400	$526,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$557,392,911	$557,392,911	$557,392,911

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,160.67 per member for State Fiscal Year 2025.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
State General Funds	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,792,026	$68,792,026	$68,792,026

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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
State General Funds	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,792,026	$68,792,026	$68,792,026

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
State General Funds	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,144,232	$7,144,232	$7,144,232

169.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
State General Funds	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,144,232	$7,144,232	$7,144,232

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,498,634	$9,498,634	$9,498,634

170.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,498,634	$9,498,634	$9,498,634

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and

support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
State General Funds	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,942,080	$50,942,080	$50,942,080

171.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
State General Funds	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312

Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,942,080	$50,942,080	$50,942,080

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

172.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

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	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882
State General Funds	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,068,650	$94,068,650	$94,068,650

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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$211,955,882	$215,705,882	$267,421,555
State General Funds	$211,955,882	$215,705,882	$267,421,555
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$244,228,650	$247,978,650	$299,694,323

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

173.1 *Increase funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses. (H and S:Increase funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses and reflect $5,000,000 in Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security to build out last mile network connectivity to public safety answering points to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services)*

State General Funds	$150,000,000	$145,000,000	$113,000,000

173.2 *Increase funds for state and local match (25%) of debris removal from local roads and rights of way due to Hurricane Helene.*

State General Funds	$82,000,000

173.3 *Increase funds to provide relief for county facilities complying with federal law.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000

173.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,062,041	$156,062,041	$211,062,041
State General Funds	$161,062,041	$156,062,041	$211,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,062,041	$156,062,041	$211,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362

174.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276

175.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

176.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

177.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162

178.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372
State General Funds	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,772,410	$36,772,410	$36,772,410

179.1 *Increase funds for Next Generation 911 and emergency services.*

State General Funds	$5,750,000	$5,750,000

179.2 *Increase start-up funds for a school threat assessment tracking system.*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$1,000,000

179.3 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for a gang case management system.*

State General Funds	($1,250,000)

179.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,261,372	$15,011,372	$11,761,372
State General Funds	$6,261,372	$15,011,372	$11,761,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,772,410	$45,522,410	$42,272,410

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,840,522	$1,840,522	$1,840,522

180.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,840,522	$1,840,522	$1,840,522

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469

181.1000 Office of the State Inspector General **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,051,420	$10,051,420	$10,051,420

182.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,051,420	$10,051,420	$10,051,420

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
State General Funds	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736

183.1 *Add funds for startup funding to establish a regional crisis recovery network in partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board to support student mental health in response to significant public safety or natural disaster incidents impacting schools or school systems.*

State General Funds	$160,000	$160,000	$160,000

183.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,124,736	$6,124,736	$6,124,736
State General Funds	$6,124,736	$6,124,736	$6,124,736
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,124,736	$6,124,736	$6,124,736

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034

184.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290

185.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
State General Funds	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694

186.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds	($34,327)

186.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,594,367
State General Funds	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,594,367
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,594,367

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764
State General Funds	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$599,657,476	$599,657,476	$599,657,476
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$87,994,777	$87,994,777	$87,994,777
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$130,561,606	$130,561,606	$130,561,606
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$367,879,092	$367,879,092	$367,879,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$365,330,321	$365,330,321	$365,330,321
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,262,196	$25,262,196	$25,262,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797
State Funds Transfers	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency to Agency Contracts	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,035,742,326	$1,061,338,559	$1,060,192,975
State General Funds	$1,034,171,937	$1,059,768,170	$1,058,622,586
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,306,516,022	$1,310,200,974	$1,292,510,213
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$610,861,232	$610,861,232	$611,232,827
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$87,994,777	$91,679,729	$93,480,532
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$130,561,606	$130,561,606	$108,995,412
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$366,159,888	$366,159,888	$367,862,923
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$363,611,117	$363,611,117	$365,314,152
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,262,196	$25,639,421	$25,262,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$23,762,196	$24,139,421	$23,762,196
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,762,196	$24,139,421	$23,762,196
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797
State Funds Transfers	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency to Agency Contracts	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,368,794,341	$2,398,452,751	$2,379,239,181

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
State General Funds	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,455,821	$79,455,821	$79,455,821
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,334,420	$70,334,420	$70,334,420
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,195,574	$125,195,574	$125,195,574

187.1000 Adoptions Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
State General Funds	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,455,821	$79,455,821	$79,455,821
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,334,420	$70,334,420	$70,334,420
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,195,574	$125,195,574	$125,195,574

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,305,967	$4,305,967	$4,305,967
State General Funds	$2,989,897	$2,989,897	$2,989,897
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,364,006	$12,364,006	$12,364,006

188.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,305,967	$4,305,967	$4,305,967
State General Funds	$2,989,897	$2,989,897	$2,989,897
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,364,006	$12,364,006	$12,364,006

Child Support Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145
State General Funds	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,180,715	$150,180,715	$150,180,715

189.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding to maintain software applications on the Georgia Technology Authority mainframe.*

State General Funds	$5,771,558	$5,771,558	$5,771,558
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,203,756	$11,203,756	$11,203,756
Total Public Funds:	$16,975,314	$16,975,314	$16,975,314

189.2 *Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents. (S:Increase funds for the DeKalb County District Attorney's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Office under contract with the Department of Human Services to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents)*

State General Funds	$185,798	$191,428
Federal Funds Not Itemized		$371,595
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$377,225	$0
Total Public Funds:	$563,023	$563,023

189.1000 Child Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,907,703	$40,093,501	$40,099,131
State General Funds	$39,907,703	$40,093,501	$40,099,131
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,452,566	$123,452,566	$123,824,161

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,452,566	$123,452,566	$123,824,161
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,777,225	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,777,225	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,777,225	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$167,156,029	$167,719,052	$167,719,052

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585
State General Funds	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,997,680	$271,997,680	$271,997,680
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$44,974,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$189,321,915	$189,321,915	$189,321,915
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$186,773,144	$186,773,144	$186,773,144
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
State Funds Transfers	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
Agency to Agency Contracts	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$515,988,302	$515,988,302	$515,988,302

190.1 *Increase funds for Court Appointed Special Advocates to replace federal funds deemed ineligible by the Administration for Children and Families.*

State General Funds	$1,719,204	$1,719,204	$1,719,204
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

190.2 *Increase funds for the special victims unit to support the rescue of sexually exploited foster children.*

State General Funds	$1,703,035	$0
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558		$1,703,035
Total Public Funds:	$1,703,035	$1,703,035

190.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$245,551,789	$247,254,824	$245,551,789
State General Funds	$245,551,789	$247,254,824	$245,551,789
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$270,278,476	$270,278,476	$271,981,511
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$44,974,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$187,602,711	$187,602,711	$189,305,746
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$185,053,940	$185,053,940	$186,756,975
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
State Funds Transfers	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
Agency to Agency Contracts	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$515,988,302	$517,691,337	$517,691,337

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456

191.1000 Community Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456

Departmental Administration (DHS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779
State General Funds	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,538,528	$47,538,528	$47,538,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,770,669	$6,770,669	$6,770,669
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,498,980	$122,498,980	$122,498,980

192.1 *Increase funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system)*

State General Funds	$1,468,800	$1,468,800	$0

192.2 *Eliminate funds for rent for a multi-service building in Coweta County.*

State General Funds	($1,088,000)	($1,088,000)	($1,088,000)

192.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,472,579	$62,472,579	$61,003,779
State General Funds	$62,472,579	$62,472,579	$61,003,779
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,538,528	$47,538,528	$47,538,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,770,669	$6,770,669	$6,770,669
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,879,780	$122,879,780	$121,410,980

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
State General Funds	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,627,120	$35,627,120	$35,627,120

193.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
State General Funds	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,627,120	$35,627,120	$35,627,120

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103
State General Funds	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$97,494,315	$97,494,315	$97,494,315

194.1 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health for brain health awareness campaign to match agency budgets with existing contracts.*

State General Funds	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)

194.2 *Increase funds for Project Healthy Grandparents.*

State General Funds	$100,000

194.1000 Elder Community Living Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,718,103	$52,718,103	$52,818,103
State General Funds	$52,718,103	$52,718,103	$52,818,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$97,269,315	$97,269,315	$97,369,315

Energy Assistance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606

195.1000 Energy Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
State General Funds	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,523,667	$443,523,667	$443,523,667

196.1 *Utilize existing funds ($133,763) to enhance Medicaid disability evaluation capacity. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

196.2 *Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers effective April 1, 2025. (S:NO; Consider increasing funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers effective July 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$1,439,557	$0

196.3 *Reduce funds for the staffing of 450 case managers, 75 supervisors, and one district manager for Medicaid redeterminations due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) expiration.*

State General Funds	($11,148,272)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	($21,566,194)
Total Public Funds:	($32,714,466)

196.4 *Reduce funds for labor and wage data verification services.*

State General Funds	($2,061,147)

196.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,022,645	$160,462,202	$145,813,226
State General Funds	$159,022,645	$160,462,202	$145,813,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$262,934,828

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$100,639,804
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,523,667	$444,963,224	$408,748,054

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
State General Funds	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$107,075,957	$107,075,957	$107,075,957
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,651	$152,651	$152,651
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$30,048,837	$30,048,837	$30,048,837
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$449,267,342	$449,267,342	$449,267,342

197.1 *Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.*

Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$3,684,952	$5,485,755
State General Funds	$22,235,429	$38,587,440
Total Public Funds:	$25,920,381	$44,073,195

197.2 *Increase funds for transitional housing for children aging out of foster care placements.*

State General Funds	$150,000

197.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$342,191,385	$364,426,814	$380,928,825
State General Funds	$342,191,385	$364,426,814	$380,928,825
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$107,075,957	$110,760,909	$112,561,712
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,651	$152,651	$152,651
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$30,048,837	$33,733,789	$35,534,592
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$449,267,342	$475,187,723	$493,490,537

Out-of-School Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,500,000	$17,500,000	$17,500,000

198.1 *Increase funds for out-of-school programs with locations in communities serving at-risk youth.*

State General Funds	$100,000

198.1000 Out-of-School Care Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,500,000	$17,500,000	$17,600,000

Refugee Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

199.1000 Refugee Assistance **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,082,944	$3,082,944	$3,082,944

200.1 *Utilize existing funds ($82,550) for one position and TRAILS electronic records management system enhancements to address new licensure and regulation responsibilities due to the creation of two new Child Caring Institution types in SB377 (2024 Session) and HB1201 (2024 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

200.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,082,944	$3,082,944	$3,082,944

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

201.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726

202.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625
State General Funds	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625

203.1 *Increase funds to support personnel.*

State General Funds	$32,414	$0

203.1000 Council On Aging **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,625	$409,039	$376,625
State General Funds	$376,625	$409,039	$376,625
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$376,625	$409,039	$376,625

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

204.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,779,241	$2,779,241	$2,779,241

205.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,779,241	$2,779,241	$2,779,241

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,039,595	$11,039,595	$11,039,595

206.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,039,595	$11,039,595	$11,039,595

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

207.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

208.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind — **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program — **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
State General Funds	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,527,917	$101,527,917	$101,527,917

209.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program — **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
State General Funds	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,527,917	$101,527,917	$101,527,917

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159

210.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following

maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762
State General Funds	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,417,883	$243,417,883	$243,417,883

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,821,762	$227,246,044	$221,415,426
State General Funds	$232,821,762	$227,246,044	$221,415,426
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,417,883	$237,842,165	$232,011,547

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
State General Funds	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,720,123	$2,720,123	$2,720,123

211.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds ($21,616)

211.1000 Departmental Administration (COI)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,588,907
State General Funds	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,588,907
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,720,123	$2,720,123	$2,698,507

Enforcement			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
State General Funds	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866

212.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds ($169,499)

212.1000 Enforcement			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$418,367
State General Funds	$587,866	$587,866	$418,367
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$418,367

Fire Safety			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety			

rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,273,495	$16,273,495	$16,273,495

213.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,273,495	$16,273,495	$16,273,495

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
State General Funds	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,962,285	$9,962,285	$9,962,285

214.1 *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*

State General Funds	($373,195)

214.1000 Insurance Regulation **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$3,811,082
State General Funds	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$3,811,082
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,962,285	$9,962,285	$9,589,090

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
State General Funds	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326

215.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($5,575,718)	($10,842,026)

215.1000 Reinsurance **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,884,326	$200,308,608	$195,042,300
State General Funds	$205,884,326	$200,308,608	$195,042,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,884,326	$200,308,608	$195,042,300

Special Fraud **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
State General Funds	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,989,788	$7,989,788	$7,989,788

216.1000 Special Fraud **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
State General Funds	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,989,788	$7,989,788	$7,989,788

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108
State General Funds	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$352,025,614	$352,025,614	$352,025,614

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$251,868,505	$250,778,514	$252,177,081
State General Funds	$251,868,505	$250,778,514	$252,177,081
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303

Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,442,011	$352,352,020	$353,750,587

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
State General Funds	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,859,259	$10,859,259	$10,859,259

217.1 *Increase funds for a new pool car reservation system.*

State General Funds	$29,472	$41,165	$29,472

217.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to statewide security contracts through the Department of Administrative Services.*

State General Funds	$18,075	$57,815	$18,075

217.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,540,903	$10,592,336	$10,540,903
State General Funds	$10,540,903	$10,592,336	$10,540,903
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,906,806	$10,958,239	$10,906,806

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,088,856	$19,088,856	$19,088,856

218.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,088,856	$19,088,856	$19,088,856

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology,

implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
State General Funds	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,765,762	$68,765,762	$68,765,762

219.1 *Increase funds for equipment, supplies, and office set-up for one crime lab scientist, one crime lab technician, and one evidence receiving technician at the Central Crime Lab.*

State General Funds	$62,068	$62,068	$62,068

219.2 *Increase funds for the start-up cost for one crime lab assistant manager at the Headquarters Crime Lab. (H and S:Increase funds for the start-up cost for two crime lab assistant managers at the Headquarters Crime Lab)*

State General Funds	$15,806	$31,612	$31,612

219.3 *Increase funds for additional service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.*

State General Funds	$356,862	$356,862	$356,862

219.4 *Reduce funds for locality pay savings.*

State General Funds		($125,711)	($125,711)

219.5 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($312,921)	($312,921)

219.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,965,276	$66,542,450	$66,542,450
State General Funds	$66,965,276	$66,542,450	$66,542,450
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,200,498	$68,777,672	$68,777,672

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144
State General Funds	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,647,234	$81,647,234	$81,647,234

220.1 *Increase funds to replace federal funds with state funds for three human trafficking positions.*

State General Funds	$490,700	$490,700	$490,700

220.2 *Increase funds for the start-up cost to establish a Strategic Threat Assessment Group responsible for addressing threats to public officials, investigating homeland security matters, and partnering with critical infrastructure partners to provide support during major events occurring in the state.*

State General Funds	$120,472	$96,472	$96,472

220.3 *Increase funds for the start-up cost for two crime scene technical leaders and three digital forensic investigators.*

State General Funds	$221,866	$165,466	$165,466

220.4 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($502,991)	($502,991)

220.5 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for a gang case management system.*

State General Funds			$1,250,000

220.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,776,182	$78,192,791	$79,442,791
State General Funds	$78,776,182	$78,192,791	$79,442,791
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,480,272	$81,896,881	$83,146,881

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
State General Funds	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,391,732	$99,391,732	$99,391,732

221.1 *Increase funds for continued operation of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline.*

State General Funds	$101,076	$0	$0

221.2 *Increase funds for sexual assault centers with more than one location.*

State General Funds			$200,000

221.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,724,517	$15,623,441	$15,823,441
State General Funds	$15,724,517	$15,623,441	$15,823,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,492,808	$99,391,732	$99,591,732

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
State General Funds	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125

222.1 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($34,131)	($34,131)

222.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,265,994	$37,265,994
State General Funds	$37,300,125	$37,265,994	$37,265,994
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,265,994	$37,265,994

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
State General Funds	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646

223.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
State General Funds	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187
State General Funds	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$394,665,964	$394,665,964	$394,665,964

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$388,064,187	$389,094,173	$386,894,173
State General Funds	$388,064,187	$389,094,173	$386,894,173
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$394,665,964	$395,695,950	$393,495,950

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
State General Funds	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,935,316	$105,935,316	$105,935,316

224.1 *Transfer funds from the Community Service program to the Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)

224.2 *Increase funds for youth competency beds to address bed utilization costs. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($348,298) for youth competency beds to address bed utilization costs)*

State General Funds	$348,298	$0

224.3 *Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,851,702)

224.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$101,990,877	$102,339,175	$100,139,175
State General Funds	$101,990,877	$102,339,175	$100,139,175
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,935,316	$103,283,614	$101,083,614

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262

225.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
State General Funds	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,252,504	$101,252,504	$101,252,504

226.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
State General Funds	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,252,504	$101,252,504	$101,252,504

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690
State General Funds	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,899,882	$158,899,882	$158,899,882

227.1 *Transfer funds from the Community Service program to the Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to align budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

227.2 *Increase funds to reflect increased retention of juvenile correctional officers.*

State General Funds		$681,688	$681,688

227.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,954,690	$159,636,378	$159,636,378
State General Funds	$158,954,690	$159,636,378	$159,636,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,899,882	$162,581,570	$162,581,570

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
State General Funds	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,060,312	$54,060,312	$54,060,312

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
State General Funds	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,060,312	$54,060,312	$54,060,312

Departmental Administration (DOL)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,014,994	$20,014,994	$20,014,994

228.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769

Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,014,994	$20,014,994	$20,014,994

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

229.1000 Labor Market Information **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,661,870	$32,661,870	$32,661,870

230.1000 Unemployment Insurance			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,661,870	$32,661,870	$32,661,870

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667
State General Funds	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$129,617,039	$129,617,039	$129,617,039

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,912,989	$46,354,489	$46,448,007
State General Funds	$46,912,989	$46,354,489	$46,448,007
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$130,594,361	$130,035,861	$130,129,379

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259
State General Funds	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,299,299	$124,299,299	$124,299,299

231.1 *Increase funds for six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions effective April 1, 2025. (H:Increase funds for three positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Augusta region effective April 1, 2025)(S:Increase funds for six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions effective April 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$187,036	$93,518	$187,036

231.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent due to relocation to the renovated Law building.*

State General Funds	$790,286	$790,286	$790,286

231.3 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($464,982)	($464,982)

231.1000 Law, Department of			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,228,581	$44,670,081	$44,763,599
State General Funds	$45,228,581	$44,670,081	$44,763,599
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,276,621	$124,718,121	$124,811,639

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
State General Funds	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,317,740	$5,317,740	$5,317,740

232.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
State General Funds	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,317,740	$5,317,740	$5,317,740

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$188,188,840	$188,188,840	$188,188,840
State General Funds	$163,865,387	$163,865,387	$163,865,387
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$360,923,811	$360,923,811	$360,923,811
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$189,688,840	$196,513,840	$200,188,220
State General Funds	$165,365,387	$172,190,387	$175,864,767
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$362,423,811	$369,248,811	$372,923,191

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
State General Funds	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,527,969	$12,527,969	$12,527,969

233.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
State General Funds	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,527,969	$12,527,969	$12,527,969

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
State General Funds	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444

234.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
State General Funds	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,930,449	$125,930,449	$125,930,449

235.1000 Environmental Protection **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and

by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,930,449	$125,930,449	$125,930,449

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943

236.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767

237.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
State General Funds	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,072,344	$37,072,344	$37,072,344

238.1000 Law Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
State General Funds	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,072,344	$37,072,344	$37,072,344

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730
State General Funds	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,802,550	$55,802,550	$55,802,550

239.1 *Increase funds for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to address operational needs.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

239.2 *Increase funds for outdoor recreation.*

State General Funds	$5,875,000	$8,049,380

239.3 *Increase funds for historic preservation. (S:Increase funds for historic preservation to include restoration of Department of Natural Resources owned buildings)*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000

239.4 *Increase funds for adaptive equipment and inclusive playgrounds for children with special needs.*

State General Funds	$1,500,000

239.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,706,730	$28,331,730	$32,006,110
State General Funds	$21,706,730	$28,331,730	$32,006,110
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,302,550	$63,927,550	$67,601,930

Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886

240.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886

Wildlife Resources			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,626,770	$24,626,770	$24,626,770
State General Funds	$22,849,970	$22,849,970	$22,849,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,095,459	$63,095,459	$63,095,459

241.1 *Increase funds for processing of venison donations.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$200,000

241.1000 Wildlife Resources			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,626,770	$24,826,770	$24,826,770
State General Funds	$22,849,970	$23,049,970	$23,049,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,095,459	$63,295,459	$63,295,459

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
State General Funds	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,236,127	$21,236,127
State General Funds	$21,293,305	$21,236,127	$21,236,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,236,127	$21,236,127

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
State General Funds	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857

242.1000 Board Administration (SBPP)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
State General Funds	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
State General Funds	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969

243.1 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($57,178)	($57,178)

243.1000 Clemency Decisions			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,225,791	$18,225,791
State General Funds	$18,282,969	$18,225,791	$18,225,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,225,791	$18,225,791

Victim Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
State General Funds	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479

244.1000 Victim Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
State General Funds	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

		Section Total - Continuation	
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section Total - Final

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Properties Commission, State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

245.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477
State General Funds	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,038,239	$116,038,239	$116,038,239
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,874,603	$82,648,086	$82,648,086
State General Funds	$82,874,603	$82,648,086	$82,648,086
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,385,365	$116,158,848	$116,158,848

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,284,841	$11,284,841	$11,284,841

246.1000 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,284,841	$11,284,841	$11,284,841

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636
State General Funds	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,753,398	$104,753,398	$104,753,398

247.1 *Increase funds for one Public Defender, one investigator, and two administrative positions for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$181,797	$181,797	$181,797

247.2 *Increase funds for a Juvenile Conflict Division manager position.*

State General Funds	$226,517	$0	$0

247.3 *Reduce funds for one Assistant Public Defender in the Douglas Judicial Circuit due to SB347 failing to pass during the 2024 legislative session.*

State General Funds	($61,188)	($61,188)	($61,188)

247.1000 Public Defenders **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,434,762	$73,208,245	$73,208,245
State General Funds	$73,434,762	$73,208,245	$73,208,245
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,100,524	$104,874,007	$104,874,007

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$431,886,865	$431,886,865	$431,886,865
State General Funds	$399,946,410	$399,946,410	$399,946,410
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327	$13,864,327	$13,864,327
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Sales and Services	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863
State Funds Transfers	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$919,356,566	$919,356,566	$919,356,566
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$430,760,594	$428,695,285	$429,936,707
State General Funds	$398,820,139	$396,754,830	$397,996,252
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327	$13,864,327	$13,864,327
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Sales and Services	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863
State Funds Transfers	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$918,230,295	$916,164,986	$917,406,408

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,770,355	$24,770,355	$24,770,355
State General Funds	$17,873,781	$17,873,781	$17,873,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,458,410	$59,458,410	$59,458,410

248.1 *Increase funds for a campaign to educate Georgians on the signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000

248.2 *Increase funds for a campaign to educate Georgians on the adverse effects of vaping.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$0

248.3 *Increase funds for an Alzheimer's and related dementia registry.*

State General Funds	$595,000

248.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,770,355	$25,270,355	$25,615,355
State General Funds	$17,873,781	$18,373,781	$18,718,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,458,410	$59,958,410	$60,303,410

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,025	$7,673,025	$7,673,025

249.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,025	$7,673,025	$7,673,025

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,204,400	$32,204,400	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605	$32,072,605	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,619,150	$38,619,150	$38,619,150

250.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,204,400	$32,204,400	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605	$32,072,605	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,619,150	$38,619,150	$38,619,150

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
State General Funds	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141

State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,817,840	$46,817,840	$46,817,840

251.1 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health for brain health awareness campaign to match agency budgets with existing contracts.*

State General Funds	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000

251.2 *Reduce funds for the Georgia Coordinating Center.*

State General Funds		($3,065,309)	($1,668,887)

251.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,611,750	$6,546,441	$7,942,863
State General Funds	$9,611,750	$6,546,441	$7,942,863
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,042,840	$43,977,531	$45,373,953

Epidemiology			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,362,958	$8,362,958	$8,362,958
State General Funds	$8,242,857	$8,242,857	$8,242,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,693,837	$24,693,837	$24,693,837

252.1 *Increase funds to study the impacts of social media on mental health for children in Georgia.*

State General Funds	$270,000	$270,000	$270,000

252.1000 Epidemiology			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,632,958	$8,632,958	$8,632,958
State General Funds	$8,512,857	$8,512,857	$8,512,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,963,837	$24,963,837	$24,963,837

Immunization			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,495	$26,149,495	$26,149,495

253.1000 Immunization			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,495	$26,149,495	$26,149,495

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310
State General Funds	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,927,334	$68,927,334	$68,927,334

254.1 *Increase funds for the cost of mailing Low THC Oil Patient registry cards pursuant to SB495 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$437,000	$437,000	$437,000

254.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,773,310	$29,773,310	$29,773,310
State General Funds	$29,773,310	$29,773,310	$29,773,310
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,364,334	$69,364,334	$69,364,334

Infant and Child Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,176,911	$231,176,911	$231,176,911

255.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,176,911	$231,176,911	$231,176,911

Infectious Disease Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,158,245	$126,158,245	$126,158,245

256.1000 Infectious Disease Control **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,158,245	$126,158,245	$126,158,245

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,381,380	$12,381,380	$12,381,380

257.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,381,380	$12,381,380	$12,381,380

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
State General Funds	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,126,713	$237,126,713	$237,126,713

258.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for health department equipment.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$0

258.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,326,713	$210,826,713	$210,326,713
State General Funds	$210,326,713	$210,826,713	$210,326,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,126,713	$237,626,713	$237,126,713

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,878,899	$6,878,899	$6,878,899

259.1000 Vital Records **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,878,899	$6,878,899	$6,878,899

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,992,501	$1,992,501	$1,992,501

260.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,992,501	$1,992,501	$1,992,501

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,796,104	$29,796,104	$29,796,104
State General Funds	$13,568,164	$13,568,164	$13,568,164
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,302,826	$31,302,826	$31,302,826

261.1 *Eliminate funds for SB515 as it did not pass during the 2024 Session.*

State General Funds	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)

261.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,737,833	$27,737,833	$27,737,833
State General Funds	$11,509,893	$11,509,893	$11,509,893
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722

Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,244,555	$29,244,555	$29,244,555

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024
State General Funds	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$315,394,838	$315,394,838	$315,394,838

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$257,875,295	$256,880,830	$257,485,791
State General Funds	$257,875,295	$256,880,830	$257,485,791
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$318,443,109	$317,448,644	$318,053,605

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513

262.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077

Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

263.1000 Capitol Police Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
State General Funds	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,585,187	$10,585,187	$10,585,187

264.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
State General Funds	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,585,187	$10,585,187	$10,585,187

Field Offices and Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
State General Funds	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$164,803,505	$164,803,505	$164,803,505

265.1 *Increase funds to replace 1,000 ballistic helmets.*			
State General Funds	$1,625,980	$1,625,980	$1,625,980

265.1000 Field Offices and Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$162,885,298	$162,885,298	$162,885,298
State General Funds	$162,885,298	$162,885,298	$162,885,298
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$166,429,485	$166,429,485	$166,429,485

Law Enforcement Training		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
State General Funds	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381

266.1 *Reduce funds to reflect enrollment costs.*

State General Funds		($659,115)	($659,115)

266.1000 Law Enforcement Training	**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,127,266	$9,127,266
State General Funds	$9,786,381	$9,127,266	$9,127,266
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,127,266	$9,127,266

Motor Carrier Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,678,644	$45,678,644	$45,678,644

267.1000 Motor Carrier Compliance **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923

Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,678,644	$45,678,644	$45,678,644

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
State General Funds	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013

268.1 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($82,811)	($82,811)

268.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,021,202	$2,021,202
State General Funds	$2,104,013	$2,021,202	$2,021,202
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,021,202	$2,021,202

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

269.1 *Utilize existing funds ($50,000) from technology savings for one vehicle and one safety and compliance specialist position. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($50,000) from technology savings for one vehicle)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

269.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
State General Funds	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249

270.1 *Increase funds to provide mandatory training for newly elected sheriffs.*

State General Funds	$246,000	$325,000	$325,000

270.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds		($61,476)	($21,476)

270.3 *Increase funds to support training for chiefs of police.*

State General Funds			$408,000

270.4 *Utilize existing funds ($40,000) to purchase one new vehicle. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

270.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,530,249	$6,547,773	$6,995,773
State General Funds	$6,530,249	$6,547,773	$6,995,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,530,249	$6,547,773	$6,995,773

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910
State General Funds	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,452,842	$35,452,842	$35,452,842

271.1 *Increase funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB37 (2024 Session). (H and S:Increase funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB37 (2024 Session) beginning April 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$168,853	$114,419	$114,419

271.2 *Increase funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training. (H and S:Increase funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training beginning April 1, 2025)*

State General Funds	$316,996	$258,328	$258,328

271.3 *Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.*

State General Funds	($9,912)	($4,956)	($9,912)

271.4 *Reduce funds for personnel based on the actual start date of new positions.*

State General Funds	($338,335)	($338,335)

271.5 *Increase funds for expenses related to basic mandate expansion for equipment, weapons, ammunition and vehicle expenses.*

State General Funds	$338,335	$338,335

271.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,446,847	$31,338,701	$31,333,745
State General Funds	$31,446,847	$31,338,701	$31,333,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,928,779	$35,820,633	$35,815,677

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
State General Funds	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000

Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,182,937	$21,182,937	$21,182,937

272.1 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$16,000	$16,000	$16,000

272.2 *Increase funds to replace federal funds for the personnel cost of three employees.*

State General Funds	$161,917	$0	$161,917

272.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$916,800	$754,883	$916,800
State General Funds	$916,800	$754,883	$916,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,360,854	$21,198,937	$21,360,854

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
State General Funds	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873

273.1 *Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2024 Joshua's Law Collections.*

State General Funds	$522,437	$522,437	$522,437

273.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission	**Appropriation (HB 67)**		
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894
State General Funds	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,050,994	$14,050,994	$14,050,994

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,844,002	$12,886,144	$12,844,002
State General Funds	$12,844,002	$12,886,144	$12,844,002
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,075,102	$14,117,244	$14,075,102

Commission Administration (PSC)	**Continuation Budget**		
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
State General Funds	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

274.1000 Commission Administration (PSC)			Appropriation (HB 67)
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
State General Funds	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

Facility Protection		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992
State General Funds	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,045,092	$3,045,092	$3,045,092

275.1 *Increase funds for FY2025 cost-of-living adjustment due to delay in federal reimbursement until FY2026.*

State General Funds	$24,108	$24,108	$24,108

275.2 *Increase funds for state share of equipment and vehicle costs for one additional Pipeline Safety inspector.*

State General Funds		$42,142	$0

275.1000 Facility Protection			Appropriation (HB 67)
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,838,100	$1,880,242	$1,838,100
State General Funds	$1,838,100	$1,880,242	$1,838,100
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,069,200	$3,111,342	$3,069,200

Utilities Regulation			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111

276.1000 Utilities Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304
State General Funds	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Sales and Services	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$422,136,675
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,407,577,805	$3,407,677,121	$3,410,535,374
State General Funds	$3,407,577,805	$3,407,677,121	$3,410,535,374
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Sales and Services	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$422,136,675
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,216,304,788	$10,216,404,104	$10,219,262,357

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806
Intergovernmental Transfers	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,913,507	$126,913,507	$126,913,507

277.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806
Intergovernmental Transfers	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,913,507	$126,913,507	$126,913,507

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867
Intergovernmental Transfers	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Sales and Services	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867

278.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867
Intergovernmental Transfers	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Sales and Services	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027
State General Funds	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$87,413,245	$87,413,245	$87,413,245

279.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$468,129	$468,129	$468,129

279.1000 Cooperative Extension Service			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,278,156	$51,278,156	$51,278,156
State General Funds	$51,278,156	$51,278,156	$51,278,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$87,881,374	$87,881,374	$87,881,374

Enterprise Innovation Institute			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Sales and Services	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,155,598	$30,155,598	$30,155,598

280.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Sales and Services	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,155,598	$30,155,598	$30,155,598

Forestry Cooperative Extension **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906
State General Funds	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678
Intergovernmental Transfers	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,408,584	$2,408,584	$2,408,584

281.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$10,388	$10,388	$10,388

281.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,118,294	$1,118,294	$1,118,294
State General Funds	$1,118,294	$1,118,294	$1,118,294
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678
Intergovernmental Transfers	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,418,972	$2,418,972	$2,418,972

Forestry Research **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424
State General Funds	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,229,667	$17,229,667	$17,229,667

282.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$22,502	$22,502	$22,502

282.1000 Forestry Research **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,272,926	$3,272,926	$3,272,926
State General Funds	$3,272,926	$3,272,926	$3,272,926
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,252,169	$17,252,169	$17,252,169

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889
State General Funds	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749

Intergovernmental Transfers	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
Sales and Services	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,502,638	$5,502,638	$5,502,638

283.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$8,573	$8,573	$8,573

283.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,549,462	$4,549,462	$4,549,462
State General Funds	$4,549,462	$4,549,462	$4,549,462
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749
Intergovernmental Transfers	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
Sales and Services	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,511,211	$5,511,211	$5,511,211

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513
State General Funds	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$1,560,496

Intergovernmental Transfers	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
Sales and Services	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,190,814	$4,190,814	$4,190,814

284.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$916	$916	$916

284.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,432,429	$2,432,429	$2,432,429
State General Funds	$2,432,429	$2,432,429	$2,432,429
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$1,560,496
Intergovernmental Transfers	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
Sales and Services	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,191,730	$4,191,730	$4,191,730

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
State General Funds	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082

285.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$4,178	$4,178	$4,178

285.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,132,260	$5,132,260	$5,132,260
State General Funds	$5,132,260	$5,132,260	$5,132,260
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,132,260	$5,132,260	$5,132,260

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,503,854	$998,503,854	$998,503,854

286.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,503,854	$998,503,854	$998,503,854

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126
State General Funds	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,757,957	$1,757,957	$1,757,957

287.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$7,568	$7,568	$7,568

287.1000 Marine Institute			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,166,694	$1,166,694	$1,166,694
State General Funds	$1,166,694	$1,166,694	$1,166,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,765,525	$1,765,525	$1,765,525

Marine Resources Extension Center			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529
State General Funds	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,362,529	$4,362,529	$4,362,529

288.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$10,371	$10,371	$10,371

288.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,782,900	$1,782,900	$1,782,900
State General Funds	$1,782,900	$1,782,900	$1,782,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,372,900	$4,372,900	$4,372,900

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

289.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754
State General Funds	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,798,257	$69,798,257	$69,798,257

290.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$16,727	$16,727	$16,727

290.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding to increase the materials grant for public library systems from $0.70 to $1.00 per capita.*

State General Funds			$3,290,597

290.1000 Public Libraries **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,249,481	$50,249,481	$53,540,078
State General Funds	$50,249,481	$50,249,481	$53,540,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,814,984	$69,814,984	$73,105,581

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
State General Funds	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591

291.1 *Reduce funds for unutilized one-time funding for rural community projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)

291.2 *Increase funds for dental clinical training.*

State General Funds	$577,681	$0

291.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center.*

State General Funds	$70,337

291.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,112,272	$38,604,928
State General Funds	$39,034,591	$39,112,272	$38,604,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,112,272	$38,604,928

Regents Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,652,898	$11,652,898	$11,652,898

292.1 *Increase funds to explore alternative college admissions tests.*

State General Funds	$75,000

292.1000 Regents Central Office **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,407,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,407,898
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,652,898	$11,652,898	$11,727,898

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522
State General Funds	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194
Intergovernmental Transfers	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,894,716	$7,894,716	$7,894,716

293.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$3,970	$3,970	$3,970

293.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,219,492	$3,219,492	$3,219,492
State General Funds	$3,219,492	$3,219,492	$3,219,492
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194
Intergovernmental Transfers	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,898,686	$7,898,686	$7,898,686

Teaching			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100
State General Funds	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071

Sales and Services	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384

294.1 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for FY2025 cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$17,750,865	$17,750,865	$17,750,865

294.1000 Teaching **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,082,765,965	$3,082,765,965	$3,082,765,965
State General Funds	$3,082,765,965	$3,082,765,965	$3,082,765,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Sales and Services	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,686,309,249	$8,686,309,249	$8,686,309,249

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499
State General Funds	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,082,499	$7,082,499	$7,082,499

295.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$20,008	$20,008	$20,008

295.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,302,507	$5,302,507	$5,302,507
State General Funds	$5,302,507	$5,302,507	$5,302,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,102,507	$7,102,507	$7,102,507

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855
State General Funds	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,591,855	$32,591,855	$32,591,855

296.1 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$1,306	$1,306	$1,306

296.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital			**Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$593,161	$593,161	$593,161
State General Funds	$593,161	$593,161	$593,161
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,593,161	$32,593,161	$32,593,161

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
State General Funds	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161

297.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust			**Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
State General Funds	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
State General Funds	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215

298.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
State General Funds	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
State General Funds	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545

299.1 *Increase funds to enhance campus security.*

State General Funds		$21,635	$21,635

299.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,919,180	$5,919,180
State General Funds	$5,897,545	$5,919,180	$5,919,180
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,919,180	$5,919,180

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968

300.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$225,088,779	$225,088,779	$225,088,779
State General Funds	$221,915,502	$221,915,502	$221,915,502
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$228,394,509	$228,394,509	$228,394,509

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$225,094,693	$223,345,518	$224,026,832
State General Funds	$221,921,416	$220,172,241	$220,853,555
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783

Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$228,400,423	$226,651,248	$227,332,562

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
State General Funds	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782

301.1 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$5,914	$5,914	$5,914

301.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,320,696	$14,320,696	$14,320,696
State General Funds	$14,320,696	$14,320,696	$14,320,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,320,696	$14,320,696	$14,320,696

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

302.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,902,324	$9,902,324	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541	$9,468,541	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,758,358	$10,758,358	$10,758,358

303.1000 Industry Regulation **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,902,324	$9,902,324	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541	$9,468,541	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,758,358	$10,758,358	$10,758,358

Local Government Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,291,502	$7,291,502	$7,291,502
State General Funds	$4,552,008	$4,552,008	$4,552,008
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,502	$7,711,502	$7,711,502

304.1000 Local Government Services **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,291,502	$7,291,502	$7,291,502
State General Funds	$4,552,008	$4,552,008	$4,552,008
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,502	$7,711,502	$7,711,502

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

305.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($1,749,175)	($1,067,861)

305.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$8,000,000	$8,681,314
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$8,000,000	$8,681,314
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$8,000,000	$8,681,314

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791

306.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,392,590	$6,392,590	$6,392,590

307.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,392,590	$6,392,590	$6,392,590

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,477,374	$64,477,374	$64,477,374

308.1000 Tax Compliance **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,477,374	$64,477,374	$64,477,374

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425

309.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,759,018	$27,759,018	$27,759,018

310.1 *Utilize $1,000,000,000 in prior year undesignated state funds surplus to provide a one-time additional refund for tax year 2024 of $250.00 for single filers, $375.00 for head of household filers, and $500.00 for married filing jointly. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

310.1000 Taxpayer Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,759,018	$27,759,018	$27,759,018

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622
State General Funds	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,677,942	$45,677,942	$45,677,942

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,971,477	$39,971,477	$36,971,477
State General Funds	$39,971,477	$39,971,477	$36,971,477
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,713,797	$45,713,797	$42,713,797

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

311.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,893,891	$8,893,891	$8,893,891

312.1000 Elections			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,893,891	$8,893,891	$8,893,891

Investigations			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758

313.1000 Investigations			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758

Office Administration (SOS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,482,485	$3,482,485	$3,482,485

314.1000 Office Administration (SOS) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,482,485	$3,482,485	$3,482,485

Professional Licensing Boards **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
State General Funds	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,031,280	$11,031,280	$11,031,280

315.1000 Professional Licensing Boards **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
State General Funds	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,031,280	$11,031,280	$11,031,280

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,245	$1,205,245	$1,205,245

316.1000 Securities **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,245	$1,205,245	$1,205,245

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
State General Funds	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973

317.1 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$35,855	$35,855	$35,855

317.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,733,828	$1,733,828	$1,733,828
State General Funds	$1,733,828	$1,733,828	$1,733,828
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,733,828	$1,733,828	$1,733,828

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

318.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

Real Estate Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,230,111	$3,230,111	$3,230,111

319.1000 Real Estate Commission **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,230,111	$3,230,111	$3,230,111

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
State General Funds	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236

320.1 *Reduce funds for one-time funding to reflect procurement of audit at less than appropriated amount.*

State General Funds ($3,000,000)

320.1000 State Elections Board **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$2,789,236
State General Funds	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$2,789,236
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$2,789,236

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040
State General Funds	$136,860,079	$136,860,079	$136,860,079
Lottery Proceeds	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,185,075,889	$1,184,250,889	$1,178,835,188
State General Funds	$158,118,837	$157,293,837	$151,878,136
Lottery Proceeds	$1,026,957,052	$1,026,957,052	$1,026,957,052
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,195,989,194	$1,195,164,194	$1,189,748,493

College Completion Grants		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

321.1000 College Completion Grants			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,266,499	$11,266,499	$11,266,499

322.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
Lottery Proceeds	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,266,499	$11,266,499	$11,266,499

Dual Enrollment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
State General Funds	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437

323.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

State General Funds	$21,258,758	$21,258,758	$21,258,758

323.1000 Dual Enrollment **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$112,554,195	$112,554,195	$112,554,195
State General Funds	$112,554,195	$112,554,195	$112,554,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,554,195	$112,554,195	$112,554,195

Engineer Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

324.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($400,000)

324.1000 Engineer Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$860,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$860,000

Georgia Military College Scholarship			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

325.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($500,000)

325.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$582,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$582,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$582,916

HERO Scholarship			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
State General Funds	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

326.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds		($330,000)	($330,000)

326.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$330,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$330,000	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,000	$0	$0

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700

327.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$2,006,683	$2,006,683	$2,006,683

327.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,580,383	$78,580,383	$78,580,383
Lottery Proceeds	$78,580,383	$78,580,383	$78,580,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,580,383	$78,580,383	$78,580,383

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

328.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

329.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
Lottery Proceeds	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061

330.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$6,100,408	$6,100,408	$6,100,408

330.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$852,008,469	$852,008,469	$852,008,469
Lottery Proceeds	$852,008,469	$852,008,469	$852,008,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$852,008,469	$852,008,469	$852,008,469

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

331.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($300,000)

331.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,300,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,300,000

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

332.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds ($500,000)

332.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$2,537,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$2,537,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$2,537,740

North Georgia ROTC Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

333.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)

333.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$113,750

Public Safety Memorial Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

334.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($540,000)

334.1000 Public Safety Memorial Grant			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$0

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

335.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,891,296

336.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($600,000)

336.1000 Service Cancelable Loans			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$4,420,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$4,420,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,291,296

Tuition Equalization Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

337.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds ($2,115,701)

337.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$21,041,366
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$21,041,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$22,319,627

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
State General Funds	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,777	$1,635,777	$1,635,777

338.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up costs associated with a transcript processing service.*

State General Funds	$45,000	$45,000

338.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,053,169	$1,098,169	$1,098,169
State General Funds	$1,053,169	$1,098,169	$1,098,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,777	$1,680,777	$1,680,777

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

339.1000 Local/Floor COLA **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

340.1000 System Administration (TRS) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 20.78% for State Fiscal Year 2025.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833
State General Funds	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466
Intergovernmental Transfers	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Sales and Services	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930

State Funds Transfers	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$488,933,833	$489,186,611	$489,072,297
State General Funds	$488,933,833	$489,186,611	$489,072,297
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466
Intergovernmental Transfers	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Sales and Services	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
State Funds Transfers	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,224,299,405	$1,224,552,183	$1,224,437,869

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
State General Funds	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Sales and Services	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
State Funds Transfers	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,068,775	$58,068,775	$58,068,775

341.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
State General Funds	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Sales and Services	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
State Funds Transfers	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,068,775	$58,068,775	$58,068,775

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321

342.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321

Economic Development and Customized Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
State Funds Transfers	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,749,513	$52,749,513	$52,749,513

343.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
State Funds Transfers	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325

Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,749,513	$52,749,513	$52,749,513

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,538,512	$21,538,512	$21,538,512

344.1 *The Technical College System of Georgia shall transmit to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission funding encumbered for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Quick Start training facility in Newton County ($10,250,000). (S:YES)*

State General Funds $0

344.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,538,512	$21,538,512	$21,538,512

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287
State General Funds	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004
Intergovernmental Transfers	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Sales and Services	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
State Funds Transfers	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$943,726,465	$943,726,465	$943,726,465

345.1 *Reduce funds for personnel based on actual start dates of new positions.*

State General Funds	($365,972)	($480,286)

345.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for start-up costs associated with advanced manufacturing programming at Wiregrass Technical College to support the regional manufacturing community.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000

345.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,972,287	$419,356,315	$419,242,001
State General Funds	$418,972,287	$419,356,315	$419,242,001

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004
Intergovernmental Transfers	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Sales and Services	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
State Funds Transfers	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$943,726,465	$944,110,493	$943,996,179

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
State General Funds	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541

346.1000 Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
State General Funds	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669
State General Funds	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$132,431,278	$132,431,278	$132,431,278

347.1 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

347.2 *Reduce funds for personnel based on workforce development position vacancy.*

State General Funds		($131,250)	($131,250)

347.1000 Workforce Development			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,958,669	$9,827,419	$9,827,419
State General Funds	$9,958,669	$9,827,419	$9,827,419
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$132,181,278	$132,050,028	$132,050,028

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670
State General Funds	$41,346,890	$41,346,890	$41,346,890
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283

Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,675,401,476	$3,665,401,476	$3,667,637,476
State General Funds	$1,083,836,357	$1,073,836,357	$1,076,072,357
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,330,537,622	$2,330,537,622	$2,330,537,622
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,463,130,211	$5,453,130,211	$5,455,366,211

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942

348.1 *Increase funds for Airport Aid.*

State General Funds	$7,500,000	$7,500,000

348.1000 Airport Aid **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$33,859,425	$33,859,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$33,859,425	$33,859,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$80,374,942	$80,374,942

Capital Construction Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$885,544,844	$885,544,844	$885,544,844

Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563	$135,971,563	$135,971,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536

349.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$12,020,952	$12,020,952	$12,020,952

349.2 *Increase funds for capital construction projects to hold the Department of Transportation harmless for the suspension of the motor fuel excise tax in response to Hurricane Helene.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$98,944,675	$98,944,675	$98,944,675

349.3 *Recognize $2,433,030 in Prior Year Motor Fuel Funds from inactive programs to reflect fund consolidation and to support capital projects. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$0	$0	$0

349.1000 Capital Construction Projects **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,132,482,034	$1,132,482,034	$1,132,482,034
State Motor Fuel Funds	$996,510,471	$996,510,471	$996,510,471
Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563	$135,971,563	$135,971,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,185,235,163	$2,185,235,163	$2,185,235,163

Capital Maintenance Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$194,745,643	$194,745,643	$194,745,643
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$476,696,217	$476,696,217	$476,696,217

350.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for resurfacing projects.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$100,000,000	$100,000,000	$100,000,000

350.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$294,745,643	$294,745,643	$294,745,643
State Motor Fuel Funds	$250,588,167	$250,588,167	$250,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$576,696,217	$576,696,217	$576,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,211,835	$12,211,835	$12,211,835

351.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased costs associated with required federal reporting.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$9,020	$9,020	$9,020

351.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,176,958	$3,176,958	$3,176,958
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,176,958	$3,176,958	$3,176,958
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,220,855	$12,220,855	$12,220,855

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970

Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,033,375	$102,033,375	$102,033,375

352.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for costs associated with information technology security.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

352.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,794,582	$91,794,582	$91,794,582
State Motor Fuel Funds	$91,794,582	$91,794,582	$91,794,582
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$103,033,375	$103,033,375	$103,033,375

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601

353.1 *Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$24,400,834	$24,400,834	$24,400,834

353.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$244,547,435	$244,547,435	$244,547,435
State Motor Fuel Funds	$244,547,435	$244,547,435	$244,547,435
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$244,547,435	$244,547,435	$244,547,435

Local Road Assistance Administration			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

354.1 *Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.*

State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$265,000,000

354.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,346,461	$254,346,461	$269,346,461
State General Funds	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	$265,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000

Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$312,002,378	$312,002,378	$327,002,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,900,880	$4,900,880	$4,900,880
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,900,880	$2,900,880	$2,900,880
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,673,675	$27,673,675	$27,673,675

355.1000 Planning **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,900,880	$4,900,880	$4,900,880
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,900,880	$2,900,880	$2,900,880
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,673,675	$27,673,675	$27,673,675

Ports and Waterways **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
State General Funds	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141

356.1 *Increase funds for the required state match for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dike raising project.*

State General Funds	$2,489,467	$2,489,467	$2,489,467

356.1000 Ports and Waterways **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,886,608	$3,886,608	$3,886,608
State General Funds	$3,886,608	$3,886,608	$3,886,608
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,886,608	$3,886,608	$3,886,608

Program Delivery Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$193,468,032	$193,468,032	$193,468,032

357.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased program capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$1,697,000	$1,697,000	$1,697,000

357.1000 Program Delivery Administration			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$140,423,423	$140,423,423	$140,423,423
State Motor Fuel Funds	$140,423,423	$140,423,423	$140,423,423
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$195,165,032	$195,165,032	$195,165,032

Rail			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
State General Funds	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,794,878	$13,794,878	$13,794,878

358.1 *Increase funds to upgrade shortline railroads to Class II standards to help reduce truck traffic on state highways.*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,830,000

358.1000 Rail	**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,090,324	$18,090,324	$18,920,324
State General Funds	$13,090,324	$18,090,324	$18,920,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,794,878	$18,794,878	$19,624,878

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$560,239,451	$560,239,451	$560,239,451

359.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue due to increased contracting and material costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$5,408,559	$5,408,559	$5,408,559

359.2 *Increase funds to offset expenses incurred as a result of damage from Hurricane Helene.*

State General Funds	$200,000,000	$200,000,000	$200,000,000

359.1000 Routine Maintenance			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$734,570,644	$734,570,644	$734,570,644
State General Funds	$200,000,000	$200,000,000	$200,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$534,570,644	$534,570,644	$534,570,644
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$765,648,010	$765,648,010	$765,648,010

Traffic Management and Control			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$166,363,140	$166,363,140	$166,363,140

360.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for safety and technology system operation costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$527,299	$527,299	$527,299

360.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,678,601	$61,678,601	$61,678,601
State Motor Fuel Funds	$61,678,601	$61,678,601	$61,678,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$166,890,439	$166,890,439	$166,890,439

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,334,199	$42,334,199	$42,334,199
State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226	$9,421,226	$9,421,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,051,505	$108,051,505	$108,051,505

361.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,334,199	$42,334,199	$42,334,199
State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226	$9,421,226	$9,421,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,051,505	$108,051,505	$108,051,505

Freight Infrastructure Projects **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

362.1 *Increase funds for capital infrastructure projects that enhance economic development while promoting freight and logistics efficiency and safety.*

State General Funds	$530,000,000	$530,000,000	$500,000,000

362.1000 Freight Infrastructure Projects **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital roadway infrastructure projects to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety for the agriculture, manufacturing, and distribution industries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$530,000,000	$530,000,000	$500,000,000
State General Funds	$530,000,000	$530,000,000	$500,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$530,000,000	$530,000,000	$500,000,000

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

363.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,199,368	$76,199,368	$76,199,368

364.1 *Increase funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure projects. (H:Increase funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure, prioritizing $7,500,000 for airport projects not federally eligible)(S:Increase funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure, prioritizing $7,500,000 for airport projects)*

State General Funds	$60,000,000	$37,500,000	$53,906,000

364.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$87,853,928	$65,353,928	$81,759,928
State General Funds	$60,000,000	$37,500,000	$53,906,000
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$136,199,368	$113,699,368	$130,105,368

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126
State General Funds	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491

Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,136,863	$56,136,863	$56,136,863

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,961,330	$32,711,330	$33,711,330
State General Funds	$29,961,330	$32,711,330	$33,711,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,637,067	$60,387,067	$61,387,067

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634

365.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,384,214	$1,384,214	$1,384,214

366.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,384,214	$1,384,214	$1,384,214

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353
State General Funds	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,969,268	$40,969,268	$40,969,268

367.1 *Reduce funds not utilized for the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit in FY2025. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding to support the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit)*

State General Funds	($250,000)	$1,000,000	$2,000,000

367.2 *Increase funds to address the rising costs of healthcare.*

State General Funds		$1,500,000	$1,500,000

367.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,125,353	$16,875,353	$17,875,353
State General Funds	$14,125,353	$16,875,353	$17,875,353
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,719,268	$43,469,268	$44,469,268

Veterans Benefits			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
State General Funds	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,532,747	$10,532,747	$10,532,747

368.1 *Increase funds to replace expiring federal funds with state funds to sustain a wraparound services pilot.*

State General Funds	$1,750,204	$1,750,204	$1,750,204

368.1000 Veterans Benefits			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,529,025	$11,529,025	$11,529,025
State General Funds	$11,529,025	$11,529,025	$11,529,025
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,282,951	$12,282,951	$12,282,951

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
State General Funds	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,322	$22,149,322	$22,149,322

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
State General Funds	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,322	$22,149,322	$22,149,322

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,463,371	$15,463,371	$15,463,371

369.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,463,371	$15,463,371	$15,463,371

Board Administration (SBWC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,951	$6,685,951	$6,685,951

370.1000 Board Administration (SBWC) **Appropriation (HB 67)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,951	$6,685,951	$6,685,951

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,575,603,917	$1,427,557,602	$1,338,655,756
State General Funds	$1,575,603,917	$1,427,557,602	$1,338,655,756
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,575,603,917	$1,427,557,602	$1,338,655,756

Capital Projects Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

371.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Georgia School for the Deaf auditorium renovation and addition, Cave Spring, Floyd County. [Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$6,570,000	$6,570,000	$6,570,000

371.2 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional one-time major repair and rehabilitation (MRR) funding, statewide. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$50,000,000	$30,000,000	$10,000,000

371.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for the Translational Research Building - Health Sciences Campus, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$99,800,000	$99,800,000	$99,800,000

371.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for one College and Career Academy. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

371.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 75 replacement vehicles, statewide. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement vehicles, statewide) [Department of Community Supervision]*

State General Funds	$4,500,000	$4,500,000	$3,500,000

371.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 241 replacement vehicles, statewide. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement vehicles, statewide) [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$12,855,735	$12,855,735	$11,855,735

371.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for Washington State Prison, Davisboro, Washington County. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$46,497,640	$46,497,640	$46,497,640

371.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of new prison, statewide. [Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$40,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000

371.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the Central Medical Examiner Building, Dry Branch, Bibb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$43,000,000	$43,000,000	$43,000,000

371.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design of the Central Crime Lab, Dry Branch, Bibb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

371.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 68 replacement vehicles, statewide. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement vehicles, statewide) [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$4,840,532	$4,840,532	$4,300,000

371.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase investigative equipment replacement, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$4,216,567	$4,216,567	$4,216,567

371.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase crime lab equipment replacement, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$1,890,000	$1,890,000	$1,890,000

371.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 291 replacement vehicles and outfitting, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$16,410,000	$16,410,000	$16,410,000

371.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for server upgrades, Atlanta, DeKalb County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$3,264,590	$450,000	$450,000

371.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional design and construction to complete the public safety complex, Athens, Oconee County. (S:YES; Redirect funds ($14,629,622) from unrealized construction project and utilize for one-time funding for additional design and construction to complete the public safety complex, Athens, Oconee County) [Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission]*

State General Funds	$14,629,622	$14,629,622	$0

371.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for a recovery center for adult victims of human trafficking. (S:YES; Redirect funds ($35,837,500) from unrealized construction project and utilize for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for a recovery center for victims of human trafficking) [Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission]*

State General Funds	$35,837,500	$35,837,500	$0

371.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding for ballot scanners and printers to remove Quick Response (QR) code from ballots in accordance with SB189 (2024 Session), statewide. (S:NO; see line 371.42) [Secretary of State]*

State General Funds	$47,242,584	$32,010,859	$0

371.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for complete replacement of Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) for voting machines, statewide. [Secretary of State]*

State General Funds	$4,015,213	$4,015,213	$4,015,213

371.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovations and repairs to the Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$37,401,741	$37,401,741	$32,401,741

371.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase open cab tractors replacement with environmental cabs, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$10,989,262	$10,989,262	$10,989,262

371.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase new firefighting helicopter, Dry Branch, Bibb County. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$4,785,000	$4,785,000	$4,785,000

371.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major improvements and renovations at Brasstown Valley Resort and Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge, various. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$10,000,000

371.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase ferry replacement at Sapelo Island, McIntosh County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$5,600,000	$5,600,000	$5,600,000

371.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding for water pollution control plant improvements, Jekyll Island, Glynn County. [Jekyll Island - State Park Authority]*

State General Funds	$2,825,620	$2,825,620	$2,825,620

371.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding for demolition, sitework and construction costs for the relocation of the Olympic Cauldron to Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia World Congress Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$833,333	$833,333	$0

371.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of HVAC equipment, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia World Congress Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

371.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding for planning and engineering for development of International Plaza and expansion of Georgia World Congress Center campus for enhanced revenue generation, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia World Congress Center Authority]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$10,000,000

371.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding for debt defeasance to reflect the use of AFY2024 and FY2025 debt defeasance funds for Hurricane Helene relief. (H:NO; Reprioritize and redirect funds for additional Hurricane Helene relief efforts through the Georgia*

Development Authority)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for debt defeasance to reflect the use of AFY2024 and FY2025 debt defeasance funds for Hurricane Helene relief)

State General Funds	$100,000,000	$0	$60,000,000

371.30 *Transfer funds from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for planning, design, and land acquisition for a new behavioral health crisis center in north metropolitan Atlanta.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

371.31 *Increase funds for capital projects statewide.*

State General Funds	$70,000,000	$47,950,000	$17,950,000

371.32 *Reflect the redirection of $100,000,000 in funds appropriated for debt defeasance to be used to provide disaster relief financial support for farmers and debris cleanup for timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene as approved by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission on November 1, 2024. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

371.33 *Utilize $1,250,000 in existing funds to replace fleet vehicles, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES) [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds		$0	$0

371.34 *Increase funds for the Legislative Office Building expansion, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission]*

State General Funds		$15,000,000	$0

371.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding for cost escalation of the renovation of Stewart Building, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Sandersville, Washington County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds		$2,600,000	$2,600,000

371.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding for cost escalation of the Industrial Systems and Industrial Robotics Training Center at Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds		$1,950,000	$3,000,000

371.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,000,000

371.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs for the Willis L. Miller Library, South Georgia Regional Library System, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,500,000 $3,000,000

371.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for demolition and reconstruction of Nelle Brown Memorial Library, Ohoopee Regional Library System, Lyons, Toombs County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $3,000,000

371.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $4,000,000

371.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of O'Kelly Memorial Library, Azalea Regional Library System, Loganville, Walton County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $900,000

371.42 *Redirect funds ($5,000,000) from unrealized construction project and utilize for one-time funding to follow through with commitments for updating security protocols and complying with the law. (S:YES) [Secretary of State]*

State General Funds $0

371.1000 Capital Projects Fund			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,575,603,917	$1,427,557,602	$1,338,655,756
State General Funds	$1,575,603,917	$1,427,557,602	$1,338,655,756
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,575,603,917	$1,427,557,602	$1,338,655,756

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,184,595,899	$1,184,595,536
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,069,659,182	$1,069,658,819
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,197,990,134	$1,197,989,771

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046

372.1 *Redirect $15,000,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2022 (HB81, Bond 353.612)(2021 Session) for the Lake Lanier Island Development Authority for the purpose of constructing the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center to be used for infrastructure rehabilitation projects. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

372.2 *Redirect $5,000,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2021 (HB793, Bond 113)(2020 Session) for the Lake Lanier Island Development Authority for the purpose of constructing the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center to be used for infrastructure rehabilitation projects. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

372.3 *Redirect $511,219.84 in 5-year issued bonds from FY2020 (HB31, Bond 355.404)(2019 Session) for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of purchasing a message switch for the Georgia Crime Information Center to design a perimeter security*

fence at Georgia Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation] (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

372.4 *Reduce funds to reflect debt service savings from project repeals.*

State General Funds		($6,373,912)	($6,374,275)

372.5 *Transfer $6,374,275 in prior year state general funds reserved for unissued debt repealed pursuant to Section 52 of this bill from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New program to the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program to be used for issued debt service. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

372.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Appropriation (HB 67)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,184,595,899	$1,184,595,536
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,069,659,182	$1,069,658,819
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,197,990,134	$1,197,989,771

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.1 *Repeal the remaining $1,020,000 of $185,140,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education authorized in the Fiscal Year 2020 General Appropriations Act (HB31, Bond 355.101)(2019 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.2 *Repeal $835,000 from an original authorization of $160,825,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act (HB793, Bond 1)(2020 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Repeal $2,255,000 from an original authorization of $160,825,000 in 20-year bonds for*

the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act (HB793, Bond 1)(2020 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction)

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.3 *Repeal the remaining $8,475,000 from an original authorization of $73,560,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act (HB793, Bond 3)(2020 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.4 *Repeal $3,100,000 from an original authorization of $106,235,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB81, Bond 353.101)(2021 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Repeal $7,600,000 from an original authorization of $106,235,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB81, Bond 353.101)(2021 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.5 *Repeal $245,000 from an original authorization of $9,000,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2022 General Appropriations Act (HB81, Bond 353.103)(2021 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.6 *Repeal $485,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction. (G:YES)(H:YES; Repeal $2,573,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction)(S:YES; Repeal $2,570,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.7 *Repeal $15,805,000 from an original authorization of $40,950,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB19, Bond 376.104)(2023 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.8 *Repeal $2,950,000 from an original authorization of $37,275,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB19, Bond 376.101)(2023 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Repeal $3,550,000 from an original authorization of $37,275,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB19, Bond 376.101)(2023 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.9 *Repeal $1,350,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB19, Bond 375.261)(2023 Session) to design the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Facility at Augusta Technical College. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES; Repeal $1,350,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB19, Bond 376.261)(2023 Session) to design the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Facility at Augusta Technical College)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.10 *Repeal $2,185,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 37)(2022 Session) to design the Trades and Industrial Building Additional Project at Oconee Fall Line Tech and subsequently redirected to be used for design of the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Building at Augusta Technical College ($1,350,000) and design of the renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex ($835,000). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.11 *Repeal $2,920,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 35)(2022 Session) to design the Business and Technology Center at Coastal Pines Technical College and subsequently redirected to be used to design the Advanced Manufacturing Center at Columbus Technical College ($1,825,000) and to design the renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex at Atlanta Technical College ($1,095,000). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.12 *Repeal $1,300,000 in 5-year bonds for the Department of Juvenile Justice authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 53)(2022 Session) to design the Macon Youth Development Campus replacement facility prototype and medical unit and fund with construction in FY2026. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.13 *Repeal $10,000,000 in 20-year bonds for the Lake Lanier Island Development Authority authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond 65)(2022 Session) for construction of the Lake Lanier Islands Conference Center. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

373.14 *Transfer $6,374,275 in prior year state general funds reserved for unissued debt repealed pursuant to Section 52 of this bill from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New program to the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program to be used for issued debt service. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Because there is no further need to issue debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $185,140,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $15,847,984 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020A3 issued August 19, 2020, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2019AP issued, June 19, 2019, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2019A3 issued June 19, 2019), the remaining balance of $87,312, presently available to support an issue of up to $1,020,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2019-2020 (Ga. L. 2019, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 259, 239, Act No. 319, 2019 Regular Session, H.B. 31) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2019-2020 (Ga. L. 2020, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 211, 201, Act No. 326, 2020 Regular Session, H.B. 792), and which as amended reads as follows:

[BOND 355.101] From State General Funds, $15,847,984 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $185,140,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $2,255,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $160,825,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $13,766,620 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of

Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020AP issued August 19, 2020, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020A3 issued August 19, 2020), $193,028 of the remaining balance of $759,700, presently available to support an issue of up to $8,875,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2020, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 170, 157, Act No. 404, 2020 Regular Session, H.B. 793) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 121, 108, Act No. 2, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 80), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $13,766,620 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $160,825,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $73,560,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $6,296,736 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2020A3 issued August 19, 2020), the remaining balance of $725,460, presently available to support an issue of up to $8,475,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2020, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 170, 157, Act No. 404, 2020 Regular Session, H.B. 793) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2020-2021 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 121, 108, Act No. 2, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 80), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond # 3] From State General Funds, $6,296,736 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $73,560,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $7,600,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $106,235,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $9,093,716 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021AP issued June 8, 2021, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021), $650,560 of the remaining balance of $1,163,304, presently available to support an issue of up to $13,590,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 209, 193, Act No. 305, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 81) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 213, 204, Act No. 566, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 910), and which as amended reads as follows:

[BOND 353.101] From State General Funds, $9,093,716 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $106,235,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $245,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $9,000,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $770,400 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022, State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2021A3 issued June 8, 2021), $20,972 of the remaining balance of $171,200, presently available to support an issue of up to $2,000,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2021, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 209, 193, Act No. 305, 2021 Regular Session, H.B. 81) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2021-2022 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 213, 204, Act No. 566, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 910), and which as amended reads as follows:

[BOND 353.103] From State General Funds, $770,400 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems,

through the issuance of not more than $9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $2,570,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $45,805,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $3,920,908 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2022A2 issued, June 22, 2022), $219,992 of the remaining balance of $3,492,908, presently available to support an issue of up to $40,805,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 159, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 94, Act No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $3,920,908 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $45,805,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $15,805,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $40,950,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $3,718,260 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023), $1,435,094 of the remaining balance of $3,188,442, presently available to support an issue of up to $35,115,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 248, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2024, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 210, 201, Act No. 366, 2024 Regular Session, H.B. 915), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond 376.104] From State General Funds, $3,718,260 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $40,950,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Because there is no further need to issue $3,550,000 in debt under the authorizing appropriation identified below, after issuance under the authorization of $37,275,000 in general obligation debt and the deposit of $3,384,570 from the appropriation into the general obligation debt sinking fund as required by the highest annual debt service (see State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds Series 2023A3, issued June 27, 2023), $322,340 of the remaining balance of $2,930,570, presently available to support an issue of up to $32,275,000 in additional principal amount, in the authorizing appropriation is hereby repealed:

That certain paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 247, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2024, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 210, 201, Act No. 366, 2024 Regular Session, H.B. 915), and which as amended reads as follows:

[Bond 376.101] From State General Funds, $3,384,570 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $37,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 264, 255, Act No. 351, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 19) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2023-2024 (Ga. L. 2024, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 210, 205, Act No. 366, 2024 Regular Session, H.B. 915), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond 376.261] From State General Funds, $329,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 162, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 98, Act No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 37] From State General Funds, $505,609 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 162, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 98, Act No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 35] From State General Funds, $675,688 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $2,920,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 165, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 100, Act. No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 53] From State General Funds, $300,820 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2022, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 168, 165, Act No. 865, 2022 Regular Session, H.B. 911) as carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary Appropriations Act for state fiscal year 2022-2023 (Ga. L. 2023, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 103, 100, Act No. 1, 2023 Regular Session, H.B. 18), and which amended read as follows, is hereby repealed in its entirety:

[Bond # 65] From State General Funds, $908,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments
The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) A general cost-of-living adjustment of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible employees of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

2.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment authorized by O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) for each state officer whose salary is set by Code Sections 45-7-4(a), in an amount of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, per year as determined by the Office of Planning and Budget according to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), with members of the General Assembly subject to the further provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b) as to amount and effective date; (b) To provide for increases of four percent, not to exceed a total of $3,000, for other department heads and officers whose salary is not set by statute; (c) Subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-7-4(b), the amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

3.) In lieu of other numbered items, (a) to provide for a $2,500 increase across the state salary schedule of the State Board of Education through a $2,500 increase in the state base salary. This proposed $2,500 salary improvement is in addition to the salary increases awarded to certificated personnel through normal progression on the teacher salary schedule for the State Board of Education. This Item includes as well, and without limitation, teachers and administrators in state agencies whose salaries, by the authority of addenda to the Statewide Salary Plan, are determined from the State Salary Schedule of the State Board of Education. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2024;

(b) To provide for a 4.1% increase in funding for salaries for all local nutrition workers; a 4.1% increase in the state base salary for local school bus drivers; a 4.1% increase for school nurses; and a 4.1% increase for Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) employees. The amount for this paragraph is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

4.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a $2,500 salary increase for teachers and assistant teachers within the Department of Early Care and Learning. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

5.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed a total of $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and non-academic personnel of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for public librarians funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above and administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

7.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide for a four percent cost-of-living adjustment, not to exceed $3,000 per employee, for active, full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

8.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for a supplementary $3,000 targeted salary adjustment for selected POST certified law enforcement officers in the programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Department of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency, Georgia Composite Medical Board, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Corrections, Department of Defense, Department of Driver Services, State Forestry Commission, Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, Office of the State Inspector General, Office of the Commissioner on Insurance and Safety Fire, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Natural Resources, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Georgia Public Defender Council, Department of Public Safety, Peace

Officers Standards and Training Council, Department of Revenue, Office of the Secretary of State, Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission, Department of Transportation, and State Board of Workers' Compensation. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

9.) After Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in Juvenile Courts, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Community Health, Department of Human Services, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2024.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number (regardless of whether program or special project number has a number higher or lower than 1000 after the decimal) and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex
Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," "Routine Maintenance," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the

additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

HB 67 House Amendment to the Senate Substitute

Item Number House	Item Number Senate		Gov's Recommendation State Funds	Gov's Recommendation Total Funds	House Version State Funds	House Version Total Funds	Senate Version State Funds	Senate Version Total Funds	House Amendment State Funds	House Amendment Total Funds
Section 1: Georgia Senate										
1.3	**3.1000**	**Senate**								
1.3.1	3.1	Increase funds for legislative operations./*[Senate]*/***(S:No)(CC:No)***	273,805	273,805	273,805	273,805	0	0	0	0
Section 5: Appeals, Court of										
5.1	**12.1000**	**Court of Appeals**								
5.1.2	12.2	Increase funds for annual leave payouts./*[Court of Appeals]*/***(S: Reduce funds for annual leave conversion payouts based on utilization.) (CC: Reduce funds for annual leave conversion payouts based on utilization.)***	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	(125,000)	(125,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
5.1.4	12.4	Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass. [State-wide Business Court]/*Court of Appeals]*/***(S:No; Recognize in State-wide Business Court in Judicial Council.)(CC:No; Recognize in State-wide Business Court in Judicial Council.)***	-	-	(635)	(635)	0	0	0	0
Section 6: Judicial Council										
6.4	**16.1000**	**Judicial Council**								
6.4.3	16.3	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions./*[Judicial Council]*/***(S:No)(CC:No)***	-	-	(67,000)	(67,000)	0	0	0	0
6.4.4	16.4	Increase funds for legal records and county organ preservation./*[Judicial Council]*	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

6.7	**19.1000**	**Georgia State-wide Business Court**								
6.7.2	19.2	Eliminate funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass.*[Georgia State-wide Business Court]*	-	-	-	-	(635)	(635)	(635)	(635)
Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys										
8.3	**24.1000**	**District Attorneys**								
8.3.1	24.3	Provide funds for four assistant district attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit.*[District Attorneys]****(S:No)(CC:No)***	404,706	404,706	404,706	404,706	0	0	0	0
8.3.5	24.5	Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*[District Attorneys]*	-	-	-	-	(2,196,335)	(2,196,335)	(2,196,335)	(2,196,335)
Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of										
12.6	**42.1000**	**Risk Management**								
12.6.4	42.4	Increase funds to capitalize the COVID-19 indemnity fund.*[Risk Management]*	-	-	-	-	3,500,000	3,500,000	4,300,000	4,300,000
12.12	**48.1000**	**Payments to Georgia Technology Authority**								
12.12.1	48.1	Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization, the Department of Human Services $TARS modernization project, the Board of Dentistry licensing software, and the State Board of Pharmacy licensing software.*[Payments to Georgia Technology Authority]****(H:Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 and utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) related to interest revenue accrued for the Department of Human Services IT modernization project.)(S:Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, increase funds and utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) related to interest revenue accrued, to be used for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization, the Department of Human Services $TARS modernization project, the Board of Dentistry licensing software, and the State Board of Pharmacy licensing software.)(CC:Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, increase funds and utilize existing funds ($10,000,000) related to interest revenue accrued, to be used for year one of two for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) modernization project and the Department of Human Services $TARS modernization project.)***	103,985,044	103,985,044	23,510,710	23,510,710	58,985,044	58,985,044	58,510,710	58,510,710
12.12.2	48.2	Increase funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-2-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) in the amount of $70,000,000 in state funds to match in the most efficient and effective CMS FMAP for an estimated total project cost of $218,750,000, with $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in this appropriations cycle and an additional $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in the next appropriations cycle to match cash flows and actual costs of the project and the federal draw of matching funds.*[Payments to Georgia Technology Authority]****(S:No)(CC:No)***	-	-	35,000,000	35,000,000	0	0	0	0
12.12.3	48.3	As part of quarterly reporting requirements to ensure proper oversight and accountability over the Technology Empowerment Fund (TEF), per O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1, the Georgia Technology Authority shall provide to the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a report on TEF operations to include an itemized list of disbursements and payments made from the fund, an accounting of funds residing in TEF, including interest accrued, and a budget plan for any funds to be utilized directly by the Georgia Technology Authority.*[Payments to Georgia Technology Authority]****(H:Yes)(S:Yes; While the Georgia Technology Authority provides regular updates to the Technology Empowerment Fund Oversight Committee on project disbursements, the authority shall provide to the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a quarterly accounting report on funds residing in TEF including interest accrued and a budget plan for any funds to be utilized directly by the authority.)(CC:Yes; While the Georgia Technology Authority provides regular updates to the Technology Empowerment Fund Oversight Committee on project disbursements, the authority shall provide to the House Budget and Research Office and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office a quarterly accounting report on funds residing in TEF including interest accrued and a budget plan for any funds to be utilized directly by the authority.)***	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 13: Agriculture, Department of										
13.2	**50.1000**	**Consumer Protection**								
13.2.1	50.1	Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and equipment costs to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB 494 (2024 Session).*[Consumer Protection]*	425,772	425,772	425,772	425,772	361,886	361,886	420,000	420,000
13.5	**53.1000**	**Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs**								
13.5.1	53.1	Increase funds for five replacement vehicles.*[Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs]****(S:This is the final capital expenditure funded by the state. These are vehicles for a state vendor. If replacement vehicles are needed by the vendor, the vendor should restructure the contract so that the cost of replacement vehicles are covered by the proceeds of the contract.)(CC:This is the final capital expenditure funded by the state. These are vehicles for a state vendor. If replacement vehicles are needed by the vendor, the vendor should restructure the contract so that the cost of replacement vehicles are covered by the proceeds of the contract.)***	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
13.5.2	53.2	Increase funds for equipment related to Avian Influenza.*[Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	90,228	90,228

13.8	**500.1000**	**Payments to the Georgia Development Authority**								
13.8.1	500.1	Recognize $100,000,000 in funds previously authorized through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and provide $150,000,000 in additional funds to provide disaster relief assistance to farmers and timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene. (Total funds: $250,000,000)*[Payments to the Georgia Development Authority]****(S:Recognize $100,000,000 in funds previously authorized through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and increase funds to provide an additional $200,000,000 in disaster relief assistance to farmers and timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene. (Total Funds: $300,000,000))(CC:Recognize $100,000,000 in funds previously authorized through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and increase funds to provide an additional $185,000,000 in disaster relief assistance to farmers and timber producers impacted by Hurricane Helene. (Total Funds: $285,000,000))***	-	-	150,000,000	150,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	185,000,000	185,000,000
Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of										
14.1	**56.1000**	**Departmental Administration (DBF)**								
14.1.1	56.1	Increase funds for finance litigation database. *[Departmental Administration (DBF)]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of										
15.1	**59.1000**	**Adult Addictive Diseases Services**								
15.1.1	59.1	Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*[Adult Addictive Diseases Services]****(H:No)(S:Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.)(CC:Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.)***	(375,000)	0	0	0	(375,000)	0	(375,000)	0
15.3	**61.1000**	**Adult Developmental Disabilities Services**								
15.3.1	61.1	Reduce funds to reflect the delayed start date of the Macon Crisis Stabilization and Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*[Adult Developmental Disabilities Services]*	(1,597,362)	(1,597,362)	(1,597,362)	(1,597,362)	(3,597,362)	(3,597,362)	(2,597,362)	(2,597,362)
15.5	**63.1000**	**Adult Mental Health Services**								
15.5.1	63.1	Transfer funds from the Georgia State Investment and Financing Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the planning, design, and land acquisition of a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta.*[Adult Mental Health Services]****(S:Transfer funds from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the planning, design, and land acquisition of a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta.) (CC:Transfer funds from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the planning, design, and land acquisition of a new behavioral health crisis center in North Metropolitan Atlanta.)***	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
15.7	**65.1000**	**Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities**								
15.7.1	65.1	Increase funds to assist families in connection and engagement with children with disabilities.*[Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities]*	-	-	-	-	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of										
16.3	**75.1000**	**Coordinated Planning**								
16.3.1	75.1	Increase funds for historic rural churches trail. *[Coordinated Planning]*	-	-	-	-	111,975	111,975	111,975	111,975
16.11	**83.1000**	**State Community Development Programs**								
16.11.1	83.1	Increase funds to recapitalize the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund. *[State Community Development Programs]*	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
16.13	**85.1000**	**Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**								
16.13.3	85.1	Increase funds for the Georgia Fund to support water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities.*[Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority]****(S:Yes; Reflect funds in Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority - Special Project.)(CC:Yes; Reflect funds in Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority - Special Project.)***	250,000,000	250,000,000	250,375,000	250,375,000	0	0	0	0
16.13.4	85.4	Increase funds for state direct investment in water and sewer infrastructure. *[Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority]*	-	-	-	-	65,000,000	65,000,000	66,100,000	66,100,000
16.14	**85.1001**	**Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority - Special Project**								
16.14.1	85.1001	Increase funds for water and wastewater infrastructure development through low-interest loans to local communities not benefiting from funding appropriated in the Amended FY 2025 budget for development and construction of additional surface water resources for Georgia's coastal region to meet growth in demand.*[Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority - Special Project]*	-	-	-	-	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000
16.15	**86.1000**	**Payments to OneGeorgia Authority**								
16.15.3	86.3	Increase funds for Hurricane Helene relief efforts.*[Payments to OneGeorgia Authority]****(S:Increase funds to engage nonprofit community through grants for rebuilding and recovery efforts for victims of Hurricane Helene.)(CC:Increase funds to engage nonprofit community through grants for rebuilding and recovery efforts for victims of Hurricane Helene.)***	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000

Section 17: Community Health, Department of									
17.1	**87.100**	**Departmental Administration (DCH)**							
17.1.2	87.2	Provide funds to develop a pilot program to deploy predictive modeling to detect potential fraud, waste, and abuse within the state's Medicaid program.*[Departmental Administration (DCH)]*	-	-	685,125	685,125	342,563	342,563	550,000	550,000
17.2	**88.1000**	**Georgia Board of Dentistry**								
17.2.1	88.1	Utilize existing funds ($83,100) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*[Georgia Board of Dentistry]* ***(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($83,100) and provide additional funds ($263,396) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.)(S:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($83,100) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review, and reflect additional funding for project development of licensing software in Payments to Georgia Technology Authority.)(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($83,100) and provide additional funds ($263,396) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.)***	0	0	263,396	263,396	0	0	263,396	263,396
17.3	**89.1000**	**Georgia State Board of Pharmacy**								
17.3.1	89.1	Utilize existing funds ($192,566) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*[Georgia State Board of Pharmacy]* ***(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($192,566) and provide additional funds ($237,167) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.)(S:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($192,566) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review, and reflect additional funding for project development of licensing software in Payments to Georgia Technology Authority.)(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($192,566) and provide additional funds ($237,167) for the implementation of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.)***	0	0	237,167	237,167	0	0	237,167	237,167
17.4	**90.1000**	**Health Care Access and Improvement**								
17.4.1	90.1	Provide one-time grant funds for 45 public rural and critical access hospitals to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.*[Health Care Access and Improvement]* ***(S:Increase funds for one-time grant funds for public rural and critical access hospitals included in the major disaster declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.)(CC:Increase funds for one-time grants to public rural and critical access hospitals included in the major disaster declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.)***	-	-	35,642,908	35,642,908	15,635,292	15,635,292	21,970,723	21,970,723
17.4.2	90.2	Increase funds for one-time funds for federally qualified health centers included in the major disaster declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.*[Health Care Access and Improvement]* ***(CC:Increase funds for one-time grants to eight federally qualified health centers included in the major disaster declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.)***	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	160,000	160,000
17.4.3	90.3	Increase funds for Side-by-Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.*[Health Care Access and Improvement]*	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
17.4.4	90.4	Increase funds for school-based health centers.*[Health Care Access and Improvement]*	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
17.7	**93.1000**	**Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled**								
17.7.8	93.8	Provide funds for a skilled nursing facility inflationary increase to account for the cost difference between the 2022 cost report and the actual cost of delivering care in 2024 and 2025. *[Medicaid-Aged Blind and Disabled]* ***(S:No; Prepare to move to most recently available unaudited cost report in the FY 2026 budget.)(CC:Increase funds for quality incentive payments at skilled nursing facilities.)***	-	-	1,434,250	1,434,250	0	0	2,868,500	2,868,500
17.12	**98.1000**	**Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education**								
17.12.3	98.3	Increase funds for graduate medical education for Colquitt Regional Medical Center.*[Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education]* ***(CC:Increase funds for graduate medical education.)***	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
17.12.4	98.4	Increase funds for naïve graduate medical education programs south of State Route 540, with preference for programs reflecting high post-residency retention in Georgia.*[Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education]* ***(CC:Provide funds for grants to hospitals for graduate medical education programs to support new and expanding rural residency programs south of State Route 540 with priority given to naïve sites.)***	-	-	-	-	20,007,616	20,007,616	20,007,616	20,007,616
17.16	**102.1000**	**Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education**								
17.16.2	102.2	Provide one-time scholarship funding for Georgia medical students attending Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) South Georgia.*[Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education]* ***(S:No; Reflect funds for medical education in South Georgia on line 17.12.3.)(CC:No)***	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	0	0
Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of									
18.2	**106.1000**	**Field Services**								
18.2.2	106.2	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.*[Field Services]* ***(S:No) (CC:Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.)***	-	-	(214,502)	(214,502)	0	0	(214,502)	(214,502)

18.2.3	106.3	Increase funds for personal services to reflected increased retention.*[Field Services]****(S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($214,502) for personnel to reflect increased retention.)(CC:Increase funds for personal services to reflected increased retention.)***	-	-	2,315,391	2,315,391	2,100,889	2,100,889	4,500,000	4,500,000
Section 19: Corrections, Department of										
19.1	**110.1000**	**Departmental Administration (DOC)**								
19.1.1	110.4	Provide funds for planning, technical assistance, and project management services.*[Departmental Administration (DOC)]****(S:No)(CC:Provide funds for planning, technical assistance, and project management services.)***	906,290	906,290	906,290	906,290	0	0	906,290	906,290
19.1.2	110.3	Provide funds to develop a ten-year facility and population management plan, including target staffing ratios and classification review of offenders, to determine best future use of existing facilities and prioritize capital and security needs across the system.*[Departmental Administration (DOC)]*	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	936,000	936,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
19.1.5	110.5	The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of prisoners who have committed federal crimes to federal custody. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 30, 2025.*[Departmental Administration (DOC)]****(CC:Yes)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
19.1.6	110.6	The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of international prisoners whom are eligible under the 'International Prisoner Transfer Program'. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 30, 2025.*[Departmental Administration (DOC)]****(CC:Yes)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
19.1.7	110.7	The Department of Corrections is directed to work with the Board of Pardons and Paroles to identify eligible international offenders of non-violent crimes and facilitate the transfer of custody to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 30, 2025.*[Departmental Administration (DOC)]****(CC:Yes)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
19.2	**111.1000**	**Detention Centers**								
19.2.5	111.5	Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*[Detention Centers]*	-	-	2,285,106	2,285,106	2,285,106	2,285,106	4,965,863	4,965,863
19.2.6	111.6	Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.*[Detention Centers]****(CC:No)***	-	-	54,011	54,011	54,011	54,011	0	0
19.3	**112.1000**	**Food and Farm Operations**								
19.3.1	112.1	Increase funds for farming operations. *[Food and Farm Operations]****(S:No)(CC:Increase funds for farming operations.)***	-	-	4,210,677	4,210,677	0	0	2,000,000	2,000,000
19.4	**113.1000**	**Health**								
19.4.3	113.2	Increase funds for the pharmacy services contract to support increased population.*[Health]*	9,936,342	9,936,342	9,936,342	9,936,342	3,936,342	3,936,342	3,936,342	3,936,342
19.4.6	113.6	Provide funds for increased physical health contract risk share expenses for outside-the-wire care. *[Health]*	15,789,474	15,789,474	15,789,474	15,789,474	7,894,737	7,894,737	15,789,474	15,789,474
19.5	**114.1000**	**Offender Management**								
19.5.1	114.1	Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*[Offender Management]*	-	-	-	-	2,771,395	2,771,395	2,771,395	2,771,395
19.6	**115.1000**	**Private Prisons**								
19.6.1	115.1	Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution.*[Private Prisons]****(H & S:Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution beginning February 1, 2025.)(CC:Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution beginning February 1, 2025.)***	2,946,260	2,946,260	2,455,217	2,455,217	2,246,260	2,246,260	2,246,260	2,246,260
19.6.2	115.2	Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($856,800), Jenkins ($450,000), and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.*[Private Prisons]****(S:Increase funds to provide a one-time supplemental payment for a cost-of-living adjustment for employees at Coffee ($636,529), Wheeler ($706,351), Jenkins ($370,544) and Riverbend ($582,349) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.)(CC:Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($790,763), Jenkins ($416,435), and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.)***	-	-	2,666,450	2,666,450	2,295,772	2,295,772	2,566,575	2,566,575
19.7	**116.1000**	**State Prisons**								
19.7.1	116.14	Increase funds to add 330 correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention. *[State Prisons]****(H & S:Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios.)(CC:Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios.)***	10,432,551	10,432,551	13,547,415	13,547,415	28,510,673	28,510,673	46,018,769	46,018,769
19.7.2	116.18	Provide funds for project backlog and major maintenance and renovation projects at facilities. *[State Prisons]*	36,999,379	36,999,379	35,922,011	35,922,011	30,922,011	30,922,011	32,408,141	32,408,141
19.7.3	116.15	Increase funds to address critical capital maintenance and repairs. *[State Prisons]*	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000

19.7.4	116.9	Provide funds for additional facility maintenance personnel and regional support staff to address critical facility maintenance needs. *[State Prisons]*	15,286,214	15,286,214	9,284,058	9,284,058	9,284,058	9,284,058	3,784,697	3,784,697
19.7.5	116.16	Provide funds for sitework and construction of four 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements.*[State Prisons]****(H:Provide funds for sitework and construction of two 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements.)(S:Increase funds for sitework and construction of three 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements.)(CC:Increase funds for construction of four 126-bed modular correctional units to facilitate offender population movement necessary for capital and security improvements.)***	93,203,352	93,203,352	46,601,676	46,601,676	69,902,514	69,902,514	80,220,240	80,220,240
19.7.7	116.12	Provide funds for project management resources to oversee capital projects.*[State Prisons]*	5,961,200	5,961,200	5,961,200	5,961,200	1,560,000	1,560,000	2,544,652	2,544,652
19.7.9	116.11	Provide funds for skilled craftsman "tiger teams" focused on HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and fabrication needs in facilities. *[State Prisons]*	1,186,615	1,186,615	636,469	636,469	636,469	636,469	651,822	651,822
19.7.10	116.3	Increase funds to prevent contraband through the use of managed access and drone detection systems.*[State Prisons]*	35,027,675	35,027,675	35,027,675	35,027,675	17,918,718	17,918,718	17,918,718	17,918,718
19.7.11	116.13	Provide funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff. *[State Prisons]****(S:No) (CC:Provide funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff.)***	913,248	913,248	913,248	913,248	0	0	913,248	913,248
19.7.21	116.21	Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.*[State Prisons]****(CC:No)***	-	-	489,666	489,666	489,666	489,666	0	0
19.7.22	116.22	Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*[State Prisons]*	-	-	-	-	(2,771,395)	(2,771,395)	(2,771,395)	(2,771,395)
19.8	**117.1000**	**Transition Centers**								
19.8.4	117.4	Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression beginning April 1, 2025.*[Transition Centers]****(CC:No)***	-	-	35,944	35,944	35,944	35,944	0	0
19.8.5	117.5	Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*[Transition Centers]****(CC:No)***	-	-	489,666	489,666	489,666	489,666	0	0
Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of										
22.2	**125.1000**	**Nutrition Services**								
22.2.1	125.1	Increase funds for start-up grants of up to $10,000 per provider to establish additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity.*[Nutrition Services]****(S:Increase funds for food banks with a priority towards those establishing additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity. (CC:Increase funds for start-up grants of up to $10,000 per provider to establish additional Summer Food Service Program meal sites in areas with high rates of child food insecurity.)***	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Section 23: Economic Development, Department of										
23.1	**128.1000**	**Departmental Administration (DEcD)**								
23.1.1	128.1	Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia for support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB 398 (2024 Session).*[Departmental Administration (DEcD)]*	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	30,000	30,000
23.1.2	128.2	Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses. *[Departmental Administration (DEcD)]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(167,939)	(167,939)	0	0
23.5	**132.1000**	**Global Commerce**								
23.5.1	132.1	Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*[Global Commerce]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(697,000)	(697,000)	0	0
23.6	**133.1000**	**Innovation and Technology**								
23.6.1	133.1	Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*[Innovation and Technology]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(370,000)	(370,000)	0	0
23.7	**134.1000**	**International Relations and Trade**								
23.7.1	134.1	Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*[International Relations and Trade]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(453,300)	(453,300)	0	0
23.9	**136.1000**	**Small and Minority Business Development**								
23.9.1	136.1	Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenses.*[Small and Minority Business Development]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(178,500)	(178,500)	0	0
23.10	**137.1000**	**Tourism**								
23.10.1	137.1	Provide funds to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to prepare for the execution of public safety and infrastructure costs related to the hosting of future major sporting events, including the Super Bowl 62 and 2031 NCAA Men's Final Four. *[Tourism]****(S:No; Align funds to year of expenditure so interest on appropriated funds remain with the state.)(CC:No)***	-	-	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0	0	0
Section 24: Education, Department of										
24.1	**138.1000**	**Agricultural Education**								
24.1.1	138.1	Increase one-time funding for agricultural improvements and facilities.*[Agricultural Education]*	-	-	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
24.3	**140.1000**	**Central Office**								
24.3.1	140.1	Increase funds for an adaptive sports program.*[Central Office]****(S:Increase one-time funds for adaptive sports programs.)(CC:Increase one-time funds for adaptive sports programs.)***	-	-	150,000	150,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
24.3.2	140.2	Reduce funds for travel expenses and reflect projected expenditures for personal services.*[Central Office]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(492,684)	(492,684)	0	0
24.4	**141.1000**	**Charter Schools**								
24.4.1	141.999	Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).*[Charter Schools]****(G:Yes)(H:No)(S:Yes)(CC:Yes)***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

24.4.2	141.2	Reduce funds to reflect projected personal services. *[Charter Schools]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(151,393)	(151,393)	0	0
24.4.3	141.1	Transfer funds to State Charter School Commission pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session). *[Charter Schools]* ***(H:No; Utilize existing funds to implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session).)(S:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).)(CC:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).)***	(265,501)	(265,501)	0	0	(265,501)	(265,501)	(265,501)	(265,501)
24.4.4	141.3	Reduce funds to reflect projected operating expenses. *[Charter Schools]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(330,000)	(330,000)	0	0
24.6	**143.1000**	**Curriculum Development**								
24.6.1	143.1	Increase funds for AP exams ($2,244,870) and PSAT exams ($249,424) due to increased utilization. *[Curriculum Development]* ***(S:Increase funds for PSAT exams and utilize existing funds for AP exams.)(CC:Increase funds for AP exams ($2,244,870) and PSAT exams ($249,424) due to increased utilization.)***	-	-	2,494,294	2,494,294	249,424	249,424	2,494,294	2,494,294
24.6.2	143.2	Reduce funds for unused supplementary secondary math pilot program. *[Curriculum Development]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(475,000)	(475,000)	0	0
24.6.3	143.3	Reduce funds to reflect projected personal services. *[Curriculum Development]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(438,981)	(438,981)	0	0
24.11	**148.1000**	**Information Technology Services**								
24.11.1	148.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected personal services. *[Information Technology Services]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(207,767)	(207,767)	0	0
24.11.2	148.2	The Department of Education shall provide information on the progress and purpose of the unappropriated Information Technology Centralization Project to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by March 30, 2025. *[Information Technology Services]* ***(S:Yes)(CC:Yes)***	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
24.18	**155.1000**	**Quality Basic Education Program**								
24.18.5	155.3	Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the State Commission Charter School supplement for training and experience. *[Quality Basic Education Program]*	5,688,691	5,688,691	2,921,948	2,921,948	2,630,880	2,630,880	2,630,880	2,630,880
24.18.6	155.5	Increase funds to reflect growth in the Special Needs Scholarship. *[Quality Basic Education Program]*	12,440,382	12,440,382	13,209,096	13,209,096	12,304,103	12,304,103	12,304,103	12,304,103
24.18.9	155.9	Increase formula funds for a midterm adjustment to the training and experience for Discovery Regional High School. *[Quality Basic Education Program]*	-	-	-	-	291,068	291,068	291,068	291,068
24.18.10	155.11	Reduce funds to reflect corrected training and experience. *[Quality Basic Education Program]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,673,427)	(3,673,427)
24.20	**157.1000**	**School Improvement**								
24.20.1	157.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected personal services. *[School Improvement]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(328,732)	(328,732)	0	0
24.22	**159.1000**	**School Security Grants**								
24.22.2	159.2	The Department of Education shall provide an annual report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office regarding the utilization of the $108,905,000 base funding for school security by local education agencies. Reports shall be provided annually on August 1, beginning August 1, 2025. *[School Security Grants]* ***(S:Yes)(CC:Yes; The Department of Education shall provide an annual report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office regarding the utilization of the $108,905,000 base funding for school security by local education agencies. Reports shall be provided annually on October 1, beginning October 1, 2025.)***	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
24.23	**160.1000**	**State Charter School Commission Administration**								
24.23.1	160.999	Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session). *[State Charter School Commission Administration]* ***(G:Yes)(H:No)(S:Yes)(CC:Yes)***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.23.2	160.1	Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($344,592) to implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session). *[State Charter School Commission Administration]* ***(H:No; Implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session) in the Charter Schools program.)(S:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).)(CC:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).)***	610,093	610,093	0	0	265,501	265,501	265,501	265,501
24.24	**161.1000**	**State Schools**								
24.24.1	161.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected personal services. *[State Schools]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(280,443)	(280,443)	0	0
24.25	**162.1000**	**Technology/Career Education**								
24.25.1	162.1	Provide funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operating costs to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education. *[Technology/Career Education]* ***(S:Yes; Utilize existing funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operations to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education.)(CC:Yes; Utilize existing funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operations to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education.)***	95,859	95,859	95,859	95,859	0	0	0	0
24.26	**163.1000**	**Testing**								
24.26.1	163.1	Reduce funds to reflect pre-funded expenditures. *[Testing]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(213,613)	(213,613)	0	0

Section 27: Governor, Office of the										
27.1	**173.1000**	**Governor's Emergency Fund**								
27.1.1	173.1	Provide funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses.*[Governor's Emergency Fund]****(H & S:Provide funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses and reflect $5,000,000 in Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security to build out last mile network connectivity to public safety answering points to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services.)(CC:Provide funds for Hurricane Helene emergency response expenses and reflect $5,000,000 in Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security to build out last mile network connectivity to public safety answering points to facilitate the transition to Next Generation 911 emergency services, and for rural hospitals that are ineligible for federal disaster relief funds.)***	150,000,000	150,000,000	145,000,000	145,000,000	113,000,000	113,000,000	113,000,000	113,000,000
27.1.2	173.2	Increase funds for state and local match (25%) of debris removal from local roads and rights of way due to Hurricane Helene.*[Governor's Emergency Fund]*	-	-	-	-	82,000,000	82,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
27.1.3	173.3	Increase funds to provide relief for county facilities complying with federal law.*[Governor's Emergency Fund]*	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
27.8	**179.1000**	**Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency**								
27.8.1	179.1	Provide funds for Next Generation 911 and emergency services.*[Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency]****(CC:Provide funds for Next Generation 911 and emergency services, and for rural hospitals that are ineligible for federal disaster relief funds.)***	-	-	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000	5,750,000
27.8.2	179.2	Provide start-up funds for a school threat assessment tracking system.*[Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency]*	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
27.8.3	179.3	Transfer funds from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for a gang case management system.*[Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(1,250,000)	(1,250,000)	0	0
27.13	**186.1000**	**Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy**								
27.13.1	186.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*[Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy]*	-	-	-	-	(34,327)	(34,327)	(34,327)	(34,327)
Section 28: Human Services, Department of										
28.3	**189.1000**	**Child Support Services**								
28.3.2	189.2	Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.*[Child Support Services]****(S:Increase funds for the DeKalb County District Attorney's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Office under contract with the Department of Human Services to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.)(CC:Increase funds for the DeKalb County District Attorney's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act Office under contract with the Department of Human Services to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.)***	-	-	185,798	563,023	191,428	563,023	191,428	563,023
28.4	**190.1000**	**Child Welfare Services**								
28.4.2	190.2	Increase funds for the special victims unit to support the rescue of sexually exploited foster children.*[Child Welfare Services]*	-	-	1,703,035	1,703,035	0	1,703,035	0	1,703,035
28.6	**192.1000**	**Departmental Administration (DHS)**								
28.6.2	192.1	Increase funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system.*[Departmental Administration (DHS)]****(S:No; Utilize existing funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system.)(CC:Increase funds to integrate Pathways and Georgia Access into the Georgia Gateway integrated eligibility system.)***	1,468,800	1,468,800	1,468,800	1,468,800	0	0	1,468,800	1,468,800
28.8	**194.1000**	**Elder Community Living Services**								
28.8.2	194.2	Increase funds for Project Healthy Grandparents.*[Elder Community Living Services]*	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
28.10	**196.1000**	**Federal Eligibility Benefit Services**								
28.10.2	196.2	Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers effective April 1, 2025.*[Federal Eligibility Benefit Services]****(S:No; Consider increasing funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers effective July 1, 2025.)(CC:Increase funds to provide a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers effective April 1, 2025.)***	-	-	1,439,557	1,439,557	0	0	1,439,557	1,439,557
28.10.3	196.3	Reduce funds for the staffing of 450 case managers, 75 supervisors, and one district manager for Medicaid redeterminations due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) expiration.*[Federal Eligibility Benefit Services]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	(11,148,272)	(32,714,466)	0	0
28.10.4	196.4	Reduce funds for labor and wage data verification services.*[Federal Eligibility Benefit Services]*	-	-	-	-	(2,061,147)	(2,061,147)	(2,061,147)	(2,061,147)
28.11	**197.1000**	**Out-of-Home Care**								
28.11.1	197.1	Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.*[Out-of-Home Care]*	-	-	22,235,429	25,920,381	38,587,440	44,073,195	38,587,440	44,073,195
28.11.2	197.2	Increase funds for transitional housing for children aging out of foster care placements.*[Out-of-Home Care]****(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	0	0
28.12	**198.1000**	**Out-of-School Care Services**								
28.12.1	198.1	Increase funds for out-of-school programs with locations in communities serving at-risk youth.*[Out-of-School Care Services]*	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

28.17	**203.1000**	**Council On Aging**								
28.17.1	203.1	Increase funds to support personnel.*[Council On Aging]* ***(S:No)(CC:Increase funds to support personnel.)***	-	-	32,414	32,414	0	0	32,414	32,414
Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of										
29.1	**211.1000**	**Departmental Administration (COI)**								
29.1.1	211.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*[Departmental Administration (COI)]*	-	-	-	-	(21,616)	(21,616)	(10,808)	(10,808)
29.2	**212.1000**	**Enforcement**								
29.2.1	212.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*[Enforcement]*	-	-	-	-	(169,499)	(169,499)	(84,750)	(84,750)
29.4	**214.1000**	**Insurance Regulation**								
29.4.1	214.1	Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures in personnel.*[Insurance Regulation]*	-	-	-	-	(373,195)	(373,195)	(186,597)	(186,597)
29.5	**215.1000**	**Reinsurance**								
29.5.1	215.1	Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*[Reinsurance]*	-	-	(5,575,718)	(5,575,718)	(10,842,026)	(10,842,026)	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)
Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of										
30.1	**217.1000**	**Bureau Administration**								
30.1.1	217.1	Increase funds for a new pool car reservation system.*[Bureau Administration]*	29,472	29,472	41,165	41,165	29,472	29,472	29,472	29,472
30.1.2	217.2	Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to statewide security contracts through the Department of Administrative Services. *[Bureau Administration]*	18,075	18,075	57,815	57,815	18,075	18,075	18,075	18,075
30.4	**220.1000**	**Regional Investigative Services**								
30.4.5	220.5	Transfer funds from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for a gang case management system.*[Regional Investigative Services]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	0	0
30.4.6	220.6	Increase funds for gang case management system.*[Regional Investigative Services]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
30.5	**221.1000**	**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**								
30.5.1	221.1	Provide funds for continued operation of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline. *[Criminal Justice Coordinating Council]* ***(H & S:No)(CC:Provide funds for continued operation of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline.)***	101,076	101,076	0	0	0	0	100,000	100,000
30.5.2	221.2	Increase funds for sexual assault centers with more than one location.*[Criminal Justice Coordinating Council]* ***(CC:No; Reflect in Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence Program.)***	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	0	0
30.7	**223.1000**	**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence**								
30.7.1	223.1	Increase funds for sexual assault centers with more than one location.*[Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of										
31.1	**224.1000**	**Community Service**								
31.1.2	224.2	Increase funds for youth competency beds to address bed utilization costs.*[Community Service]* ***(S:Yes; Utilize existing funds ($348,298) for youth competency beds to address bed utilization costs.)(CC:Increase funds for youth competency beds to address bed utilization costs.)***	-	-	348,298	348,298	0	0	348,298	348,298
31.1.3	224.3	Reduce funds to align budget with expenditures.*[Community Service]*	-	-	-	-	(1,851,702)	(1,851,702)	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)
Section 33: Law, Department of										
33.1	**231.1000**	**Department of Law**								
33.1.2	231.1	Provide funds for six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions effective April 1, 2025.*[Department of Law]* ***(H:Provide funds for three positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Augusta region effective April 1, 2025.)(S:Increase funds for six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions effective April 1, 2025.)(CC:Increase funds for six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions effective April 1, 2025.)***	187,036	187,036	93,518	93,518	187,036	187,036	187,036	187,036
Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of										
34.7	**239.1000**	**Parks Recreation and Historic Sites**								
34.7.2	239.2	Increase funds for outdoor recreation.*[Parks Recreation and Historic Sites]*	-	-	5,875,000	5,875,000	8,049,380	8,049,380	14,549,380	14,549,380
34.7.3	239.3	Increase funds for historic preservation.*[Parks Recreation and Historic Sites]* ***(S:Increase funds for historic preservation to include restoration of Department of Natural Resources owned buildings.)(CC:Increase funds for historic preservation.)***	-	-	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
34.7.4	239.4	Increase funds for adaptive equipment and inclusive playgrounds for children with special needs.*[Parks Recreation and Historic Sites]* ***(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	0
Section 38: Public Health, Department of										
38.1	**248.1000**	**Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion**								
38.1.2	248.2	Provide funds for a campaign to educate Georgians on the adverse effects of vaping. *[Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion]* ***(S:No)(CC:Provide funds for a campaign to educate Georgians on the adverse effects of vaping.)***	-	-	250,000	250,000	0	0	250,000	250,000
38.1.3	248.3	Increase funds for an Alzheimer's and related dementia registry.*[Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion]*	-	-	-	-	595,000	595,000	150,000	150,000
38.4	**251.1000**	**Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement**								
38.4.2	251.2	Reduce funds for the Georgia Coordinating Center.*[Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement]*	-	-	(3,065,309)	(3,065,309)	(1,668,887)	(1,668,887)	(1,179,420)	(1,179,420)

38.11	**258.1000**	**Public Health Formula Grants to Counties**								
38.11.1	258.1	Provide one-time funds for health department equipment.*[Public Health Formula Grants to Counties]****(S:No)(CC:Provide one-time funds for health department equipment.)***	-	-	500,000	500,000	0	0	300,000	300,000
Section 39: Public Safety, Department of										
39.9	**270.1000**	**Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council**								
39.9.2	270.2	Reduce funds for personal services based on the actual start date of new positions.*[Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council]*	-	-	(61,476)	(61,476)	(21,476)	(21,476)	(61,476)	(61,476)
39.9.3	270.3	Increase funds to support training for chiefs of police.*[Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council]*	-	-	-	-	408,000	408,000	318,000	318,000
39.9.4	270.4	Utilize existing funds ($40,000) to purchase one new vehicle.*[Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council]****(S:Yes)(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
39.10	**271.1000**	**Georgia Public Safety Training Center**								
39.10.3	271.3	Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location. *[Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*	(9,912)	(9,912)	(4,956)	(4,956)	(9,912)	(9,912)	(9,912)	(9,912)
39.11	**272.1000**	**Office of Highway Safety**								
39.11.2	272.2	Replace federal funds with state funds for the personal services cost of three employees.*[Office of Highway Safety]****(H:No)(CC:Replace federal funds with state funds for the personal services cost of three employees.)***	161,917	161,917	0	0	161,917	161,917	130,000	130,000
Section 40: Public Service Commission										
40.2	**275.1000**	**Facility Protection**								
40.2.1	275.2	Increase funds for state share of equipment and vehicle costs for one additional Pipeline Safety inspector.*[Facility Protection]****(S:No)(CC:Increase funds for state share of equipment and vehicle costs for one additional Pipeline Safety inspector.)***	-	-	42,142	42,142	0	0	42,142	42,142
Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia Board of										
41.14	**290.1000**	**Public Libraries**								
41.14.2	290.2	Increase funds for one-time funding to increase the materials grant for public library systems from $0.70 to $1.00 per capita.*[Public Libraries]****(CC:Provide one-time grants for public libraries included in the major disaster declaration area to assist in financial stabilization and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene.)***	-	-	-	-	3,290,597	3,290,597	1,427,041	1,427,041
41.15	**291.1000**	**Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives**								
41.15.2	291.2	Provide funds for dental clinical training.*[Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives]****(S:No)(CC:Provide funds for dental clinical training.)***	-	-	577,681	577,681	0	0	475,000	475,000
41.15.3	291.3	Increase funds for Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center.*[Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives]*	-	-	-	-	70,337	70,337	70,337	70,337
41.16	**292.1000**	**Regents Central Office**								
41.16.1	292.1	Increase funds to explore alternative college admissions tests.*[Regents Central Office]*	-	-	-	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Section 42: Revenue, Department of										
42.5	**305.1000**	**Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA**								
42.5.1		Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*[Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA]*	-	-	(1,749,175)	(1,749,175)	(1,067,861)	(1,067,861)	(580,168)	(580,168)
Section 43: Secretary of State										
43.10	**320.1000**	**State Elections Board**								
43.10.1	320.1	Reduce funds for one-time funding to reflect procurement of audit at less than appropriated amount.*[State Elections Board]*	-	-	-	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia										
44.4	**324.1000**	**Engineer Scholarship**								
44.4.1	324.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[Engineer Scholarship]*	-	-	-	-	(400,000)	(400,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
44.5	**325.1000**	**Georgia Military College Scholarship**								
44.5.1	325.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[Georgia Military College Scholarship]*	-	-	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)
44.11	**331.1000**	**Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant**								
44.11.1	331.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant]*	-	-	-	-	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)
44.12	**332.1000**	**North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants**								
44.12.1	332.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants]*	-	-	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)
44.13	**333.1000**	**North Georgia ROTC Grants**								
44.13.1	333.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[North Georgia ROTC Grants]*	-	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
44.16	**336.1000**	**Service Cancelable Loans**								
44.16.1	336.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[Service Cancelable Loans]*	-	-	-	-	(600,000)	(600,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
44.17	**337.1000**	**Tuition Equalization Grants**								
44.17.1	337.1	Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*[Tuition Equalization Grants]*	-	-	-	-	(2,115,701)	(2,115,701)	(1,115,701)	(1,115,701)
Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia										
46.4	**344.1000**	**Quick Start**								
46.4.1	344.1	The Technical College System of Georgia shall transmit to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission funding encumbered for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Quick Start training facility in Newton County ($10,250,000).*[Quick Start]****(S:Yes)(CC:No)***	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0

46.5	**345.1000**	**Technical Education**								
46.5.1	345.1	Reduce funds for personal services based on actual start dates of new positions.*[Technical Education]*	-	-	(365,972)	(365,972)	(480,286)	(480,286)	(440,751)	(440,751)
Section 47: Transportation, Department of										
47.1	**348.1000**	**Airport Aid**								
47.1.1	348.1	Increase funds for Airport Aid.*[Airport Aid]*	-	-	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,500,000	7,800,000	7,800,000
47.7	**354.1000**	**Local Road Assistance Administration**								
47.7.1	354.1	Increase funds for additional support of local transportation infrastructure projects.*[Local Road Assistance Administration]*	250,000,000	250,000,000	250,000,000	250,000,000	265,000,000	265,000,000	265,000,000	265,000,000
47.11	**358.1000**	**Rail**								
47.11.1	358.1	Increase funds to upgrade shortline railroads to Class II standards to help reduce truck traffic on state highways.*[Rail]*	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,830,000	5,830,000	12,975,000	12,975,000
47.15	**362.1000**	**Freight Infrastructure Projects**								
47.15.1	362.1	Increase funds for capital infrastructure projects that enhance economic development while promoting freight and logistics efficiency and safety.*[Freight Infrastructure Projects]*	530,000,000	530,000,000	530,000,000	530,000,000	500,000,000	500,000,000	500,000,000	500,000,000
47.17	**364.1000**	**Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority**								
47.17.1	364.1	Increase state general funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure projects.*[Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority]****(H:Increase state general funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure, prioritizing $7,500,000 for airport projects not federally eligible.)(S:Increase state general funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure, prioritizing $7,500,000 for airport projects.)(CC:Increase state general funds for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank's competitive grant and loan program to support local transportation infrastructure, prioritizing $7,500,000 for airport projects.)***	60,000,000	60,000,000	37,500,000	37,500,000	53,906,000	53,906,000	46,461,000	46,461,000
Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of										
48.3	**367.1000**	**Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes**								
48.3.1	367.1	Reduce funds not utilized for the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit in FY 2025.*[Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes]****(H & S:No; Provide one-time funds to support the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit.)(CC:No; Provide one-time funds to support the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit.)***	(250,000)	(250,000)	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission										
50.1	**371.1000**	**Capital Projects Fund**								
50.1.1	371.31	Increase funds for capital projects statewide.*[Capital Projects Fund]* ***(CC:No)***	70,000,000	70,000,000	47,950,000	47,950,000	17,950,000	17,950,000	0	0
50.1.5	371.6	Corrections, Department of: Replace 241 vehicles, statewide.*[Capital Projects Fund]****(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement vehicles, statewide.)(CC:Purchase replacement vehicles, statewide.)***	12,855,735	12,855,735	12,855,735	12,855,735	11,855,735	11,855,735	11,855,735	11,855,735
50.1.7	371.2	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Additional one-time MRR funding, statewide.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	50,000,000	50,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
50.1.11	371.11	Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Replace 68 vehicles, statewide.*[Capital Projects Fund]****(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement vehicles, statewide.)(CC:Purchase replacement vehicles, statewide.)***	4,840,532	4,840,532	4,840,532	4,840,532	4,300,000	4,300,000	4,500,420	4,500,420
50.1.17	371.5	Community Supervision, Department of: Replace 75 vehicles, statewide.*[Capital Projects Fund]****(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase replacement vehicles, statewide.)(CC:Replace 75 vehicles, statewide.)***	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
50.1.18	371.20	Agriculture, Department of: Renovations and repairs to the Atlanta Farmers Market, Forest Park, Clayton County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	37,401,741	37,401,741	37,401,741	37,401,741	32,401,741	32,401,741	32,401,741	32,401,741
50.1.21	371.23	Natural Resources, Department of: Major improvements and renovations at Brasstown Valley Resort and Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge, various. *[Capital Projects Fund]*	11,500,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	11,500,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
50.1.24	371.16	Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission: Additional design and construction funds to complete the public safety complex, Athens, Oconee County.*[Capital Projects Fund]****(S:Yes; Redirect $14,629,622 from unrealized construction project and utilize for one-time funding for additional design and construction to complete the public safety complex, Athens, Oconee County.)(CC:Additional design and construction funds to complete the public safety complex, Athens, Oconee County.)***	14,629,622	14,629,622	14,629,622	14,629,622	0	0	14,629,622	14,629,622
50.1.25	371.17	Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission: Design, construction, and equipment for a recovery center for adult victims of human trafficking.*[Capital Projects Fund]****(S:Yes; Redirect $35,837,500 from unrealized construction project and utilize for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for a recovery center for victims of human trafficking.)(CC:Design a recovery center for victims of human trafficking.)***	35,837,500	35,837,500	35,837,500	35,837,500	0	0	3,583,750	3,583,750
50.1.26	371.26	Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Demolition, sitework and construction costs for the relocation of the Olympic Cauldron to Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta, Fulton County.*[Capital Projects Fund]****(S:No)(CC:No)***	833,333	833,333	833,333	833,333	0	0	0	0

50.1.28	371.28	Georgia World Congress Center Authority: Planning and engineering for development of International Plaza and expansion of Georgia World Congress Center campus for enhanced revenue generation, Atlanta, Fulton County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
50.1.30	371.18	State, Secretary of: Ballot scanners and printers to remove QR code from ballots in accordance with SB 189 (2024 Session), statewide. *[Capital Projects Fund]**(S:See 50-1-42.)(CC:No)*	47,242,584	47,242,584	32,010,859	32,010,859	0	0	0	0
50.1.31	371.29	Provide funds for debt defeasance to reflect the use of AFY 2024 and FY 2025 debt defeasance funds for Hurricane Helene relief.*[Capital Projects Fund]**(H:No; Reprioritize and redirect funds for additional Hurricane Helene relief efforts through the Georgia Development Authority.)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for debt defeasance to reflect the use of AFY 2024 and FY2025 debt defeasance funds for Hurricane Helene relief.)(CC:No; Reprioritize and redirect funds for additional Hurricane Helene relief efforts through the Georgia Development Authority.)*	100,000,000	100,000,000	0	0	60,000,000	60,000,000	0	0
50.1.34	371.34	Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission: Legislative Office Building expansion, Atlanta, Fulton County.*[Capital Projects Fund]**(S:No)(CC:No)*	-	-	15,000,000	15,000,000	0	0	0	0
50.1.36	371.36	Technical College System of Georgia: Fund cost escalation of the Industrial Systems and Industrial Robotics Training Center at Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	1,950,000	1,950,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
50.1.37	371.37	Natural Resources, Department of: Facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,650,000	1,650,000
50.1.38	371.38	Public Libraries: Major repairs for the Willis L. Miller Library, South Georgia Regional Library System, Valdosta, Lowndes County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
50.1.39	371.39	Public Libraries: Increase funds for one-time funding for demolition and reconstruction of Nelle Brown Memorial Library, Ohoopee Regional Library System, Lyons, Toombs County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
50.1.40	371.40	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County. *[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	4,000,000	4,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
50.1.41	371.41	Public Libraries: Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of O'Kelly Memorial Library, Azalea Regional Library System, Loganville, Walton County. *[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
50.1.42	371.42	Secretary of State: Redirect $5,000,000 from unrealized construction project and utilize for one-time funding to follow through with commitments for updating security protocols and complying with the law. *[Capital Projects Fund]**(S:Yes)(CC:No)*	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
50.1.43	371.43	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: Fund generators and redundant power systems (Phase I) and replacement of new FM transmission facility in Pelham, Georgia.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	865,000	865,000
50.1.44	371.44	Public Safety, Department of: Design, construct and equip a new State Patrol facility for post 19, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
50.1.45	371.45	Technical College System of Georgia: Construct Multi-Use Commercial Truck Driving Instructional Space, Lanier Technical College, Gainesville Campus, Hall County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,935,000	1,935,000
50.1.46	371.46	Public Libraries: Construct Pelham Carnegie Library, DeSoto Trail Regional Library System, Pelham, Mitchell County.*[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
50.1.47	371.47	Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design Student Support, Engagement, and Wellness Facilities, Savannah State University, Savannah, Chatham County. *[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500,000	6,500,000
50.1.48	371.48	Technical College System of Georgia: Athens Technical College Walton Campus Renovation Phase II, Monroe, Walton County. *[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,850,000	5,850,000
50.1.49	371.49	Education, Department of: Construction of the Middle Georgia STEM Academy, Houston County. *[Capital Projects Fund]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,650,000	2,650,000
Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund										
51.1	**372.1000**	**GO Bonds Issued**								
51.1.4	372.4	Reflect debt service savings from project repeals.*[GO Bonds Issued]*	-	-	(6,373,912)	(6,373,912)	(6,374,275)	(6,374,275)	(6,374,275)	(6,374,275)
51.1.5	372.5	Transfer $6,374,275 in prior year state general funds reserved for unissued debt repealed pursuant to Section 52 of this bill from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New program to the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program to be used for issued debt service. *[GO Bonds Issued]**(S:Yes)(CC:Yes)*	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
51.1.6	372.6	Reduce funds to reflect debt service savings from early retirement of debt.*[GO Bonds Issued]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,393,154)	(5,393,154)
51.1.7	372.7	Increase funds for debt service. *[GO Bonds Issued]*	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,162,287	4,162,287

51.2	**373.1000**	**GO Bonds New**									
51.2.6	373.6	Repeal $485,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction./*[GO Bonds New]*/***(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Repeal $2,573,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Bond #1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.)(S:Yes; Repeal $2,570,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond #1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.)(CC:Yes; Repeal $2,570,000 from an original authorization of $45,805,000 in 20-year bonds for the State Board of Education in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB911, Bond #1)(2022 Session) to fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction.)***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51.2.9	373.9	Repeal $1,350,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond #375.261)(2023 Session) to design the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Facility at Augusta Technical College./*[GO Bonds New]*/***(G:Yes)(H:Yes)(S:Yes; Repeal $1,350,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond 376.261)(2023 Session) to design the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Facility at Augusta Technical College.)(CC:Yes; Repeal $1,350,000 in 5-year bonds for the Technical College System of Georgia authorized in the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act (HB 19, Bond 376.261)(2023 Session) to design the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Facility at Augusta Technical College.)***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51.2.14	373.14	Transfer $6,374,275 in prior year state general funds reserved for unissued debt repealed pursuant to Section 52 of this bill from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New program to the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued program to be used for issued debt service./*[GO Bonds New]*/***(S:Yes)(CC:Yes)***	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 67.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 170, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

House of Representatives

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Good Afternoon,

Representative Alexander would like to put on the record for a "Yes" regarding HB 67. The Machine seemed to have not picked up her answer.

Thank you!

Representative Hatchett of the 155th asked unanimous consent that HB 67 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the House, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (e)(1) as follows:

"(e) The General Assembly shall provide by general law:

(1) For the definition and methods of assessment and taxation, such methods to include a formula based on current use, annual productivity, and real property sales data, of: 'bona fide conservation use property' to include bona fide agricultural and timber land

not to exceed ~~2,000~~ 4,000 acres of a single owner~~;~~ and 'bona fide residential transitional property~~,~~' to include private single-family residential owner occupied property located in transitional developing areas not to exceed five acres of any single owner. Such methods of assessment and taxation shall be subject to the following conditions:

(A) A property owner desiring the benefit of such methods of assessment and taxation shall be required to enter into a covenant to continue the property in bona fide conservation use or bona fide residential transitional use; and

(B) A breach of such covenant within ten years shall result in a recapture of the tax savings resulting from such methods of assessment and taxation and may result in other appropriate penalties;"

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia, for the purpose of protecting family
( ) NO farmland, be amended so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 5.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 03, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 26th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HR 69 Biomedical Research Day; every third Thursday in April; recognize (Hth-Barnes-86th)

Modified Structured Rule

HB 91	Professions and businesses; licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; provide (Substitute)(A&CA-Cooper-45th)
HB 255	Special license plates; Southern University Alumni; establish (Substitute)(MotV-McClain-109th)
HB 262	Community Health, Department of; grant program for purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; provide (Substitute) (RDev-O'Steen-169th)
HB 398	Food, drugs, and cosmetics; authorize production and sale of cottage food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures (A&CA-Hagan-156th)
HB 399	Property; require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications (Substitute)(GAff-Oliver-84th)
HB 454	Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Act; enact (Substitute) (GF&P-Gaines-120th)
HB 473	Controlled substances; Schedule I; provide certain provisions (Hth-Stephens-164th)
HB 612	Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; add member (Hth-Dempsey-13th)

Structured Rule

HB 141	Revenue and taxation; allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns (Substitute)(W&M-Momtahan-17th)
HB 165	Income tax credit; business enterprises for leased motor vehicles; repeal and reserve (Substitute)(W&M-Franklin-160th)
HB 229	Sales and use tax; exempt materials used in construction of capital outlay projects for educational purposes; provisions (Substitute) (W&M-Neal-79th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 473. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 399. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Burnough of the 77th, Blackmon of the 146th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-7-25.

Any landlord that is not a resident of this state that owns or operates 25 or more single-family or duplex residential rental properties in this state shall employ a broker licensed pursuant to Chapter 40 of Title 43, that may or may not reside within this state, and at least one person, to be located within this state, who shall be responsible for receiving, coordinating, managing, and responding to communications from tenants of such landlord related to maintenance and other issues related to such properties."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 612. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Jones of the 25th, Oliver of the 84th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive

diseases, and other disability services, so as to add a member to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; to establish a parity compliance review panel; to provide for its composition and duties; to require health care providers to report suspected mental health parity violations to the panel; to provide for evaluation of complaints; to provide for recommendations for punitive actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
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Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

House of Representatives

245 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 3, 2025

Mr. Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
Georgia State Capitol Room 309
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly:

On today's date, Monday, March 3, 2025, while trying to record my vote on HB 612 my button malfunctioned and I was not able to record my vote.

I am requesting that the House records reflect that I wish to be recorded as voting a "yes" vote on HB 612 as presented on the House floor today.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katie M. Dempsey
Representative, Georgia House District 13

HB 454. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to create the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund and Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide matching grants to organizations seeking to acquire property interests in certain battlefields; to provide for procedures, requirements, and limitations for such fund and program; to provide for application and review criteria; to provide for expenditure of funds; to provide for annual accounting; to require that any acquisition include a perpetual conservation easement placing restrictions on the use or development of the property or interest therein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to create the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund and Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide matching grants to organizations seeking to acquire property interests in certain battlefields; to provide for procedures, requirements, and limitations for such fund and program; to provide for application and review criteria; to provide for expenditure of funds; to provide for annual accounting; to require that any acquisition include a perpetual conservation easement placing restrictions on the use or development of the property or interest therein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 13

12-3-710.
This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Act.'

12-3-711.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Conservation easement' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 44-10-2.
(2) 'Department' means the Department of Natural Resources.
(3) 'Fund' means the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund.
(4) 'Matching contributions' means cash and the value of any contribution due to a bargain sale or the donation of land or interest therein made by the landowner as part of a project proposal.
(5) 'Organization' means a not for profit charitable corporation or trust authorized to do business in this state which is involved in the acquisition and management of interests in land for historic preservation purposes and which has tax exempt status as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
(6) 'Program' means the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program.

(7) 'Project proposal' means any application seeking money from the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program.

(8) 'State agency' means the State of Georgia or any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other agency of the executive branch of state government which has a mission to preserve, protect, or conserve natural, historical, or cultural resources.

12-3-712.

(a)(1) The state treasurer shall establish a separate trust fund in the state treasury that shall be known as the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund, consisting of annual appropriations by the General Assembly to the fund, public or private grants, gifts, donations, or contributions dedicated to the fund for battlefield preservation, and moneys from any other source, including local, state, or federal program funds dedicated to the fund for battlefield preservation.

(2) The state treasurer shall invest the money held in the fund in the same manner in which state funds are invested as authorized by the State Depository Board pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50. Interest earned by the money held in the fund shall be accounted for separately and shall be credited to the fund to be disbursed as other moneys in the fund.

(b) Moneys held in the fund shall be expended by the department solely as provided in this article.

(c) The department shall prepare an accounting of the funds expended pursuant to this article during the most recently completed fiscal year to be provided to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by January 1 of each year.

12-3-713.

(a) There is established the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program to be administered by the department. In administering the program, the department shall, each fiscal year, make available money from the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund for matching grants to any organization or state agency having a project proposal which has been reviewed and approved by the department.

(b) The department shall make available money from the fund solely for the purpose of awarding grants to organizations or state agencies for the fee simple purchase of, or purchase of permanent protective interests in, any Georgia battlefield listed in the following reports:

(1) The Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (Civil War Sites Advisory Commission/National Parks Service, 1993, as amended); or

(2) The Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States by the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service (United States Department of the Interior/National Park Service, 2007, as amended).

(c) Organizations seeking grant funding shall be required to provide at least $1.00 in matching contributions for each $1.00 received from the fund for the project proposal. Unless the applicant is a state agency, no state funds shall be included in determining the amount of such matching contributions.
(d) Eligible costs for which money from the fund may be allocated include acquisition of land and any improvements thereon or permanent protective interests, such as perpetual conservation easements, and costs associated with such acquisitions, including the cost of any appraisals, environmental reports, surveys, title searches and title insurance, and other closing costs.
(e) Grants from the fund shall not exceed 50 percent of the appraised value of the land or permanent protective interest therein.
(f) Grants from the fund may be awarded for prospective purchases or for acquisitions on which the applicant has closed. In the latter case, the applicant shall demonstrate that:
(1) The closing occurred no more than 12 months prior to the date of application for the grant; and
(2) An identifiable threat to the resource or compelling need for preservation existed at the time of the purchase.
(g) Money from the fund, in an amount not to exceed 5 percent of total moneys held by the fund, shall be made available to the department for costs incurred in administering the program each fiscal year.

12-3-714.
The department shall establish guidelines for applications, evaluations, and awards from the fund in consultation with relevant battlefield preservation interests. In awarding grants, the department shall give primary consideration to the following factors:
(1) Significance of the battlefield that is the subject of the project proposal;
(2) Degree to which the property or interest therein to be acquired falls within the core and study areas of the battlefield, as described in the relevant report of the American Battlefield Protection Program;
(3) Proximity of the property to other protected lands;
(4) Threats to the integrity of features associated with the relevant battle;
(5) The financial capacity of the applicant to complete the project; and
(6) The administrative capacity of the applicant to maintain and manage the property in a manner that is consistent with public interests, such as recreation, research, heritage tourism promotion, and orderly community development.

12-3-715.
(a) Any organization making an acquisition of property or interest therein pursuant to this article shall grant to the department or other holder a perpetual conservation easement placing restrictions on the use or development of the property. In cases where the easement is granted to a holder other than the department, all terms and conditions of the easement shall accomplish the perpetual preservation of the property. Such other holder

shall demonstrate to the department that it has the capacity and expertise to manage and enforce the terms of the easement.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall preclude the subsequent transfer or assignment by a state agency or other holder of any property interest acquired pursuant to this article to the State of Georgia or to the United States of America to be incorporated into a national park, national forest, national wildlife refuge, or other national conservation area in accordance with 54 U.S.C. Section 10010, 16 U.S.C. Section 551, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. Section 742a et seq.), or 16 U.S.C. Section 1131, as amended and applicable. The department shall facilitate transfers and assignments of any such interests."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 157, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 91. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dickey of the 134th and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing, so as to provide for licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing, so as to provide for licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing, is amended by revising Code Section 43-50-31, relating to application for license, qualifications, and recordation of license, as follows:

"43-50-31.

(a) Any person desiring a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall make application to the board. The application shall include evidence, satisfactory to the board, that:

(1) The applicant has attained the age of 18;

(2) The applicant is of good moral character;

(3)(A) The applicant:

(i) Is ~~is~~ a graduate of an accredited college or a school of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or possesses an ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent; and

~~(4)~~(ii) Has ~~The applicant has~~ passed a board approved examination; provided, however, that the board may provide by rule or regulation for a waiver of any part of such examination for veterinarians who are licensed as such by another state and who are in good standing therewith; or

(B) The applicant:

(i) Is a graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine and has submitted a transcript certifying completion of his or her education in veterinary medicine. In support of such certification of completion, such graduate may submit:

(I) An ECFVG certificate or its substantial equivalent;

(II) A PAVE certificate or its substantial equivalent; or

(III) Any other document as authorized by the board; and

(ii) Has completed a residency program or similar training duration program of two or more years and has received board certification from a veterinary medicine specialty organization recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, or other American Veterinary Medical Association board approved organization; provided, however, that such applicant upon licensure shall only be authorized to practice veterinary medicine in the area of his or her certified veterinary medicine specialty; and provided, further, that any other practice of veterinary medicine shall be deemed a violation of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-30 and subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-45; and

~~(5)~~(4) The applicant meets such other qualifications or provides such other information as the board may require by rule.

(b) The application shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount established by the board.

(c) The division director shall record the new licenses and issue such licenses to the new licensees.

(d) If an applicant is found not qualified for licensure, the board shall notify the applicant in writing of such finding and the grounds therefor. Such applicant may request a hearing before the board on the questions of his or her qualifications."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article, by adding a new subparagraph to paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2)(A) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school or school of veterinary technology performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

(B) A member of the faculty, a resident, an intern, or a graduate student of an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology

performing his or her regular clinical or nonclinical functions or a person lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology in connection with a continuing education course or seminar;

(B.1) A person licensed pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 43-50-31 from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations in an area within such person's certified veterinary medicine specialty at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology and in connection with a continuing education course or seminar; or

(C) A graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining the ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent performing duties or actions under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;"

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 398. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th, Camp of the 135th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the production and sale of cottage food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures; to provide for definitions; to provide for inspections; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local regulation of cottage food items; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 255. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Prince of the 132nd, Alexander of the 66th, Taylor of the 92nd and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Southern University Alumni; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring Southern University Alumni; to establish a specialty license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, is amended by adding new paragraphs to subsection (l) to read as follows:

"(71) A special license plate honoring Southern University Alumni. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Atlanta Metropolitan Chapter of Southern University Alumni Federation of Georgia, Inc.

(72) A special license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Delta Life Development Center."

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 229. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Douglas of the 78th, Powell of the 33rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt from local taxes the sale or use of materials used in construction of capital outlay projects for educational purposes that were approved and funded through a constitutionally authorized education special purpose local option sales tax; to provide for conditions, limitations, and dates of applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt from local taxes the sale or use of construction materials used in capital outlay projects for educational purposes that were approved and funded through a constitutionally authorized sales tax; to provide that such exemption only applies to projects for local school systems that have in effect certain homestead exemptions from property taxation; to provide for conditions, limitations, and definitions; to provide for payment and collection of taxes and refunds of exempted amounts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(10.1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 48-8-63 to the contrary, the sale or use of qualifying construction materials used in capital outlay projects for educational purposes.

(B) The exemption provided for in this paragraph shall only apply to local sales and use taxes.

(C)(i) Notwithstanding the exemption provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, all sales and use taxes imposed on the sale or use of qualifying construction materials shall be paid and collected pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

(ii) The benefit of the exemption allowed by this paragraph may be claimed by the local school system for which the qualifying construction materials were used. To claim the exemption, the local school system shall file a request for refund in the manner prescribed by the department. The department shall refund to the local school system the amount of taxes paid on qualifying construction materials used in the capital outlay project for educational purposes. No refund made pursuant to this paragraph shall include interest.

(iii) Any refund received by a local school system pursuant to this paragraph shall be allocated to a fund or account for capital outlay projects and used in accordance with the requirements for sales taxes for educational purposes authorized pursuant to Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Capital outlay project for educational purposes' means a project that:

(I) Was approved and funded through a sales tax for educational purposes authorized pursuant to Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia; and

(II) Is for a local school system which has in effect a base year value or adjusted base year value homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for educational purposes for all residents of the local school system.

(ii) 'Local sales and use taxes' mean sales taxes, use taxes, or local sales and use taxes levied or imposed at any time in any area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including, but not limited to, such taxes authorized by or pursuant to a constitutional amendment; by or pursuant to Section 25 of an Act approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, the 'Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965'; and by or pursuant to Articles 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 5A, and 5B of this chapter.

(iii) 'Qualifying construction materials' means any materials used in the construction of a capital outlay project for educational purposes that will remain as part of such project after completion of construction or that become incorporated into such project's real property. Such term shall not include any materials that remain in the possession of a contractor after the completion of construction.

(E) This paragraph shall stand repealed on December 31, 2033;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HR 69. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Schofield of the 63rd, Clark of the 108th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing every third Thursday in April as Biomedical Research Day; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R

Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 171, nays 1.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HB 141. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Kelley of the 16th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, so as to allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-13-10 and Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to determining amount of occupation tax, criteria for classification of businesses and practitioners, administrative fee, exemptions or reduction in fees for economic development, and election of tax by practitioner, and levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, respectively, so as to allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-13-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to determining amount of occupation tax, criteria for classification of businesses and practitioners, administrative fee, exemptions or reduction in fees for economic development, and election of tax by practitioner, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(i) A business or practitioner may elect to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns or other financial information to local governments to facilitate their determination of the amount of occupation tax to be levied."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(1) Financial information necessary to allocate the gross receipts of the business or practitioner, provided that a business or practitioner may elect to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns; and"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	N Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 165. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Cameron of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to repeal and reserve an income tax credit for business enterprises for leased motor vehicles; to exempt from sales and use taxation property used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by nonprofit organizations; to repeal sales and use tax exemptions for certain admissions to view film or videotapes and the sale of certain machinery and equipment used to improve air quality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for a standard deduction from income taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) At the taxpayer's election, either:

(A) The sum of all itemized nonbusiness deductions used in computing such taxpayer's federal taxable income; or

(B) A standard deduction in an amount as follows:

(i)(I) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $24,000.00; or

~~(ii)~~(II) In the case of a single taxpayer, head of household, or married taxpayer filing a separate return, $12,000.00; and

(ii) An additional amount equal to the net disaster loss as defined under Section 304(b) of Title III of Division EE of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, as amended by Section 2 of the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023, P.L. 118-148;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 262. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Burchett of the 176th, Campbell of the 171st, Corbett of the 174th and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a grant program for the purpose of acquiring and installing backup generators; to provide that the department shall consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in establishing grant criteria; to provide for the department to establish grant amounts; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a grant program for the purpose of providing funding to certain rural hospitals for acquiring or installing backup generators to ensure continuity of operation during a state of emergency; to provide that the department shall consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in

establishing grant criteria; to provide for the department to establish grant amounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-2-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affected rural hospital' means an acute care hospital located in a rural county that contains fewer than 100 beds and is located in any region of the state in which the Governor declared a state of emergency after July 1, 2024.

(2) 'Rural county' means a county in this state that has a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(b) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or other available funding, the department shall establish a grant program to provide funding to affected rural hospitals for the purpose of acquiring, installing, or both acquiring and installing backup generators to ensure continuity of operation during a state of emergency. The department, in consultation with the director of emergency management and homeland security shall establish grant criteria and make award decisions; provided, however, that the department and the director of emergency management and homeland security shall, to the greatest extent possible, prioritize the approval of applications of those affected rural hospitals lacking backup generators and the means by which to install them. The department shall be authorized to establish the grant amount awarded to each recipient on a case-by-case basis."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 475. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th, McQueen of the 61st, Holly of the 116th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 476. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Ford of the 170th, Meeks of the 178th, Campbell of the 171st, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 4, 2025, as Georgia Peanut Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 477. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Bennett of the 94th, Baker of the 64th, Taylor of the 92nd, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Michelle Calvo for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 478. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Art Wilder upon the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 479. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kathryn Fletcher for her service as chair of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Hong of the 103rd et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., and Bazemore of the 69th et al.

Representative Cooper of the 45th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 717. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Silcox of the 53rd, Drenner of the 85th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to provide for the regulation of the administration of psychedelic-assisted treatment and therapy; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; to provide for requirements; to provide for the establishment of rules and regulations; to provide for licensure of clinics; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

Representative Thomas of the 21st moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Public and Community Health:

HB 668. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Washburn of the 144th, McCollum of the 30th, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, rights of persons with disabilities, and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to change references to assistance and guide dogs to service dogs; to provide for definitions and conforming changes; to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who causes death or physical harm to a service dog; to provide for exceptions; to revise provisions relating to the use and training of service dogs; to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Silcox of the 53rd moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Urban Affairs and recommitted to the Committee on Transportation:

HB 638. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Olaleye of the 59th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so as to prohibit the stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta;

to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Jones of the 60th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 718. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to provide that the first week of April each year shall be "Women's Golf Week" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 67. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 709, approved May 7, 2024, so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and

for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 268 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 382	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 629	Do Pass
HB 662	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 677	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 146	Do Pass	HB 259	Do Pass
HB 466	Do Pass	HB 493	Do Pass
HB 620	Do Pass	HR 40	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 7	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 168	Do Pass
HB 328	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 341	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 376	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 429	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 526	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 532	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The House stood adjourned at 5:00 o'clock, P.M.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Clifton	Hagan	Martinez	Ridley, Jas
Alexander	Cooper	Hatchett	Mathiak	Ridley, Jor
Anderson	Corbett	Hawkins	Mathis	Roberts
Au	Cox	Henderson	McClain	Romman
Baker	Crawford	Herring	McCollum	Sampson
Ballard	Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Schofield
Ballinger	Cummings	Holcomb	McQueen	Scoggins
Barnes	Davis	Holly	Meeks	Seabaugh
Barton	Dawson	Hong	Miller	Silcox
Bazemore	Dickey	Horner	Mitchell	Smith, L
Beckles	Donatucci	Howard, J	Myles	Smith, TP
Bell	Douglas	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, V
Bennett	Draper	Huddleston	New	Stephens
Berry	Drenner	Hugley	Newton	Stinson
Blackmon	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Tarvin
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Buckner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Taylor, R
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Thomas
Burnough	Erwin	Jasperse	Panitch	Townsend
Byrd	Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Tran
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Wade
Camp	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Wiedower
Cannon, C	Frye	Kahaian	Powell	Wilkerson
Cannon, P	Gaines	Kelley	Prince	Williams, A
Carpenter	Gambill	Kendrick	Reese	Williams, N
Carson	Gilliard	LaHood	Reeves	Williamson
Carter	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Willis
Chastain	Griffin	Lumsden	Rice	Yearta
Cheokas	Gullett	Lupton	Richardson	Burns, Speaker
Clark, D	Gunter	Martin		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 108th, DeLoach of the 167th, Dempsey of the 13th, Glaize of the 67th, Heffner of the 130th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lim of the 98th, Moore of the 91st, Sainz of the 180th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Scott of the 76th, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Vince Harrington, No Limit Baptist Church, Warner Robins, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 697. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 75 years

of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 698. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who have lived in such district for five years or more and who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 699. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Dawson County, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4680), as amended, to provide for staggered terms of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 700. By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Beckles of the 96th and Draper of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited use of purchaser's credit card information by merchant, so as to limit the amount of surcharges charged by merchants for purchasers using credit cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 701. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Terrell County; to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee when the judge of such court is serving as the judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 702. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Draper of the 90th, Park of the 107th, Tran of the 80th and Campbell of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to enact the Representative Democracy Enforcement Act; to provide that direct initiative petitions petition sponsors shall be considered campaign committees pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to prohibit the use of public funds in advocating for or against direct initiative and referendum petitions; to authorize rule making; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 703. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Peachtree City ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over and whose income does not exceed $30,000.00, approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3719), so as to increase the income cap related to qualifying for such exemption to $60,000.00; to increase the value of the exemption to $30,000.00 of the assessed value; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 704. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Jones of the 25th, Dubnik of the 29th, Dickey of the 134th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-6-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to maintenance of statistics on architectural and engineering firms doing business with the state and ineligibility of firms, so as to replace the requirement that the state auditor produce certain monthly reports with the requirement that he or she produce annual reports; to provide for the removal of certain requirements; to amend Code Sections 42-2-14 and 50-22-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to power of Governor to declare state of emergency with regard to jail and prison overcrowding and exemptions from requirements and construction with Code Section 50-6-25, respectively, so as to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Small Business Development.

HB 705. By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, McClain of the 109th and Ridley of the 22nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to identification and regulation of motor vehicles and traffic, so as to prohibit a motor vehicle traffic stop on the sole basis that the person is operating a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle related paraphernalia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 706. By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, McQueen of the 61st, Olaleye of the 59th, Dawson of the 65th and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for coursework and educational programs and activities on the history of Black Americans through the history of the United States and their contributions to American society; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 707. By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Cummings of the 39th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for limitations on rent increases for seniors and veterans; to provide for definitions; to provide for defense in dispossessory actions; to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 708. By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Cummings of the 39th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide for the deduction of the costs of certain repairs from rental payments; to revise the time required for answers; to revise provisions concerning the effectiveness of writs of possession; to provide for a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 709. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Demorest, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 710. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Scott of the 76th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 10 and 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade and property, respectively, so as to provide certain limits on increases in rental amounts

charged for residential properties; to prohibit landlords from charging rental amounts in excess of such limits as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 711. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, so as to prohibit the possession of devices which attach to firearms to produce rapid fire; to revise and add definitions; to provide for punishment; to provide for exceptions; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 712. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit ad valorem property tax bills from including any nontax related fees or assessments; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 713. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that no rule or policy shall be enacted that limits the number of bills or resolutions which a member may file or introduce in a legislative session; to provide that no rule, policy, or procedure shall be

enacted by the General Assembly that limits or obstructs the ability of members of the General Assembly to fulfill their duties under the Georgia Constitution; to provide for physical, recorded votes on certain matters; to provide for a Legislative Constitutional Counsel; to provide for appointment, qualifications, compensation, and duties; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

HB 714. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Rincon, approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5627), so as to revise provisions relating to the designation of electors; to revise the appointment and election of board members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 715. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Kendrick of the 95th, Clark of the 108th, Evans of the 57th and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair housing, so as to provide for artificial intelligence or automated decision tools in actions for discriminatory housing practices; to prohibit the use of certain defenses in actions for discriminatory housing practices; to prohibit the use of artificial intelligence or automated decision tools without human oversight in making certain housing determinations; to prohibit making certain housing determinations using artificial intelligence or automated decision tools without certain disclosures; to provide for enforcement by Attorney General; to provide for fines; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 716. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Carpenter of the 4th, Frye of the 122nd, Park of the 107th, Sanchez of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student

Finance Authority, so as to establish a needs based grant program to combat food insecurity among postsecondary students; to provide definitions; to provide for a maximum award amount; to provide for applications; to provide for rules, regulations, and procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HR 462. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Draper of the 90th, Park of the 107th, Tran of the 80th and Campbell of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the people of the State of Georgia shall have the power to enact, repeal, or amend general statutory law by direct initiative and referendum process; to provide for amendments to the Constitution by direct initiative process; to provide procedures and restrictions connected therewith; to provide exceptions; to authorize the General Assembly to provide for additional statutory procedures not in conflict with the provisions herein; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HR 463. By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Stinson of the 150th, Davis of the 87th, Taylor of the 92nd, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the month of March as Autoimmune Disease Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 682
HB 683
HB 684
HB 685
HB 686
HB 687
HB 688
HB 690
HB 692
HB 693
HB 694
HB 695
HB 696
HB 717
HB 718
HR 449
HR 450
SB 88

SB 145	SB 152
SB 153	SB 238

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 118	Do Pass	HR 119	Do Pass
HR 128	Do Pass	HR 129	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 490 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative Petrea of the 166th District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Human Relations and Aging has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 645 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Petrea of the 166th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 30	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 534	Do Pass
HB 536	Do Pass	HB 539	Do Pass
HB 540	Do Pass	HB 572	Do Pass
HB 594	Do Pass	HB 595	Do Pass
HB 596	Do Pass	HB 603	Do Pass
HB 608	Do Pass	HB 615	Do Pass
HB 619	Do Pass	HB 622	Do Pass
HB 625	Do Pass	HB 640	Do Pass
HB 648	Do Pass	SB 70	Do Pass
SB 77	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 78	Do Pass
SB 83	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 555	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 618	Do Pass
HB 664	Do Pass	HB 671	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 676	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 138	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 288	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 433	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 646	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 691	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 718 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 27th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 37	Education; require local school systems to notify employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for certain benefits (Ed-Leverett-123rd)
HB 77	Motor vehicles; encountering funeral procession on two-lane highway; revise responsibilities (MotV-Franklin-160th)
HB 123	Criminal procedure; pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has an intellectual disability; provide (JudyNC-Werkheiser-157th)
HB 154	Emergency medical services; designate ambulance services as an essential service (Substitute)(Hth-Richardson-125th)
HB 180	Probate courts; modify certain requirements for probate judges (Judy-Smith-18th)
HB 197	Insurance; health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to discuss the patient's care; detail the effort (Hth-Hawkins-27th)
HB 244	State auditor; local governments to request and receive in certain circumstances due date extensions related to filing annual audits; provide (Substitute)(GAff-Cannon-172nd)
HB 304	Local government; Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; create (Judy-Yearta-152nd)
HB 309	Local government; require adoption of a resolution or ordinance and voter approval prior to abolishment of a police force that was created by such method (PS&HS-Clifton-131st)
HB 314	Professions and businesses; athletic trainers; revise and update definitions (Substitute)(RegI-LaHood-175th)
HB 325	Domestic relations; Protective Order Registry; revise certain definitions (Judy-Martinez-111th)
HB 348	Insurance; expand lines of insurance or reinsurance in which a limited purpose subsidiary and captive insurance company may engage (Ins-Williamson-112th)
HB 406	Judicial Retirement System; increase retirement age of superior court judges first taking office on or after July 1, 2026 (Substitute) (Ret-Leverett-123rd)
HB 465	Autism Missing Person Alert System Act; enact (Substitute) (HumR-Gilliard-162nd)

Structured Rule

HB 79 Firearm Safe Handling and Secure Storage Tax Credit Act; enact (Substitute)(W&M-Newton-127th)
HB 129 Ad valorem tax; bona fide conservation use property; remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities (W&M-Cannon-172nd)
HB 144 Income tax; certain medical preceptor rotations; revise tax credit (W&M-Newton-127th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 615. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham County Recreation Authority, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4281), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to revise quorum requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 30. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with

constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes for educational purposes" means all ad valorem taxes for educational purposes levied by, for, or on behalf of the Catoosa County school district, including, but not limited to, any ad valorem taxes to pay interest on and to retire county school district bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

(3) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 67 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this section is made.

(b) Each resident of the Catoosa County school district who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on such person's homestead from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of such homestead. The value of that property in excess of such exempted amount shall remain subject to taxation.

(c) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax commissioner of Catoosa County, giving such person's age and such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable the tax commissioner of Catoosa County to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such

exemption. The tax commissioner of Catoosa County shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the tax commissioner of Catoosa County in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes, or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes. The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any other homestead exemption applicable to Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

(f) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The election superintendent of Catoosa County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Catoosa County school district for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the date of the 2026 general primary and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Catoosa County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes
( ) NO in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2027. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not

conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of July immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Catoosa County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the Catoosa County school district may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 534. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fairburn to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 536. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Fairburn; to provide for a short title and definitions; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for trust funds; to provide for charges; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for area of

operation; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 539. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption of $4,000.00 from all county school district ad valorem taxation, except taxes levied to retire bonded indebtedness, which applies to the homestead of each resident of the Gwinnett County school district actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead, approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4199), so as to increase said homestead exemption to $10,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 540. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide an additional homestead exemption from Gwinnett County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $2,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are certain public service employees, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4346), so as to expand such exemption to disabled veterans and all employees of the Gwinnett County School District and the Buford City School District; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 572. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th, Efstration of the 104th, McCollum of the 30th and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Braselton, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4319), so as to annex certain properties into the town; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 594. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Baker County, approved August 8, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 306), as amended, so as to provide that the board shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month and on such other days as it may determine; to provide for a meeting location to be set by local ordinance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 595. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Early County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for five years for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4267), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4464), so as to remove the sunset date currently on the exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 596. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Colquitt County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology

fee and dedication of residual funds to technology needs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 603. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Banks County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 608. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Muscogee County School District, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1086), as amended, so as to revise how vacancies on said board are filled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 619. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Donalsonville, approved April 29, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4524), as amended, so as to revise the election schedule for the mayor so as to better stagger elections of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for an interim term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 622. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Hoboken, Georgia, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3060), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 625. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Olaleye of the 59th, Schofield of the 63rd, Holland of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a State Court of Fulton County by consolidation of the existing Civil Court of Fulton County and the Criminal Court of Fulton County, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3023), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3518), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge and the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 640. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Au of the 50th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Alpharetta, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4609), as amended, so as to provide for election to city offices by majority vote; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 648. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Miller of the 62nd and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older, approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3696), so as to remove the income cap from such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 70. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within the City of Conyers, Georgia; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purpose of such districts; to provide for subsequent issues thereof; to provide for construction; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for the dissolution and reactivation of districts under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 77. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and a sunset; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes" means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Cartersville independent school district in this state, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Adjusted base year assessed value" means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) "Base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2026 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, with the additional qualification that it shall include not more than five contiguous acres of homestead property.

(5) "Inflation rate" means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the Bartow County tax commissioner in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(6) "Previous adjusted base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(7) "Substantial property change" means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this section, each resident of the City of Cartersville independent school district is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax commissioner of Bartow County as will enable the tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2025 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2026 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this section for that homestead without further application. The tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the tax commissioner of Bartow County in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, county school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, or municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the City of Cartersville independent school district. In any such event, the Bartow County tax commissioner shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the City of Cartersville independent school district.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the Bartow County tax commissioner shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of Bartow County for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the Bartow County tax commissioner determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of the City of Cartersville independent school district.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2030.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The election superintendent of Bartow County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Bartow County school district for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bartow County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes,
( ) NO with a five-year sunset, in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year

assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by Bartow County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the Bartow County school district may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

SB 78. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Hickman of the 4th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Tybee Island Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 83. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and a sunset; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes" means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the Bartow County school district in this state, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Adjusted base year assessed value" means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) "Base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2026 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2025, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, with the additional qualification that it shall include not more than five contiguous acres of homestead property.

(5) "Inflation rate" means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the Bartow County tax commissioner in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(6) "Previous adjusted base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(7) "Substantial property change" means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this section, each resident of the Bartow County school district is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the tax commissioner of Bartow County as will enable the tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that

any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2025 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2026 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this section for that homestead without further application. The tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the tax commissioner of Bartow County in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, or municipal ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the Bartow County school district. In any such event, the Bartow County tax commissioner shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the Bartow County school district.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the Bartow County tax commissioner shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of Bartow County for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the Bartow County tax commissioner determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of the Bartow County school district.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2030.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The election superintendent of Bartow County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the Bartow County school district for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bartow County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes,
( ) NO with a five-year sunset, in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by Bartow County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the Bartow County school district may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
E Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 20. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 29. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Hodges of the 3rd, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6A of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to provide for the collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; to revise provisions relating to the destruction of DNA profiles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 30. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dixon of the 45th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 and Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions and the Georgia Composite Medical Board, respectively, so as to prohibit prescribing or administering certain hormone therapies and puberty-blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited exceptions; to provide for a remedy for a parent or guardian of a minor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 31. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 46. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to improve government service delivery in this state; to provide for the appointment of a State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead within the Georgia Technology Authority to coordinate such efforts; to establish the powers and duties of such individual; to establish the heads of each state agency as responsible for the government service delivery of their agency and provide for related powers and duties; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 51. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to managerial control over acquisition of professional services, so as to expand such provisions to local governments; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 55. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 35th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to phase out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities; to repeal provisions concerning exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 56. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for the payment of indemnification claims; to provide for qualification standards for indemnification claims relating to certain deaths of public safety officers related to COVID-19; to provide for timing requirements for application of such indemnification claims; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 74. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors, so as to repeal an exemption for libraries and librarians from the provisions of Code Section 16-12-103, relating to selling, loaning, distributing, or exhibiting materials harmful to minors; to provide that any violation of such Code section shall be a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature when committed knowingly; to provide for a defense for librarians who make good faith attempts to identify and remove material harmful to minors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 85. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and

adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 111. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Rahman of the 5th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 139. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 151. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Development Authority of North Fulton Municipalities; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for directors of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 175. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting; to

provide for certain exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 185. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to prohibit the use of state funds or resources for certain treatments for state inmates; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Board of Corrections relating to such prohibitions and exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 195. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Parent of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide for the approval or development of a training program for pharmacists by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; to require pharmacists to complete such training program before dispensing preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 206. By Senators Summers of the 13th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the South Georgia Energy Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to provide for funds received and trust funds; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for imposition of rates, charges, fees, and the pledge of revenues; to provide for tax exemption of Authority property; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 234. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 235. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Whitfield County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 237. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the Newton County Public Facilities Authority, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3600), so as to revise provisions regarding contracts and borrowing of funds; to revise provisions regarding revenue bonds; to revise provisions regarding credit not pledged; to provide for distribution of assets of the authority upon dissolution; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 302. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Peach County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of 10 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for

compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 462. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to authorize Toombs County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 20. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 29. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Hodges of the 3rd, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6A of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to provide for the collection of DNA samples of individuals arrested for the commission of a felony at the time such individuals are booked or otherwise processed by a detention facility; to revise provisions relating to the destruction of DNA profiles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 30. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Dixon of the 45th, Dolezal of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 and Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions and the Georgia Composite Medical Board, respectively, so as to prohibit prescribing or administering certain hormone therapies and puberty-blocking medications for certain purposes to minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited exceptions; to provide for a remedy for a parent or guardian of a minor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 31. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 46. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to improve government service delivery in this state; to provide for the appointment of a State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead within the Georgia Technology Authority to coordinate such efforts; to establish the powers and duties of such individual; to establish the heads of each state agency as responsible for the government service delivery of their agency and provide for related powers and duties; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

SB 51. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to managerial control over acquisition of professional services, so as to expand such provisions to local governments; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 55. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 35th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to phase out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities; to repeal provisions concerning exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

SB 56. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for the payment of indemnification claims; to provide for qualification standards for indemnification claims relating to certain deaths of public safety officers related to COVID-19; to provide for timing requirements for application of such indemnification claims; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related

matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 74. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors, so as to repeal an exemption for libraries and librarians from the provisions of Code Section 16-12-103, relating to selling, loaning, distributing, or exhibiting materials harmful to minors; to provide that any violation of such Code section shall be a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature when committed knowingly; to provide for a defense for librarians who make good faith attempts to identify and remove material harmful to minors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 85. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 111. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Rahman of the 5th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for

security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

SB 139. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

SB 151. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Development Authority of North Fulton Municipalities; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for directors of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

SB 175. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 6th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 185. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to prohibit the use of state funds or resources for certain treatments for state inmates; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Board of Corrections relating to such prohibitions and exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 195. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Parent of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that pharmacists are authorized to dispense preexposure prophylaxis and postexposure prophylaxis under certain conditions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide for the approval or development of a training program for pharmacists by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; to require pharmacists to complete such training program before dispensing preexposure prophylaxis or postexposure prophylaxis; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 206. By Senators Summers of the 13th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the South Georgia Energy Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to provide for funds received and trust funds; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for imposition of rates, charges, fees, and the pledge of revenues; to provide for tax exemption of Authority property; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 234. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 235. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Whitfield County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 237. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the Newton County Public Facilities Authority, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3600), so as to revise provisions regarding contracts and borrowing of funds; to revise provisions regarding revenue bonds; to revise provisions regarding credit not pledged; to provide for distribution of assets of the authority upon dissolution; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 302. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Peach County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of 10 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jones of the 47th et al., Silcox of the 53rd, Cannon of the 58th et al., Clark of the 108th et al., Bell of the 75th et al., Scott of the 76th et al., Dickey of the 134th et al., Hugley of the 141st, Campbell of the 171st et al., Fleming of the 114th, Carter of the 93rd, and Park of the 107th.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 341. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; to provide for terms, conditions, and limitations; to provide for preapproval; to provide for aggregate annual limits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

HB 397. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the timelines for calling special elections and the dates on which special elections can be held; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 154. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Romman of the 97th, Clifton of the 131st, Mathis of the 133rd, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate ambulance services as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to designate ambulance services as an essential service in this state; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for the EMS Interstate Compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-11-13.

(a) Ambulance services, whether provided by a public, private nonprofit, or private for profit entity, are hereby declared to be essential services in this state.

(b) This Code section shall not be construed to:

(1) Revise or impact the provision of such services through local coordinating entities within territorial zones and health districts in this state; nor

(2) Grant new or additional authority, oversight, or regulatory power to any state agency or local government of this state.

(c) This Code section shall not conflict with or supplant Code Section 31-11-3, 31-11-4, or 38-3-71 or Georgia's status as a member of the EMS Interstate Compact."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 244. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Jackson of the 128th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-81-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to audit of financial affairs and transactions, contents, copy to state auditor, and public inspection, so as to provide for local governments to request and receive in certain circumstances due date extensions related to filing annual audits with the state auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to update and revise provisions, content, and form of annual audits by local governments; to authorize regulatory basis of accounting framework for certain annual audits; to authorize the state auditor to prescribe necessary forms and information contained in certain components of such audits; to provide for exceptions; to provide that constitutional county officers may be liable for the failure of their offices to assist counties in complying with audit requirements; to provide for the temporary withholding of compensation for certain officers for failing to assist counties in complying with audit requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, is amended by revising Code Section 36-81-7, relating to audit of financial affairs and transactions, contents, copy to state auditor, and public inspection, as follows:

"36-81-7.

(a)(1) The governing authority of each unit of local government having ~~a population in excess of 1,500 persons according to the latest estimate of population by the United States Bureau of the Census or its successor agency or~~ expenditures of ~~$550,000.00~~ $2.5 million or more shall provide for and cause to be made an annual audit of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local government for each fiscal year of the local government.

(2) The governing authority of each local unit of government not included in paragraph (1) of this subsection ~~shall~~ may provide for and cause to be made ~~the~~ an audit ~~required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection not less often than once every two fiscal years~~ using the special purpose framework prescribed by the state auditor. The state auditor shall develop reporting templates to be used by a local unit of government making a report pursuant to this paragraph and establish an effective date to begin reporting under the special purpose framework. ~~Audits performed pursuant to this paragraph shall be for both fiscal years.~~

(3)(A) The governing authority of each local unit of government having expenditures of ~~less than $550,000.00~~ $1 million or less in ~~that~~ such government's most recently ended fiscal year may elect to provide for and cause to be made, in lieu of the ~~biennial~~ audit otherwise ~~required under~~ provided for in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, an annual report of agreed upon procedures for that fiscal year. The agreed upon procedures shall include as a minimum: proof and reconciliation of cash, confirmation of cash balances, a listing of bank balances by bank, copies of financial statements and notes as prescribed by the state auditor, a statement of cash receipts and cash disbursements, a review of compliance with state law, and a report of agreed upon procedures. The annual report of agreed upon procedures performed pursuant to this paragraph shall not be used for more than four consecutive years. The governing authority of each local unit of government not included in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection shall, no less than every fifth year, provide for and cause to be made an audit of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local government in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

(B) Agreed ~~This agreed~~ upon procedures ~~report~~ reports or reports using the special purpose framework shall be in a format prescribed by the state auditor and shall constitute an annual audit report for purposes of and within the meaning of the requirements of subsections (d) through (g) of this Code section. The Department of Community Affairs is authorized to assist requesting local governments in preparing agreed upon procedures reports or special purpose framework reports required under this paragraph and in establishing record-keeping procedures needed in preparing those reports and is further authorized to charge those local governments reasonable fees for that assistance. To the extent that the state auditor is able to perform the agreed upon procedures, the governing body may contract with the state auditor.

(4) At the option of the governing authority, an audit may be made at a lesser interval than one year.

(5) In the event that a local unit of government presents evidence that in a particular fiscal year unusual circumstances resulted in expenditures exceeding the amounts provided for in this subsection, the state auditor shall be authorized for good cause shown to grant exceptions to the audit filing required under this subsection.

(b) The audits of each local government shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Each audit shall also contain a statement of any agreement or arrangement under which the local unit of government has assumed any

actual or potential liability for the obligations of any governmental or private agency, authority, or instrumentality. Such statement shall include the purpose of the agreement or arrangement, shall identify the agency, authority, or instrumentality upon whose obligations the unit of local government is or may become liable, and shall state the amount of actual liability and the maximum amount of potential liability of the local government under the agreement or arrangement. To the extent that the state auditor is able to provide comparable auditing services, the governing body may contract with the state auditor.

(c) All annual audit reports of local units of government shall contain at least the following:

(1) Financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, setting forth the financial condition and results of operation of each fund and activity of the local government and such financial statements shall be the representation of the local government; and

(2) The opinion of the performing auditor with respect to the financial statement; in addition to an explanation of any qualification or disclaimers contained in the opinion, such opinion shall also disclose, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, any apparent material violation of state or local law discovered during the audit; provided, however, that the state auditor may accept an adverse opinion on an audit if the basis of such adverse opinion is the result of a unit of local government making a report pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c.1)(1) The annual audit reports of a county or consolidated city-county government shall also contain financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, providing a detailed account of the supplemental official income and related expenditures of each county officer listed in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution, provided that such county officer is paid in whole or in part on a salary basis and over whom the county governing authority exercises budgetary authority; and such financial statements shall be the representation of such officers. Such officers shall be obligated to cooperate with the county or consolidated government in the preparation of such financial statements and audit reports and shall provide such government with all documentation the government deems necessary to prepare such financial statements or audit reports. ~~The failure of any such officer to cooperate with or provide required documentation to a county or consolidated government shall not result in any liability applying to such government.~~

(2) The opinion of the performing auditor with respect to the financial statement provided for in this subsection, in addition to an explanation of any qualifications or disclaimers contained in the opinion, shall also disclose, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, any apparent material violation of state or local law discovered during the audit of the supplemental official income of such county officers.

(3) As used in ~~For the purpose of~~ this subsection, the term 'supplemental official income' means all funds from any source other than funds appropriated by a county or

consolidated government that an individual or his or her office derives from performing duties that are within his or her official capacity as a county officer.

(d)(1) Each annual audit report of a local unit of government shall be completed and a copy of the report forwarded to the state auditor within 180 days after the close of the unit's fiscal year. In addition to the audit report, the local unit of government shall forward to the state auditor, within 30 days after the audit report due date, written comments on the findings and recommendations in the report, including a plan for corrective action taken or planned and comments on the status of corrective action taken on prior findings. If corrective action is not necessary, the written comments should include a statement describing the reason it is not. ~~In the case of units provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the audit reports for both fiscal periods shall be submitted within 180 days after the close of each second fiscal year and the written comments shall be submitted within 30 days after the audit report due date.~~

(2) The state auditor shall review the audit report and written comments submitted to the auditor's office to ensure that it meets the requirements for audits of local governments. If the state auditor finds the requirements for audits of local governments have not been complied with, the state auditor shall within 60 days of receipt of the audit or the written comments notify the governing authority and the auditor who performed the audit and shall submit to them a list of deficiencies to be corrected. A copy of this notification shall also be sent by the state auditor to each member of the General Assembly whose senatorial or representative district includes any part of the unit of local government.

(3) If the state auditor has not received any required audit or written comments by the date specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the state auditor shall within 30 days of such date notify the unit of local government that the audit has not been received as required by law. A copy of this notification shall also be sent by the state auditor to each member of the General Assembly whose senatorial or representative district includes any part of the unit of local government.

(4) The state auditor, for good cause shown by those local units in which an audit is in the process of being conducted or will promptly be conducted, may waive the requirement for completion of the audit within 180 days. Such waiver shall be for an additional period of not more than 180 days and no such waiver shall be granted for more than two successive years to the same unit of local government.

(5) No state agency shall make or transmit any state grant funds to any local government which has failed to provide all the audits required by law within the preceding five years.

(d.1)(1) County officers listed in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution shall be obligated to cooperate with the county or consolidated government in the preparation of financial statements and audit reports required by this Code section and shall provide such government with all documentation deemed necessary by the government to prepare such financial statements or audit reports.

(2) The failure of any such officer to cooperate with or provide required documentation to a county or consolidated government shall not result in any liability applying to such government, and the state auditor for good cause shown may waive the requirements of this Code section for either:

(A) A period of 90 days following a 180 day waiver granted pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Code section; or

(B) In the event that a 180 day waiver granted pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Code section was granted to such county or consolidated government in the previous two years, a period of 90 days following the deadline provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section.

The waiver provided for in this paragraph shall only be granted if the county or consolidated government's failure to timely file an audit is the result of the failure of one or more such officers to cooperate or provide documentation as required by this paragraph.

(3) In the event that a county or consolidated government fails to forward a copy of an audit or report to the state auditor within the time frame provided for in this Code section, and such failure is the result of the failure of a county officer listed in Article IX, Section I, Paragraph III(a) of the Constitution, other than judges of the probate court, to cooperate with such county or consolidated government in the preparation of such audit or report, the governing authority of such county or consolidated government, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, shall temporarily withhold 50 percent of the compensation paid to such officer from county funds until such time as such officer has provided all cooperation and information necessary for the filing of the audit or report. Within 14 days of such an audit or report being completed and forwarded to the state auditor, the governing authority of the county or consolidated government shall pay all such withheld compensation to the officer; provided, however, that such officer shall not be entitled to receive any interest or additional compensation related to such withheld funds.

(e) A copy of the report and of any comments made by the state auditor pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be maintained as a public record for public inspection during the regular working hours at the principal office of the local government. Those units of local government not having a principal office shall provide a notification to the public as to the location of and times during which the public may inspect the report.

(f) Upon a failure, refusal, or neglect to have an annual audit made, or a failure to file a copy of the annual audit report with the state auditor, or a failure to correct auditing deficiencies noted by the state auditor, the state auditor shall cause a prominent notice to be published in the legal organ of, and any other newspapers of general circulation within, the unit of local government. Such notice shall be a prominently displayed advertisement or news article and shall not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear. Such notice shall be published twice and shall state that the governing authority of the unit of local government has failed or refused, as the case may be, to file an audit report or to correct auditing deficiencies, as the case may be, for the fiscal year or years

in question. Such notice shall further state that such failure or refusal is in violation of state law.

(g) The state auditor may waive the requirement of correction of auditing deficiencies for a period of one year from the required audit filing date, provided evidence is presented that substantial progress is being made ~~towards~~ toward removing the cause of the need for the waiver. No such waiver for the same set of deficiencies shall be granted for more than two successive years to the same local government."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
N Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 309. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gunter of the 8th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county police, so as to require adoption of a resolution or ordinance and voter approval prior to abolishment of a police force that was created by such method; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	E Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	N Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower

E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 314. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Cannon of the 172nd and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to athletic trainers, so as to revise and update definitions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to require athletic training students to be under the direct supervision of a physician or licensed athletic trainer; to revise and update certification requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to athletic trainers, so as to revise and update definitions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to require athletic training students to be under the direct supervision of a physician or licensed athletic trainer; to revise and update certification requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to athletic trainers, is amended by revising Code Section 43-5-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"43-5-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Athletic injury' means any ~~injury~~ condition sustained by a person as a result of such person's participation in ~~exercises, sports, games, or recreational activities, or any~~ activities requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina without respect to where or how the ~~injury~~ condition occurs. Nothing in this

paragraph shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of an athletic trainer beyond the determination of the advising and consenting physician as provided for in paragraph (2) of this Code section.

(2) 'Athletic trainer' means a person with specific qualifications, as set forth in Code Sections 43-5-7 and 43-5-8 who, upon the advice and consent of a physician, carries out the practice of prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of athletic injuries; and, in carrying out these functions, the athletic trainer is authorized to use physical modalities, such as heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or mechanical devices related to prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, rehabilitation, and treatment. ~~Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require licensure of elementary or secondary school teachers, coaches, or authorized volunteers who do not hold themselves out to the public as athletic trainers.~~

(3) 'Board' means the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-5-6, relating to general powers and duties of the Georgia Board for Athletic Trainers, as follows:

"43-5-6.

(a) The board is authorized to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations consistent with this chapter which are necessary for the performance of its duties.

(b) The board shall prescribe application forms for license applications.

(c) The board shall establish guidelines for athletic trainers in the state and ~~prepare and conduct an~~ approve a certification examination for applicants for a license.

(d) The board shall adopt an official seal and the form of a license certificate of suitable design."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-5-7, relating to license requirement for persons engaged as athletic trainers, as follows:

"43-5-7.

No person shall hold himself or herself out as an athletic trainer or perform the services of an athletic trainer, as defined in this chapter, without first obtaining a license under this chapter. Nothing~~; provided, however, that nothing~~ in this chapter shall be construed to prevent any person enrolled in an accredited athletic training educational program recognized by the board from serving as ~~a student trainer, assistant trainer, or any similar position~~ an athletic training student if such service is ~~not primarily for compensation~~ following the accredited program's standards for clinical education and is carried out under the direct supervision of a physician or a licensed athletic trainer. As used in this Code section, the term 'direct supervision' means that the supervising athletic trainer or physician is physically present in the facility where athletic training students assisting with athletic training services are located and is immediately available to assist the person being supervised."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-5-8, relating to qualifications of applicants and reciprocity, as follows:

"43-5-8.

(a) An applicant for an athletic trainer's license ~~must have met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved~~ shall be a graduate of an accredited educational program that prepares athletic trainers recognized by the board ~~and give proof of graduation~~ or shall submit, in a manner prescribed by the board, equivalent educational credentials as approved by the board.

(b) The board shall be authorized to grant a license, without examination, to any qualified athletic trainer holding a license in another state if such other state recognizes licensees of this state in the same manner.

(c) The board may grant a license without examination to any qualified applicant who holds a certification from the ~~National Athletic Trainers Board of Certification~~ Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or its successor.

~~(d) Any person who was issued a license prior to July 1, 2004, shall remain qualified for licensure, notwithstanding the requirement for proof of graduation in subsection (a) of this Code section, so long as the license remains current.~~"

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Cooper	N Hawkins	N Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	Y McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	N Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	N Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	N Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 93, nays 77.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 197. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail the effort that shall be made by treating health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 174, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 77. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cameron of the 1st, Richardson of the 125th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right of way for operators of motor vehicles, so as to revise responsibilities of motor vehicle operators when encountering a funeral procession on a two-lane highway; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 144. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a tax credit for certain medical preceptor rotations; to add dentistry; to increase the value of the tax credit; to revise definitions; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to extend the sunset provision for such tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 161	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 237	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 390	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 430	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 447	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 483	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 533	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 535	Do Pass
HB 582	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 626	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 627	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 129. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Meeks of the 178th was excused from voting on HB 129.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 465. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Neal of the 79th, Stephens of the 164th, Sharper of the 177th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide alert system for missing disabled adults, so as to provide for the "Autism Missing Person Alert System Act"; to provide for certain entities to cooperate in the development of the alert system; to provide for requirements for the alert system; to provide for requirements for the activation of the alert system; to provide for the geographic scope of such alert; to provide for an emphasis on the search of waterways in locating missing individuals with autism spectrum disorder; to provide for a limitation on liability for participants responding to the alert system; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for conforming changes; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide alert system for missing disabled adults, so as to provide for persons with autism spectrum disorder to be included in the "Mattie's Call" alert system; to provide for an emphasis on the search of waterways in locating missing persons with autism spectrum disorder; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for conforming changes; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by revising Article 7, relating to state-wide alert system for missing disabled adults, as follows:

"ARTICLE 7

35-3-170.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Mattie's Call Act.'

35-3-171.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Alert system' means the state-wide 'Mattie's Call' alert system for missing disabled adults, ~~and~~ medically endangered persons, and persons with autism spectrum disorder.

(2) 'Autism spectrum disorder' means a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties with social interaction, communication challenges, and restricted or repetitive patterns of behavior.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Disabled adult' means an adult who is developmentally impaired or who suffers from dementia or some other cognitive impairment.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Local law enforcement agency' means a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing disabled adult or other medically endangered person.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Medically endangered person' means a person with a known medical condition that might reasonably cause such person to become incapacitated or that may result in life-threatening physiological conditions likely to lead to serious bodily injury or death if not immediately treated.

35-3-172.

(a) With the cooperation of the office of the Governor, the Georgia Lottery Corporation, and other appropriate law enforcement agencies in this state, the bureau shall develop and implement a state-wide alert system to be activated on behalf of missing disabled adults, ~~and~~ medically endangered persons, and persons with autism spectrum disorder.

(b) Activation of a state-wide missing person alert system shall not prevent or prohibit any other state or local law enforcement agency from taking additional measures in response to the receipt of a missing person report.

35-3-173.
(a) The director is the state-wide coordinator of the alert system.
(b) The director shall adopt rules and issue directives as necessary to ensure proper implementation of the alert system. The rules and directives shall include instructions on the procedures for activating and deactivating the alert system.
(c) The director shall prescribe forms for use by local law enforcement agencies in requesting activation of the alert system.
(d) No rule or directive adopted by the director shall mandate a minimum waiting period before the alert system may be activated or a request by local law enforcement agencies may be submitted to the bureau; provided, however, that it shall remain within the discretion of the director, as provided in this article, whether the alert system shall be activated at the request of a local law enforcement agency.
(e) When making a determination whether to activate or whether to request the activation of a state-wide missing person alert system, both the director and the requesting local law enforcement agency shall take into consideration the known medical condition of the missing person if the medical condition may reasonably be considered a cause for the inability to locate such missing person. In so considering the medical condition of a missing person, particularly if such condition may be immediately life-threatening or incapacitating, the director or other authorized person and the requesting law enforcement official shall be authorized, within his or her discretion, to initiate and request, respectively, a state-wide endangered person advisory.

35-3-174.
The staff of personal care homes and assisted living communities shall call the local police department to report the elopement of any disabled ~~person~~ adult, medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder from the home within 30 minutes of the staff's receiving actual knowledge that such person is missing from the home.

35-3-175.
(a) The bureau shall recruit public and commercial television, radio, cable, print, and other media, private commercial entities, state or local governmental entities, the public, and other appropriate persons to assist in developing and implementing the alert system.
(b) The bureau may enter into agreements with participants in the alert system to provide necessary support for the alert system.

35-3-176.
(a) On notification by a local law enforcement agency that a disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder is missing, the director shall

activate the alert system and notify appropriate participants in the alert system, as established by rule, if:

(1) A local law enforcement agency believes that a disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder is missing;

(2) A local law enforcement agency believes that the disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder is in immediate danger of serious bodily injury or death;

(3) A local law enforcement agency confirms that an investigation has taken place that verifies the disappearance and eliminates alternative explanations for the ~~disabled adult's or medically endangered person's~~ disappearance of the disabled adult, medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder; and

(4) Sufficient information is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder.

(b) The area of the alert may be less than state wide if the director determines that the nature of the event makes it probable that the disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder did not leave a certain geographic location.

(c) The bureau may modify the criteria described by subsection (a) of this Code section as necessary for the proper implementation of the alert system.

35-3-177.

Before requesting activation of the alert system, a law enforcement agency shall verify that the criteria described by subsection (a) of Code Section 35-3-176 have been satisfied. The law enforcement agency shall assess the appropriate boundaries of the alert, based on the nature of the disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder and the circumstances surrounding the disappearance. On verification of the criteria, the law enforcement agency shall immediately contact the bureau to request activation and shall supply the necessary information on the forms prescribed by the director.

35-3-178.

(a) A state agency participating in the alert system shall:

(1) Cooperate with the bureau and assist in developing and implementing the alert system;

(2) Establish a plan for providing relevant information to its officers, investigators, or employees, as appropriate, once the alert system has been activated; and

(3) Utilize a rapid response telephone system that alerts residents in a targeted area.

(b) The Georgia Lottery Corporation is directed to develop a method of notifying its vendors within an alert area of an alert in a manner designed to disseminate alert information to customers at its retail locations.

(c) Any activation of the alert system for a missing person with autism spectrum disorder pursuant to this article shall:

(1) Issue guidance to local law enforcement agencies engaged in a search for the missing person to prioritize waterways, including lakes, rivers, pools, ditches, and other potential water sources;
(2) Advise the public to check roadways for any sign of the missing person;
(3) Describe the missing person as clearly as possible;
(4) Provide a last known location for the missing person; and
(5) Provide any information on the distinctive behaviors associated with autism spectrum disorder that may assist in identifying the missing person.

35-3-179.
The director shall terminate any activation of the alert system with respect to a particular disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder if:
(1) The person is located or the disappearance is otherwise resolved; or
(2) The director determines that the alert system is no longer an effective tool for locating and recovering the disabled adult, ~~or~~ medically endangered person, or person with autism spectrum disorder.

35-3-180.
(a) Any entity or individual participating in the 'Mattie's call' alert system pursuant to this article shall not be liable for any civil damages arising from the dissemination of any alert generated pursuant to the 'Mattie's call' alert system.
(b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit or restrict in any way any legal protection an individual or entity may have under any other law for disseminating any information."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 481. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 165th, Petrea of the 166th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. William Nettles Wessinger; and for other purposes.

HR 482. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Esther Perkins-Frazier; and for other purposes.

HR 483. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Ballard of the 147th, Carter of the 93rd, Glaize of the 67th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Christy Todd, Georgia's 2024 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 484. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Cannon of the 58th and Frye of the 122nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia State University; and for other purposes.

HR 485. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION commending Combat Boots 2 Boardroom for its dedication to empowering veterans and recognizing March 11, 2025, as Combat Boots 2 Boardroom Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 486. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Brantley County girls tennis team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class AA State Girls Tennis Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 487. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Jonathon Westberry and Dallon Lowe for winning the 2024 GHSA Class AA Traditional Wrestling State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 488. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Yearta of the 152nd, Campbell of the 171st, Williams of the 148th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center; and for other purposes.

HR 489. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Bazemore of the 69th, Cannon of the 58th, Cummings of the 39th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Brinca Y. McMickens for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 490. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Okoye of the 102nd, Holly of the 116th, Adeyina of the 110th, Adesanya of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending World Coming Together To Make A Difference; and for other purposes.

HR 491. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the South Forsyth High School co-ed cheer team, the 2024 GHSA Class 6A Cheer State Champions; and for other purposes.

HR 492. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the West Forsyth High School boys swim team, the 2024 GHSA Class 6A 4x100 Freestyle Relay State Champions; and for other purposes.

HR 493. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Cox of the 28th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Tim Hyrbu of West Forsyth High School, the 2024 GHSA Class 6A Heavyweight Boys Wrestling State Champion; and for other purposes.

HR 494. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Addie Speigner of West Forsyth High School, the 2024 GHSA Class 6A Girls 100m Fly Individual State Champion; and for other purposes.

HR 495. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Dexter Percil; and for other purposes.

HR 496. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Contessa Metcalfe; and for other purposes.

HR 497. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Winston "Gypsy" Peters; and for other purposes.

HR 498. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Atlanta City Councilman Byron D. Amos; and for other purposes.

HR 499. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Neil "Iwer" George; and for other purposes.

HR 500. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pharaoh Kelley; and for other purposes.

HR 501. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Lim of the 98th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Reyes Martinez; and for other purposes.

HR 502. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Lim of the 98th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Student Council of Summerour Middle School; and for other purposes.

HR 503. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Ridley of the 6th, Wiedower of the 121st, Gaines of the 120th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Delane Roberts on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House stood at ease until 1:45 o'clock, this afternoon.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 185	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 342	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 504	Do Pass	HB 512	Do Pass
HB 630	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 632	Do Pass
HB 635	Do Pass	HR 392	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 325. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Bonner of the 73rd, Reeves of the 99th, Clark of the 100th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Protective Order Registry, so as to revise certain definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for processes for protective orders to be issued by military judges that prohibit contact between specific members of the state militia in the instance that one member of such militia has been accused of stalking by another member of such militia; to amend Part 7 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trial procedures of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for contempt; to amend Part 10 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to punitive provisions of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for courts-martial; to provide for definitions;

to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 348. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Burchett of the 176th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 14 and 41 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic stock and mutual insurers and captive insurance companies, respectively, so as to expand the lines of insurance or reinsurance in which a limited purpose subsidiary and captive insurance company may engage; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 123. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has intellectual disability; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice of intent to claim intellectual disability; to provide for pretrial determination of intellectual disability; to provide for verdicts; to provide for capital case procedures; to provide for reports investigating reversible error; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 304. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to create the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for funding of the council; to provide for the status of the council and its members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade

Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 37. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Ballard of the 147th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide notice to employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for inclusion in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 180. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts, so as to modify certain requirements for probate judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 406. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to increase the retirement age of superior court judges first taking office on or after July 1, 2026; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for the payment of monthly retirement benefits for creditable service as a superior court judge at the age of 65 years; to provide for calculation of benefits for individuals who first become members after the effective date of this Act; to provide for calculation of survivors benefits; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, is amended by revising Code Section 47-23-45, relating to effect of change in employment, as follows:

"47-23-45.

Any member of this retirement system shall be entitled to remain as a member by holding any position or office covered by the fund and shall receive full credit for all service as a member despite his or her change from one position or office to another covered by the fund. Upon becoming eligible for retirement, however, retirement benefits shall be determined in accordance with Code Sections 47-23-101 ~~and~~, 47-23-102, and 47-23-102.1."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-102, relating to vesting, benefits upon retirement, and compliance with federal income tax laws, as follows:

"47-23-102.

(a) This Code section shall only apply to an individual who first became a member before the effective date of this Act.

(b) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring on or after July 1, 1996, and any member who was retired on July 1, 1996, with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached ~~age~~ 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this or the predecessor retirement system. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's right to his or her retirement allowance is nonforfeitable upon attainment of normal retirement age. Any member who was retired on July 1, 1996, with more than 16 years of creditable service shall receive in July, 1998, a one-time benefit payment equal to two times the product of 1 percent of the salary paid to such judge at the time of his or her retirement multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in excess of 16 years.

~~(b)~~(c) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"47-23-102.1.

(a) This Code section shall only apply to an individual who first becomes a member on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) The right of a member to receive benefits under this chapter shall vest after the member obtains ten years of creditable service; provided, however, that no member shall receive a retirement benefit prior to attaining the age of 60 years. Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of this title, a member's accumulated contributions shall be 100 percent vested and nonforfeitable at all times. Any member retiring with 16 years or more of creditable service shall receive a benefit equal to 66.66 percent, plus 1 percent for each year of creditable service over 16 years, of the member's salary; provided, however, that no member shall receive more than 24 years of creditable service. Any member retiring with less than 16 years of creditable service may retire at a reduced benefit pursuant to Code Section 47-23-103. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, normal retirement age under this retirement system shall be the date the member has reached 60 years of age, provided that he or she has at least ten years of creditable service. For purposes of Section 402(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code regarding distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers, normal retirement age shall be the earliest date when the member has satisfied the requirements for a retirement under this retirement system.

(c) On the effective date of a member's retirement, as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 47-23-103, such member's monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated as follows:

(1) If a member is over the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, or has attained the age of 65 years after his or her effective date of retirement, such member shall receive the full amount of the benefit calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(2) If a member has not yet attained the age of 65 years on his or her effective date of retirement, the monthly retirement benefit shall be calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section using only the years of creditable service attributable to such member's service in any covered position except for as a superior court judge.

(d) The board is authorized to provide by rule or regulation for the payment of benefits to members or beneficiaries of the retirement system at a time and under circumstances not provided for in this chapter to the extent that such payment is required to maintain the retirement system as a qualified retirement plan for the purposes of federal income tax laws and regulations."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-103, relating to retirement based on age and application to retire, as follows:

"47-23-103.

(a) In lieu of retirement at the benefit level provided by Code Section 47-23-102 or 47-23-102.1, a member may retire at any time after attaining the age of 60 years and after obtaining a minimum of ten years of creditable service. The monthly retirement benefit for such early retirement shall be a percentage of either the benefit under Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before the effective date of this Act or the benefit under subsection (c) of Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member on or after the effective date of this Act, and such percentage shall be the proportion which the number of years of creditable service the member has in the retirement system bears to 16.

(b) The effective date of retirement shall be the first day of the month in which the application is received by the board of trustees, provided that no retirement shall, in any case, be effective earlier than the first day of the month following the final month of the applicant's employment. Applications for retirement shall not be accepted more than 90 days in advance of the effective date of retirement."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 47-23-104, relating to disability, determination of benefits, and determining disability, as follows:

"47-23-104.

(a) After obtaining a minimum of four years of creditable service, any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of his or her office shall be entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit which shall be one-half of the maximum retirement benefits provided by Code Section 47-23-102 or 47-23-102.1 for 16 years of service, unless the member would otherwise qualify for a greater benefit under Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before the effective date of this Act, Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member on or after the effective date of this Act, or Code Section 47-23-103, in which event the Code section providing the highest benefit would apply.

(b) After obtaining a minimum of ten years of actual service, any member who becomes totally and permanently disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to perform the duties of his or her office shall be entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit which shall be two-thirds of the maximum retirement benefits provided by Code Section 47-23-102 or 47-23-102.1.

(c) The disability of any member applying for disability retirement benefits shall be determined by the board in the same manner and under the same procedure as disability of state employees is determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Disability retirement benefits shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month the member resigns as a result of the disability."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-105.1, relating to modification of retirement allowance, as follows:

"47-23-105.1.

(a) The provisions of this Code section shall apply only to persons who become members of this retirement system on or after July 1, 2012.

(b) A member may make a one-time election to convert the retirement allowance otherwise payable to him or her into a modified retirement allowance of equivalent actuarial value and designate a natural person to receive a survivors benefit in accordance with one of the options set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection. Such retirement allowance shall be actuarially reduced in accordance to the designated survivor's projected life span. For any member whose benefit amount is calculated pursuant to Code Section 47-23-102.1, such actuarial adjustment shall account for any increase in the benefit amount accruing to such member when he or she attains the age of 65 years. Such actuarial adjustment shall be computed upon the basis of the mortality tables and rates of interest last adopted by the board of trustees. Such election may be made only after the member has become eligible to retire and before the first payment of his or her retirement allowance normally becomes due. Such election shall be irrevocable except as otherwise provided in this Code section.

(1) Option one, known as the 100 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the same rate throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor.

(2) Option two, known as the 66 2/3 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the rate of two-thirds the reduced retirement allowance throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor.

(3) Option three, known as the 50 percent joint and survivor option, shall consist of a reduced retirement allowance which is payable during the life of the retired member and which, upon his or her death, shall be continued at the rate of one-half the reduced retirement allowance throughout the life of and paid to the designated survivor.

(4) Option four, known as the pop-up option, shall be the election of options one, two, or three, with the added provision that in the event the designated survivor predeceases the retired member, the retirement allowance payable to the retired member after the death of the designated survivor shall be equal to the maximum retirement allowance which the retired member would have been entitled to receive under this chapter had such election not been made.

(c) In the event a member is not married at the time he or she retires and the retired member does not elect a survivor's option and such member subsequently marries, the retired member may elect to begin receiving an actuarially reduced benefit of equivalent value and establish on behalf of the newly acquired spouse an option under this Code section. Such election shall be made within six months after the marriage.

(d) In the event a retired member makes an election under subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of a spouse and such spouse predeceases the retired member and the retired member subsequently remarries, the retired member may elect to begin receiving an actuarially reduced benefit of equivalent value and establish on behalf of a new designated survivor pursuant to an option under this Code section.

(e) In the event a retired member makes an election under subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of a spouse and a final judgment of complete divorce from the spouse is entered, then:

(1) The retired member may elect to continue the optional allowance with the former spouse designated to receive all amounts and benefits upon the death of the retired member; or

(2) The retired member may revoke the appointment of such spouse as a beneficiary; provided, however, that in such event the retirement benefit received by the retired member shall not increase. Such revocation may be made at any time after the entry of the final judgment of divorce. If the retired member elects to revoke the election, the spouse shall be treated in the same manner as if he or she had predeceased the retired member under subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) If an active vested member of this retirement system dies and is survived by a legal spouse, such spouse shall receive a benefit as if the member has retired on the date of his or her death, had attained the age of 65, and had elected option three."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 47-23-106, relating to county supplement of salaries, as follows:

"47-23-106.

(a) Whenever any county within a judicial circuit supplements the state salary paid to active superior court judges or the district attorney of said circuit, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized, but not required, to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any retired superior court judge or district attorney of said circuit who is receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter or to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any beneficiary of any deceased superior court judge or district attorney.

(b) Whenever any county which has a state court supplements the salary of the judges or solicitors-general of such court, the governing authority of such county shall be authorized, but not required, to supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any retired state court judge of such court who is receiving benefits pursuant to this chapter or supplement the benefit being paid pursuant to this chapter to any beneficiary of any deceased state court judge.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section, for any single county judicial circuit where the county site is located in an unincorporated area of the county and the county governing authority has constructed one or more permanent satellite courthouses within the county, said county shall supplement the benefit amount being paid pursuant to this chapter to any district attorney who retired from such circuit.

The amount of the supplement shall be determined by multiplying the benefit percentage he or she earned pursuant to Code Section 47-23-102 if such member first became a member before the effective date of this Act or Code Section 47-23-102.1 if such member first became a member on or after the effective date of this Act at retirement together with the aggregate county salary supplement being paid to the active district attorney on the date that he or she begins receiving a retirement benefit or the supplement paid to the retiring district attorney upon his or her last day of service as district attorney, whichever is greater. The supplement shall not be payable to a spouse or survivor pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 47-23-105."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 79. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Cooper of the 45th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain eligible expenses incurred for firearm safe handling instructional courses and firearm secure storage devices; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval by the department; to prohibit the creation of certain lists or databases; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain eligible expenses incurred for firearm safe handling instructional courses and firearm secure storage devices; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval by the department; to prohibit the creation of certain lists or databases; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a short title; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Firearm Safe Handling and Secure Storage Tax Credit Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.11A.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Eligible expenses' means expenses incurred by an individual taxpayer during the taxable year for the:

(A) Purchase of one or more firearm secure storage devices for his or her personal use or donation; and

(B) Cost of a firearm safe handling instructional course.

(2) 'Firearm' means any handgun, shotgun, rifle, or other weapon that will be converted or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel single or multiple projectiles by action of an explosion of a combustible material.

(3) 'Firearm safe handling instructional course' means an in-person training of at least two hours in duration that includes, but is not limited to, instruction on safe handling, use, and storage of firearms.

(4) 'Firearm secure storage device' means any device originally manufactured to securely store or disable a firearm and which may only be unlocked by means of a key, a combination, a fingerprint or other biometric identifier, or other similar means. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, gun safes, trigger locks, chamber locks, and cable locks.

(b)(1) Under the terms and conditions of this Code section, an individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in the amount of such taxpayer's eligible expenses or $300.00, whichever is less.

(2) In no event shall the aggregate limit of tax credits allowed under this Code section for any year exceed $10 million.

(c)(1) The department shall develop a procedure to be followed in the preapproval of any tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(2) An individual taxpayer seeking a tax credit pursuant to this Code section shall apply to the department for preapproval of such tax credit. Such taxpayer shall specify the taxable year for which he or she is seeking a tax credit.

(3) Individual taxpayers that properly apply for preapproval of such tax credit following the procedure developed by the department shall be approved on a first-come, first served basis until the aggregate limit for such tax credits is reached for that year.

(4) The department shall preapprove tax credits for each preapproval application within 30 days and in the received order of submitted applications. Such preapproved tax credits shall be in the amount of $300.00 for each preapproval application.

(5) In the event that an individual taxpayer applies for preapproval and the amount of tax credits available for the taxable year are not sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the department shall deny such taxpayer's request and shall not accept any additional preapproval applications from taxpayers for the taxable year.

(6) No individual taxpayer shall be preapproved for a tax credit pursuant to this Code section more than once in the lifetime of the taxpayer; provided, however, that nothing

in this Code section shall be construed to prevent an individual taxpayer from applying for preapproval more than once.

(d)(1) For a tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section, an individual taxpayer shall maintain receipts for purchases or costs relative to the eligible expenses for three years following the submission of the taxpayer's tax return claiming such tax credit. Such receipts shall be made available upon request for review by the commissioner.

(2) No individual taxpayer shall be allowed credits pursuant to this Code section which exceed a total of $300.00 in the lifetime of the taxpayer.

(e) In no event shall the total amount of any tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. No unused tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(f) No person shall create any list of names regarding persons who have applied for or have been allowed a tax credit pursuant to this Code section except for purposes necessary to the administration of such credit.

(g) The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation and administration of the provisions of this Code section.

(h) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2031."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	E Smith, TP

Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	E Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 8.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 27th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 175 Education; employee comprehensive background checks for early care and education programs and Head Start programs; revise provisions (Ed-Jones-25th)

HB 179 Appellate practice; digital recording of certain trial proceedings; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Smith-18th)

HB 200 State Board of Education; establish a three-year pilot immersive writing program for eligible public elementary schools; provide (Substitute) (Ed-Bazemore-69th)

HB 219 Professions and businesses; establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; authorize (RegI-Stephens-164th)

HB 225 Motor vehicles; enforcement of speeding violations in school zones through automated traffic enforcement safety devices; repeal all laws (MotV-Washburn-144th)

HB 235 Georgia Supporting Living Donor Educators Act; enact (Substitute) (Ed-Townsend-179th)

HB 238 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; create and maintain an at-risk adult training course focusing on officer response to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia (Substitute)(PS&HS-Lumsden-12th)

HB 268 Education; safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; provide (Substitute)(Ed-Persinger-119th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2328S)

HB 322 Ga. Board of Dentistry; issuance of a dental or dental hygiene license for the sole purpose of teaching in an accredited dental, dental hygiene school, or academic medical center; revise provisions (Substitute) (Hth-Hawkins-27th)

HB 339 Motor vehicles; exempt ride share drivers or ride share network services from definition of motor carrier (Substitute)(Judy-Leverett-123rd)

HB 340 Distraction-Free Education Act; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Hilton-48th)

HB 369 Motor vehicles; sale of food or beverages; provide vehicle equipment standards (Substitute)(MotV-Sharper-177th)

HB 426 Courts; nonpartisan election of magistrates; provide (Judy-New-40th)

HB 432 Game and fish; Georgia turkey stamps; provide (Substitute) (GF&P-Kelley-16th)

HB 443 Game and fish; fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; provide (GF&P-Petrea-166th)

HB 449 Public utilities; subject certain companies providing water services to regulation by Public Service Commission (Substitute) (A&CA-Rhodes-124th)

HB 455 Bingo; properties used for games; limit number of sessions; provisions (RegI-Powell-33rd)

HB 515 Augusta Judicial Circuit; superior courts; provide for a sixth judge (Judy-Newton-127th)

HB 516 State government; authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference (Substitute)(SP&CA-New-40th)

HB 551 Motor vehicles; conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits; provide (Substitute)(MotV-Ridley-6th)

HB 563 Motor vehicles; authorize licensed physical therapists to certify an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals (MotV-Bennett-94th)

HB 569 Labor and industrial relations; employment security; benefits and appeals; revise certain notice provisions (I&L-Howard-71st)

HB 575 Transportation, Department of; authorize notice of certain public hearings by electronic publication (Substitute)(Trans-McCollum-30th)

HB 584 Health; reassign licensing and oversight of certain treatments and programs from Departments of Community Health to Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (P&CH-Petrea-166th)

HB 651 Motor vehicles; use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; revise provisions (MotV-Powell-33rd) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 4729S)

Structured Rule

HB 297 Ad valorem tax; define multipurpose off-highway vehicle; provisions (W&M-Anderson-10th)

HB 463 Ad valorem tax; certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments; provide homestead exemption (Substitute) (W&M-Blackmon-146th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 268. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to create an Office of Safe Schools within the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide technical assistance for local school systems to develop policies and procedures for their threat management teams; to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to

terroristic threats and acts and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of threatening the death of or serious injury to individuals who are or likely to be at school; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to provide for reimbursement grants to local school systems that hire qualified behavioral health coordinators; to provide for youth violence and suicide awareness and prevention training requirements, including Tier 1 and Tier 2 behavioral health training; to require public school safety plans to be updated with behavioral threat assessment management plans; to require positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention programs and initiatives for certain low-performing elementary and secondary and middle schools; to provide for the transfer of student records and other information among schools, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies with legal interests in students; to repeal references to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as legal custodian of school age children and to make conforming changes; to require memoranda of understanding between certain state agencies and local units of administration to include provisions relevant to the disclosure of student information; to provide for the release of student information from certain state agencies to local units of administration; to authorize RESAs to participate in dispute resolution procedures; to provide for the designation of RESA student affairs officers; to provide for the Department of Education's chief privacy officer to promulgate a guidance document relevant to sharing student records and other information; to provide for the release of student education records by local boards of education and local education agencies; to provide for certain student education records to be deemed critical records; to provide for the transfer of student education records, including critical records, to receiving schools; to provide for required disclosures; to provide for provisional enrollment at receiving schools; to provide for the transfer of students seeking enrollment in any grade higher than fifth grade; to provide for case management consultations; to provide for policies and implementation; to provide for school administrators to disclose certain information regarding students with the students' assigned classroom teachers; to provide for such information to remain confidential; to provide for local boards of education to petition courts to require parents to authorize the release of a transferring student's education records; to provide for a penalty; to provide for mandatory assessments when certain students withdraw from or stop attending school; to update the "Parents' Bill of

Rights"; to provide for access to and transferring student education records; to require written agreements for law enforcement officers in school to include specific terms and conditions relevant to the handling and disclosure of student information; to require the Department of Education to publish model terms and conditions; to revise provisions regarding disrupting and interfering with certain public school operations; to provide for a system of discipline; to provide for investigations; to revise felony provisions regarding individuals attending the same school; to provide for school safety plans to address behavioral health needs of students; to create an Office of Safe Schools within the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to establish school safety best practices for local school systems; to ensure each local school system has a threat management team; to provide technical assistance for local school systems to develop policies and procedures for their threat management teams; to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to provide state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicators; to procure a state-wide behavioral threat assessment management system, known as the School and Student Safety Database or S3 Database, to collect and integrate data to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or students, to provide and coordinate state resources to assist local school systems to make timely and methodical school based threat assessment and management decisions, and to help local districts coordinate intervention and services for such students; to evaluate each local school system's use of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to adopt a school safety compliance inspection report; to ensure the S3 Database provides local school systems and their threat management teams with all available data pertaining to their jurisdiction; to provide for a process for the closure of a student's case from the S3 database; to provide all of the aforementioned services and assistance to private schools upon request; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of threatening the death of or serious injury to individuals who are or likely to be at school; to provide for parents and legal guardians to be charged as a person concerned in the commission of such offense; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-133, relating to free public instruction, exceptions, eligibility, and procedure and requirements when child in custody of or in a placement or facility of a state agency, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) Any child, except as otherwise specifically provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, who is:

(i) In the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services;

(ii) In a placement operated by the Department of Human Services ~~or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~;

(iii) In a facility or placement paid for by the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, ~~or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services; or

(iv) Placed in a psychiatric residential treatment facility by his or her parent or legal guardian pursuant to a physician's order, if such child is not a home study, private school, or out-of-state student

and who is physically present within the geographical area served by a local unit of administration for any length of time is eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of that local unit of administration; provided, however, that the child meets the age eligibility requirements established by this article. Except for children who are committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and receiving education services under Code Section 20-2-2084.1, the local unit of administration of the school district in which such child is present shall be responsible for the provision of all educational programs, including special education and related services, at no charge so long as the child is physically present in the school district.

(B) A child shall be considered in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services, if custody has been awarded either temporarily or permanently by court order or by voluntary agreement, or if the child has been admitted or placed according to an individualized treatment or service plan of the Department of Human Services or the Division of Family and Children Services. ~~A child shall be considered in a facility or placement paid for or operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities if the child has been admitted or placed according to an individualized treatment or service plan of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or its contractors.~~

(C) A facility providing educational services onsite to a child described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph who is unable to leave such facility shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local unit of administration in which the facility is located. Such memorandum of understanding shall include, at a minimum, provisions regarding enrollment counting procedures, allocation of funding based on actual days of enrollment in the facility, ~~and~~ the party responsible for employing teachers, and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the disclosure of the child's education records, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-670. A memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed and renewed at least every two years; provided, however, that, if any memorandum of understanding in place on July 1, 2025, does not include such provisions regarding

the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the disclosure of the child's education records, such memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed and updated by no later than October 1, 2025.

(D) No child in a secure residential facility as defined in Code Section 15-11-2, regardless of his or her custody status, shall be eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of the local unit of administration of the school district in which such facility is located. No child or youth in the custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice and confined in a facility as a result of a sentence imposed by a court shall be eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of the local unit of administration of the school district where such child or youth is being held; provided, however, that such child or youth may be eligible for enrollment in a state charter school pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2084.1.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, placement in a facility by another local unit of administration shall not create an obligation, financial or otherwise, on the part of the local unit of administration in which the facility is located to educate the child.

(3) For any child described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the custodian of or placing agency for the child shall notify the appropriate local unit of administration at least five days in advance of the move, when possible, when the child is to be moved from one local unit of administration to another.

(4) When the custodian of or placing agency for any child notifies a local unit of administration, as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, that the child may become eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of a local unit of administration, such local unit of administration shall request the transfer of the ~~educational~~ education records and Individualized Education Programs and all education related evaluations, assessments, social histories, and observations of the child from the appropriate local unit of administration no later than ~~ten~~ five days after receiving notification. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the custodian of the records has the obligation to transfer ~~these~~ such records and the local unit of administration has the right to receive, review, and utilize ~~these~~ such records. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, upon the request of a local unit of administration responsible for providing educational services to a child described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services shall furnish to the local unit of administration all medical and ~~educational~~ education records in the possession of the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services pertaining to any such child~~, except where consent of a parent or legal guardian is required in order to authorize the release of any of such records, in which event the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or the Department of Human~~

~~Services shall obtain such consent from the parent or guardian prior to such release~~. Such records shall include, but shall not be limited to, any record that such student:

(A) Has ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(B) Is currently serving a short-term suspension, a long-term suspension, or an expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of such discipline;

(C) Is currently the subject of a notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754; or

(D) Is currently or has ever been the subject of a:

(i) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(ii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iii) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(iv) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184.

(5) In the event that the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services contends that any record provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection cannot be released without consent of a parent or legal guardian, such agency shall:

(A) Within five days after receiving a request for records under this subsection:

(i) Release all records not subject to such restriction;

(ii) Provide in writing to the local unit of administration and the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which such local unit of administration is located a list that identifies each record that such agency contends is subject to such restriction and the legal basis for such restriction; and

(iii) Initiate both verbal and written contact with the parent or legal guardian to obtain consent which the agency contends is required; and

(B) Upon receipt of the consent provided for in division (5)(A)(iii) of this subsection, immediately release the subject record to the local unit of administration.

(6)(A) In the event that an agency contends that releasing, in whole or in part, a student's records as required by this Code section would be unlawful, such agency shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the local unit of administration is located.

(B) In the event that a local unit of administration contends that a student's records, in whole or in part, have been unlawfully or unduly withheld from release by a sending school, such local unit of administration shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the local unit of administration is located.

(C)(i) Upon receipt of a notice of dispute from an agency as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or from a local unit of administration as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the RESA student affairs officer shall be authorized to work in coordination with any sending school, any receiving school, any other requestor, and the parent or legal custodian of the student whose records are the subject of such notice to resolve any dispute by providing technical assistance and guidance as to the respective rights and responsibilities of each of the parties to the dispute.

(ii) To the extent that such efforts to resolve the dispute are not successful, the RESA student affairs officer shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to any party to such dispute which the RESA student affairs officer reasonably contends is noncompliant with the requirements of this paragraph. Such written notice of noncompliance shall include a recommended corrective action to resolve noncompliance. The RESA student affairs officer shall report such noncompliance to the director of the RESA.

(iii) Upon being notified of a noncompliance as provided for in division (ii) of this subparagraph, the RESA director shall be authorized to attempt to resolve the dispute and to report noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(D) For the limited purposes provided for in this subsection, RESA student affairs officers and RESA directors shall be authorized to review the education records that are the subject of a notice of dispute provided for in this subsection.

~~(5)~~(7) Any local unit of administration which serves a child pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive in the form of annual grants in state funding for that child the difference between the actual state funds received for that child pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161 and the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in educating that child, calculated pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of Education. Each local board of education shall be held harmless by the state from expending local funds for educating students pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that this shall only apply to students who are unable to leave the facility in which they have been placed.

~~(6)~~(8) Enrollment of an eligible child pursuant to this Code section shall be effectuated in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

~~(7)~~(9) For purposes of the accountability program provided for in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title, all facilities serving children described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be, consistent with department rules and regulations, treated as a single local education agency; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed to alleviate any responsibilities of the local unit of administration of the school district in which any such children are physically present for the provision of education for any such children.

~~(8)~~(10) The Department of Education, the State Charter Schools Commission, the Department of Human Services, the Division of Family and Children Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and~~

~~Developmental Disabilities,~~ and the local units of administration where Department of Education, State Charter Schools Commission, Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ Department of Human Services, or Division of Family and Children Services placements, facilities, or contract facilities are located shall jointly develop procedures binding on all agencies implementing the provisions of this Code section applicable to children and youth in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, under the care or physical or legal custody of the Department of Human Services or the Division of Family and Children Services~~, or under the physical custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 5 of Article 6, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-192.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'qualified behavioral health coordinator' means an individual employed by a local school system whose beginning salary and benefits are eligible for reimbursement grants under this Code section.

(b) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education shall provide grants to local school systems for the purpose of reimbursing local school systems for expenditures sufficient to pay the beginning salaries and benefits of qualified behavioral health coordinators employed by such local school systems.

(c) Under such grant program, local school systems shall be eligible for reimbursement for an amount equal to the beginning salary and benefits of:

(1) One qualified behavioral health coordinator for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of fewer than 18,000 students;

(2) Two qualified behavioral health coordinators for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of 18,000 to 36,000 students; or

(3) Three qualified behavioral health coordinators for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of more than 36,000 students.

(d) By July 1, 2025, the State Board of Education shall establish regulations as to the manner in which local school systems shall request and receive such grant funds. Such regulations shall condition the receipt of such grant funds on the local school system's compliance with all applicable provisions of Code Sections 20-2-1185 and 20-2-1185.1, relating to school safety plans, including, but not limited to, behavioral threat assessment management plans.

(e)(1) By July 1, 2025, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall establish the essential duties and minimum qualifications for qualified behavioral health coordinators hired by local school systems. Such minimum qualifications shall be established so as to maximize opportunities for local school systems to hire qualified behavioral health coordinators capable of performing such essential duties.

(2) Such qualified behavioral health coordinators shall be primarily responsible for:

(A) Coordinating the efforts of the local school system to identify and facilitate appropriate interventions for students with or at risk for mental health concerns, including, but not limited to, telehealth services;

(B) Coordinating, documenting, evaluating, and reporting the outcomes of Tier 1 and Tier 2 behavioral health training programs and materials of the local school system, including, but not limited to, such training programs and materials as provided for in Code Section 20-2-779.1; and

(C) Attending information and training meetings relating to school safety and student behavioral health provided or facilitated by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to the Department of Juvenile Justice or its school system.

(g) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit local school systems from hiring or contracting with behavioral health coordinators using other funds available for such purpose."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-270, relating to establishment of a state-wide network, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish a state-wide network of regional educational service agencies for the purposes of: providing shared services designed to improve the effectiveness of educational programs and services to local school systems and state charter schools; providing instructional programs directly to selected public school students in the state; provide services as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-133, 20-2-670, and 20-2-785; and providing Georgia Learning Resources System services.

(2) The regional educational service agencies established by the state board may legally be referred to as 'RESA' or '~~RESA's~~ 'RESAs'."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 11 of Article 6, relating to regional educational service agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-270.2.

(a) Each regional educational service agency shall be authorized to provide dispute resolution services as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-133 and 20-2-670 to local education agencies, local units of administration, and public and private schools located within the service area of such regional educational service agency and to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(b) Each regional education service area director shall designate one staff member as RESA student affairs officer.

(c) The chief privacy officer designated by the State School Superintendent pursuant to Code Section 20-2-663 shall provide technical assistance and guidance to support RESA student affairs officers and directors in complying with the requirements of this Code section and Code Sections 20-2-133 and 20-2-670."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-662, relating to definitions relative to student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(6.1) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(6.2) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice school system."

"(8.1) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-663, relating to designation and role of chief privacy officer, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c)(1) In consultation with the Attorney General's office, the chief privacy officer shall promulgate for all regional education service agencies, all local education agencies, all elementary and secondary schools in this state, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) school system, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) a guidance document that shall address, but shall not be limited to, the following topics:

(A) The current state and federal laws applicable to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools in this state, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA intended to protect the privacy of student education records, student health records, student data, and the personally identifiable information of students and their families;

(B) The application of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools in this state, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA, including what information is and is not covered under FERPA;

(C) What student education records and student health records can be shared with other educators, other schools, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA;

(D) What information about a student a local education agency, an elementary or secondary school, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA is permitted or required to share with a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency or officer with a legal interest in such student; and

(E) What information about a student a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency with a legal interest in such student is permitted or required to share with a local education agency, an elementary or secondary school, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, or DoDEA.

(2)(A) The guidance document required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be issued by July 15, 2025, and shall be reviewed and updated by July 1 each year and at any other time as necessary to ensure the information included in such guidance document is accurate.

(B) Each time the guidance document required by paragraph (1) of this subsection is issued or updated, it shall be posted on the department's public website along with responses to common or frequently asked questions relevant to the topics included in such guidance document.

(3) The chief privacy officer shall consult with experts and authorities as appropriate including, but not limited to the Office of the Chief Privacy Officer of the United States Department of Education, to meet the requirements of this subsection."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-667, relating to parental and student review of education records and model policies, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each local board of education shall immediately provide an electronic copy of a student's complete education record to any parent, legal custodian, or another person or entity legally authorized to receive such records upon request and under no circumstances later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request.

(2) In the event that any portion of such student's education record is not maintained in electronic format, the local board of education shall provide an electronic copy of all of the student's education records available in electronic format in compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of the request for such records, notify the requestor when copies of the remainder of such student's education records will be ready for retrieval. ~~Local boards of education shall provide a parent or guardian with an electronic copy of his or her child's education record upon request, unless the local board of education does not maintain a record in electronic format and reproducing the record in an electronic format would be unduly burdensome.~~"

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-670, relating to requirements for transferring students beyond sixth grade, conditional admission, and compliance, in its entirety and enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-670.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical records' means the following education records of a student, which shall be current and complete for a period of at least the most recent 12 months of such student's enrollment or the entirety of such student's enrollment if less than 12 months:

(A) Information from all assessments of the student by the school or local school system threat management team;

(B) Academic transcript;

(C) Attendance records;

(D) Student discipline records, including, but not limited to, all records of any:

(i) Disciplinary order of short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-751.2;

(ii) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(iii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iv) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(v) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184;

(E) Records of the student having ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(F) An Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or a plan under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, if any; and

(G) Psychological evaluations, if any.

(2) 'Education records' means any record that is maintained by a local education agency, a public or private elementary or secondary school, the Department of Juvenile Justice school system, or a party acting on behalf of such entity and is directly related to a student. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, records of such student's enrollment, attendance, class schedules, academic transcripts, grades, student discipline, student financial information, health records, special education records, and psychological evaluations. Such term shall include the student's critical records.

(3) 'Governing body' means the local board of education, governing council, governing board, Board of Juvenile Justice, or other entity by whatever name responsible for creating and implementing the budget of a local education agency or a public or private school.

(4) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(5) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice school system.

(6) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(7) 'Permanent enrollment' means enrollment of student in a school that is not provisional enrollment.

(8) 'Provisional enrollment' means the conditional and nonpermanent enrollment of student in a school for a specified period of time.

(9) 'Receiving school' means a local education agency or public or private school in which a transferring student, either on his or her own behalf or by and through his or her parent or legal custodian, has enrolled or seeks or intends to enroll.

(10) 'Requestor' means a student, the parent or legal custodian of such student, or a receiving school or another person or entity legally authorized to receive the education records of such student.

(11) 'RESA' means a regional education service agency as provided for in Code Section 20-2-270.

(12) 'RESA student affairs officer' means the RESA employee designated by the RESA executive director to receive and attempt to resolve notices of disputes brought pursuant to this Code section.

(13) 'Sending school' means a local education agency or a public or private school which maintains education records of a particular student and is responsible for releasing such records to a requestor.

(14) 'Student' means an individual who is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school or home study program in this state, or who is subject to the compulsory attendance requirements of Code Section 20-2-690.1.

(15) 'Transferring student' means a student who, either on his or her own behalf or by and through his or her parent or legal custodian, has enrolled in or is seeking or intends to enroll in a receiving school.

(b) The parent or legal custodian of a student seeking permanent enrollment in a grade higher than the third grade in any receiving school in this state shall as a prerequisite to such permanent enrollment execute a document:

(1) Disclosing to the receiving school whether the student:

(A) Has ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(B) Is currently serving a short-term suspension, a long-term suspension, or an expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of such discipline;

(C) Is currently the subject of a notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754; or

(D) Is currently or has ever been the subject of any:

(i) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(ii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iii) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(iv) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184; and

(2) Either:

(A) Present a certified copy of such student's critical records from each sending school he or she attended during the previous 24 months; or

(B) Receive written confirmation from such receiving school that it as received such student's critical records.

(c)(1) A student may be provisionally enrolled in a receiving school for not more than ten school days on a conditional basis; provided, however, that such provisional enrollment shall not commence until the next school day after such student's parent or legal custodian executes a document:

(A) Disclosing the information required in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Providing the name and address of each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months and authorizing the immediate release of such student's critical records to the receiving school.

(2) If the receiving school does not receive such student's critical records from each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months, the receiving school shall be authorized to temporarily assign such student to remote learning until such critical records are received or the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section is completed.

(3) If a student provisionally enrolled in a receiving school is found to be ineligible for enrollment pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 20-2-751.2, or is subsequently found to be so ineligible, he or she shall be dismissed from enrollment in such receiving school until such time as he or she becomes so eligible.

(d) Any document provided by a receiving school to a student or such student's parent or legal custodian to request permanent enrollment or provisional enrollment in such receiving school or to authorize the release of education records to such receiving school shall include:

(1) A list of class A designated felony acts or class B designated felony acts;

(2) A list of the prohibited acts identified in Code Section 20-2-1184; and

(3) A description of each of the following:

(A) Notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754;

(B) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(C) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(D) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; and

(E) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184.

(e) Each time a transferring student's education records, including, but not limited to critical records, are transferred to a receiving school, such student's parent or legal

custodian shall be notified in writing by the receiving school of the transfer of such records and shall, upon written request made within five days of the date of such notice, be entitled to receive a copy of such records from the receiving school. Within five days of the receipt of a copy of such records, such student's parent or legal custodian may make a written request for and shall be entitled to a meeting with the principal of the sending school or of the receiving school or his or her designee for the purpose of correcting the content of such records as provided in Code Section 20-2-667. The parties may mutually agree for such meeting to occur at a date and time outside of such five-day period.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each sending school in this state shall immediately release a student's complete education record to any parent, legal custodian, receiving school, or another person or entity legally authorized to receive such records upon request by such requestor and under no circumstances later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request.

(2) In the event that any portion of such student's education record is not maintained in electronic format, the sending school shall transfer all of the student's education records available in electronic format in compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request, notify the requestor when copies of the remainder of such student's education records will be ready for retrieval.

(g)(1) In the event that:

(A) A sending school contends that releasing, in whole or in part, a student's education records as required by this Code section would be unlawful or unduly burdensome; or

(B) A requestor contends that a student's education records, in whole or in part, have been unlawfully or unduly withheld from release by a sending school,

the requestor shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the sending school is located.

(2)(A) Upon receipt of a notice as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the RESA student affairs officer shall be authorized to work in coordination with any sending school, any receiving school, any other requestor, and the parent or legal custodian of the student whose education records are the subject of such notice to resolve any dispute by providing technical assistance and guidance as to the respective rights and responsibilities of each of the parties to the dispute.

(B) To the extent that such efforts to resolve the dispute are not successful, the RESA student affairs officer shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to any party to such dispute which the RESA student affairs officer reasonably contends is noncompliant with the requirements of this Code section report. Such written notice of noncompliance shall include a recommended corrective action to resolve noncompliance. The RESA student affairs officer shall report such noncompliance to the director of the RESA.

(C) Upon being notified of a noncompliance as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the RESA director shall be authorized to attempt to resolve the dispute

and to report noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(4) For the limited purposes provided for in this subsection, RESA student affairs officers and RESA executive directors shall be authorized to review the education records that are the subject of a notice of dispute provided for in this subsection.

(5) In the event that it becomes evident to a RESA student affairs officer or a RESA director that neither a sending school nor a receiving school involved in a dispute is a local education agency or a public elementary or secondary school, the RESA student affairs officer and the RESA director shall take no further action regarding the dispute other than to notify the parties to the dispute that the regional educational service agency is not authorized to take further action on the matter and to refer the parties to the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(h) Whenever a receiving school does not timely receive complete information relative to a transferring student from a sending school as required in subsection (f) of this Code section, such receiving school shall be authorized to condition such transferring student's continued provisional enrollment upon completion of the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section.

(i) Each case management consultation shall be conducted by a school social worker, school counselor, or a designated school administrator of the receiving school and shall involve the transferring student and such student's parent or legal custodian. The purposes of the case management consultation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Determining whether any services are necessary for such student, including, but not limited to, referrals for special education or behavioral health services; and

(2) Facilitating the continuation of services such student was receiving at his or her previous school or schools, if any, including services recommended by any behavioral threat management team.

(j) The State Board of Education shall adopt policies and procedures for implementing the provisions of this Code section.

(k) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and provide technical assistance to schools and local school systems to support implementation of the provisions of this Code section.

(l) In lieu of his or her parent, a transferring student who is not in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and who is 18 years of age or older or who has been emancipated by operation of law or by court order pursuant to Code Section 15-11-727 or as otherwise provided by law shall be authorized to comply on his or her own behalf with the requirements of this Code section otherwise applicable to such student's parent or legal custodian."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-671, relating to transfer students who have committed felony acts and disclosure of act, as follows:

"20-2-671.

(a) If any school administrator determines from the information obtained pursuant to Code Section 15-11-602 or 20-2-670 or from any other source that a student ~~has~~:

(1) Has committed a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2~~,~~;

(2) Is the subject of a notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(3) Has a current disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(4) Is the subject of a report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184,

such administrator shall so inform all teachers to whom the student is assigned that they may review the information in the student's file provided pursuant to ~~subsection (b) of~~ Code Section 20-2-670 received from other schools or from the juvenile courts.

(b) Such information shall be kept confidential."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-700, relating to reports by peace officers to school authorities and parent or guardian, as follows:

"20-2-700.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Incidental to' means occurring in the course of or directly associated with standards or customary operations of a law enforcement officer's employer.

(2) 'Law enforcement officer' means any duly constituted agent or officer of the State of Georgia or of any county, municipality, political subdivision, or local school system thereof who, as a full-time or part-time employee, is vested either expressly by law or by virtue of public employment or service with authority to enforce the criminal or traffic laws of this state with the power of arrest and whose duties include the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; any member of the Georgia State Patrol or Georgia Bureau of Investigation; campus policemen and school security personnel provided for in Chapter 8 of this title; any person employed by the Department of Natural Resources as a law enforcement officer; any arson investigator of the state fire marshal's office; employees designated by the commissioner of community supervision who have the duty to supervise children adjudicated for a Class A designated felony act or Class B designated felony act after release from restrictive custody, as such terms are defined in Code Section 15-11-2; and employees designated by the commissioner of juvenile justice pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of Code Section 49-4A-8 who have the duty to investigate and apprehend delinquent children, or the supervision of delinquent children under intensive supervision in the community, and any child with a pending juvenile court case alleging the child to be a child in need of services who

has escaped from a facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice or who has broken the conditions of supervision.

(3) 'Official encounter' means an interaction of a law enforcement officer with a school age youth in such law enforcement officer's official capacity for the purpose of enforcing the criminal laws of this state or preventing, detecting, or investigating a crime, provided that such interaction is directly related to a credible report or other credible information that such school age youth has threatened the death of, or serious injury to, one or more individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school.

(4) 'School age youth' means an individual who is between his or her sixth and sixteenth birthdays or who a law enforcement officer knows or reasonably believes is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state. Such term shall not include an individual who has successfully completed all the requirements for a high school diploma or a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma. (5) 'School official' means a local school superintendent or his or her designee or a school principal or other school administrator.

(b) Any person taking action with respect to a child pursuant to Code Section 20-2-699 shall report ~~the matter and the disposition made by him of the child to the school authorities of the county, independent or area school system~~ such action to a school official of the public or private school in which such child is currently enrolled or would be enrolled by virtue of his or her primary residence, and to the child's parent or guardian.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, within five days of an official encounter with a school age youth in this state, the employer of each law enforcement officer present for such official encounter shall provide a written report of such official encounter to a school official of the public or private school in which such school age youth is currently enrolled or would be enrolled by virtue of his or her primary residence and to his or her parent or guardian.

(2) A written report of an official encounter provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be required:

(A) When the interaction between the law enforcement officer and the school age youth is not incidental to the conduct of a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity to enforce the criminal laws of this state or to prevent, detect, or investigate a crime; or

(B) With respect to a school age youth whose presence during or participation in such official encounter is due exclusively to such school age youth being a witness or potential witness in a criminal investigation; provided, however, that the exception provided for in this subparagraph shall not apply if he or she is also a subject of such criminal investigation or is a suspect or person of interest in such criminal investigation.

(d) This Code section shall not apply to school age youth in the physical custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice within a secure facility; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to school age youth who are in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice in a nonsecure residential placement or other nonsecure intensive supervision program."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents, as follows:

"20-2-720.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Education record' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 20-2-662.

(2) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(3) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the school system of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(b) No local board of education ~~No local school system, whether county, independent, or area,~~ shall have a policy of denying, or which effectively prevents, the parents or legal custodians of students who are in attendance at or who have been enrolled in any facility within such system the right to inspect and review the education records of their child as provided in Code Section 20-2-667.

(c) A parent or legal custodian shall be entitled to inspect and review only information relating to his or her own child or ward and if any material or document in a child's or ward's record includes information on another student, such information regarding any other student shall not be made available for inspection or review except to the parents or legal custodian of that student.

(d) Both parents of a child shall be entitled to inspect and review the education records of their child or to be provided information concerning their child's progress. Information concerning a child's education record shall not be withheld from the noncustodial parent unless a court order has specifically removed the right of the noncustodial parent to such information or unless parental rights have been terminated. ~~For purposes of this Code section, 'education records' shall include attendance reports and records.~~"

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-741, relating to positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention, as follows:

"20-2-741.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'High needs school' means a public school which has received a school climate rating of '1-star' or '2-star' pursuant to Code Section 20-14-33.

(2) 'Positive behavioral interventions and supports' or 'PBIS' means an evidence based data-driven framework to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety, and support improved academic outcomes through a ~~multitiered~~ multi-tiered

approach, using disciplinary data and principles of behavior analysis to develop school-wide, targeted, and individualized interventions and supports.

(3) 'Response to intervention' or 'RTI' means a framework of identifying and addressing the academic and behavioral needs of students through a tiered system.

(b)(1) Local boards of education are encouraged to implement PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives in their schools, and particularly in high needs schools.

(2) Local boards of education shall implement PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives in each elementary and middle school that is a high needs school. Such implementation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) PBIS Tier 1 supports for 100 percent of students and school personnel;

(B) Specific PBIS Tier 2 supports and interventions for students who are at risk for developing more serious unwanted behaviors, such as small group resilience and behavioral health skills lessons approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(C) Each school year, no less than 95 percent of school personnel receive two hours of student behavioral health awareness training approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(c) The State Board of Education is authorized, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, to provide funds to local school systems to support PBIS and RTI programs, initiatives, and personnel.

(d) The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives which receive funding pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-757, relating to applicability of public inspection and open meeting laws, as follows:

"20-2-757.

(a) All proceedings and hearings conducted under this subpart shall be confidential and shall not be subject to the open meetings requirement of Code Section 50-14-1 or other open meetings laws.

(b) All electronic or other written records of all hearings conducted under this subpart; all statements of charges; all notices of hearings; and all written decisions rendered by a hearing officer, tribunal, the local board of education, or the State Board of Education shall not be subject to public inspection or other disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or other public disclosure laws; provided, however, ~~the board of education~~ that the state board shall prepare a written summary of any proceeding conducted under this subpart, which summary shall include a description of the incident and the disposition thereof but shall not contain the names of any party to the incident. The summary shall be a public record.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit, restrict, or limit in any manner the disclosure of a student's education records to a receiving school as required by Code Section 20-2-670."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-766.1, relating to proceeding against parents for failure to cooperate in educational programs and penalty, as follows:

"20-2-766.1.

(a) A ~~The~~ local board of education may, by petition to the juvenile court, proceed against a parent or guardian as provided in this Code section.

(b) If the court finds that the parent or guardian has willfully and unreasonably failed to attend a conference requested by a principal pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765 or 20-2-766, the court may order the parent or guardian to attend such a conference, order the parent or guardian to participate in such programs or such treatment as the court deems appropriate to improve the student's behavior, or both.

(c) If the court finds that the parent or guardian has willfully and unreasonably failed to authorize the release of student education records to a receiving school as required pursuant to Code Section 20-2-670, the court may order the parent or guardian to authorize the release of such records.

(d) After notice and opportunity for hearing, the court may impose a fine, not to exceed $500.00, on a parent or guardian who willfully disobeys an order of the court entered under this Code section. The court may use its contempt and other powers specified in Code Section 15-11-31 to enforce any order entered under this Code section."

SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-779.1, relating to suicide prevention and awareness training and no duty of care imposed, as follows:

"20-2-779.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'evidence based' means a program or practice that:

(1) Demonstrates a statistically significant effect on relevant outcomes based on:

(A) Strong evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;

(B) Moderate evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

(C) Promising evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; or

(2) Demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such program or practice is likely to improve relevant outcomes, and includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such program or practice.

~~(a)(1)~~(b) The State Board ~~The Department~~ of Education shall adopt rules to require that:

(1) All ~~all~~ certificated public school personnel receive annual training in youth violence and suicide awareness and prevention. ~~This~~ Such training shall be provided within the framework of existing in-service training programs offered or facilitated by the Department of Education, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental

Disabilities, or as part of required professional development offered by a local school system or public school; and

(2)(A) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, and continuing each school year thereafter, all public schools serving students in any one of grades six through 12 which receive funds in any manner from the state shall provide to students:

(i) At least one hour of evidence based suicide awareness and prevention training each school year; and

(ii) At least one hour of evidence based youth violence prevention training each school year.

(B) Such training may be delivered in person, remotely, or digitally and may be included as part of the health and physical education course of study provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142.

~~(2)~~(c)(1) By January 1, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education shall, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Suicide Prevention Program established pursuant to Code Section 37-1-27, student violence and suicide prevention experts, other youth mental health experts, and elementary and secondary school counselors, social workers, and teachers, develop a list of approved evidence based training programs and materials to fulfill the requirements of this ~~subsection~~ Code section which may include training programs and materials currently being used by a local school system or public school if such training programs and materials meet ~~any~~ the criteria established by the department.

~~(3)~~(2) Approved training programs and materials ~~shall~~:

(A) Shall include ~~training~~ information on how to identify appropriate mental health interventions and services, both within the school and also within the larger community, and when and how to ~~refer~~ facilitate such interventions and services for youth and their families ~~to those services~~; and

~~(4)~~(B) May ~~Approved materials may~~ include programs and materials that can be completed through self-review of suitable student violence and suicide awareness and prevention materials approved by the department upon the recommendation of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(3) Approved training programs and materials for students shall, at a minimum, teach students:

(A) How to recognize the observable signs and signals of depression, suicide, and self-injury in themselves and their peers;

(B) How to recognize the observable warning signs and signals of persons who may be at risk of harming themselves or others;

(C) The importance of seeking help for themselves and their peers and the process for seeking help; and

(D) The steps that can be taken to report dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful behavior.

(4) The Department of Education shall make the list of approved training programs and materials, including no-cost programming, if any, publicly available on its website and shall keep it timely updated by reviewing such list, at a minimum, every 36 months.

~~(5)(A)~~(d)(1) Each local ~~school system~~ board of education or public school governing body shall:

(A) Adopt policies, rules, and regulations ~~adopt a policy~~ on student suicide awareness and prevention. Such policies, rules, and regulations shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts, and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention;

(B) Adopt policies, rules, and regulations for providing relevant and current information to students and their families and to school personnel regarding publicly available resources for the anonymous reporting of a dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity which occurs on, or is threatened to occur on, school property or which relates to a student or school personnel; and

(C) Implement an evidence based youth violence prevention training program to instruct students how to recognize the observable warning signs and signals of someone who may be at risk of harming himself, herself, or others; the importance of taking threats seriously and seeking help; and how to report someone who is at risk, including by using the state-wide anonymous reporting program.

~~(B)~~(2) To assist public schools and local school systems in developing their own policies for student violence and suicide awareness and prevention, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Suicide Prevention Program within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, shall establish a model policy for use by public schools and local school systems in accordance with this Code section.

(e) Each local board of education or public school governing body shall require each public school that sponsors or otherwise permits student organizations or clubs to designate a student-led youth violence prevention club to sustain awareness activities related to suicide prevention and violence prevention. Such student violence prevention club, including existing clubs, shall:

(1) Be open to all members of the student body;

(2) Engage in awareness activities related to youth suicide prevention, youth violence prevention, and social inclusion;

(3) Foster opportunities for student leadership development; and

(4) Have at least one administrator, teacher, or other school personnel serve as a faculty advisor.

(f)(1) By July 1, 2025, each local board of education or public school governing body shall develop and operate, or contract with a provider to develop and operate, and make available an anonymous reporting program.

(2) Such anonymous reporting program shall, at a minimum:

(A) Be accessible by any person to report anonymously a dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity which occurs on, or is threatened to occur on, school property or which relates to a student or school personnel;

(B) Provide support 24 hours per day, seven days per week for anonymous reporting through, at a minimum, a mobile telephone application and a multilingual crisis

center, which shall be staffed by individuals with evidence based counseling and crisis intervention training;

(C) Promptly forward reported information to the appropriate school based team;

(D) Support a coordinated response to an identified crisis by schools, local emergency 9-1-1 public safety answering points, and local law enforcement agencies when response by schools and law enforcement is to be reasonably expected;

(E) Require and certify the training of school based teams in each school to receive notice of any report submitted to the state-wide anonymous reporting program concerning the school, a student, or school personnel;

(F) Require and certify the training of local emergency 9-1-1 public safety answering point personnel to receive notice of any report submitted to the state-wide anonymous reporting program that requires response from a local law enforcement agency;

(G) Promote public awareness and education about the state-wide anonymous reporting program and its reporting methods, prior to its launch; and

(H) Comply with all federal and state laws.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any local school system or public school that, as of January 1, 2025, has an operating anonymous reporting program that substantially complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(4) This subsection shall not be construed to interfere with or impede any existing contract any local school system or public school has with a provider to operate an anonymous reporting program; provided, however, that, to the extent that the terms of such contract do not require such provider to operate an anonymous reporting program in substantial compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection, such contract terms shall not be renewed beyond such contract's current expiration or termination date.

(g) Each local school system and public school shall update its school safety plan required by Code Section 20-2-1185 by including a behavioral threat assessment management plan as provided for in Code Section 20-2-1185.1.

~~(b)~~(h) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this Code section or resulting from any training, or lack thereof, required by this Code section.

~~(c)~~(i) The training, or lack thereof, required by the provisions of this Code section shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care."

SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-785, relating to referral and assessment to determine whether withdrawal was to limit education, as follows:

"20-2-785.

(a) In the event that a ~~child~~ student does not for a period of 30 consecutive days attend the public school in which he or she is enrolled or provisionally enrolled and:

(1) The parent or guardian of such student does not notify the school of such student's withdrawal from such school;

(2) The parent or guardian of such student does not notify the school of such student's enrollment or intent to enroll in a home study program or another school;

(3) Such student is withdrawn from ~~a public~~ such school without a declaration filed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690; or

(4) Such student is 16 years of age or older and stops attending such school without completing the conference required under subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1 ~~and that child stops attending a public school for a period of 45 days,~~

the school shall refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides, as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) For each student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, such student's school shall:

(1) Refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services to conduct an assessment~~. The purpose of such referral and assessment shall be limited to~~ for the purpose of determining whether such withdrawal was to avoid educating ~~the child. Presentation~~ such student; provided, however, that completion of such conference or presentation of a copy of such filed declaration shall satisfy the ~~assessment~~ requirements of this paragraph, and the Division shall immediately terminate ~~the~~ such assessment ~~under this Code section.~~; and

(2) Refer the matter to the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides for the purpose of determining whether such student has enrolled in a home study program or another school and, if such student has enrolled in another school, to determine whether the receiving school as defined in Code Section 2-20-670 has received such student's education records from the student's previous schools; provided, however, that, upon receiving notice that such student has enrolled or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school, the referring school shall immediately notify the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides of such intent or enrollment and if such student has enrolled or intends to enroll in another school, confirm the date by which such student's education records as defined in Code Section 2-20-670 will be released to the receiving school.

(c) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit or limit a public school from making reasonable efforts at any time to determine the whereabouts of a student who is withdrawn from such school without a declaration filed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 or who stops attending such school without providing notice of enrollment or intent to enroll in a home study program or another school or, when such student is 16 years of age or older, without completing the conference required under subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1. Such efforts may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Contacting the student's parent, guardian, or other legal custodian to inquire of the student's whereabouts and whether such student intends to withdraw from the school or has enrolled or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school;

(2) Directing school personnel, including, but not limited to, school social workers and school security personnel, to conduct a wellness visit at the student's last known residence; and

(3) As appropriate, referring the matter to the county or municipal law enforcement agency having territorial jurisdiction.

(d) Each public school in which a student is enrolled or provisionally enrolled shall compile such student's complete education records and make such records available for immediate release to any person or entity authorized by law to receive such records:

(1) For each student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) Each time the school receives sufficient notice that such student is withdrawing from the school or is enrolling or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-786, relating to the "Parents' Bill of Rights," by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) Each governing body shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, develop and adopt a policy or regulation to promote parental involvement in the public schools. Such policy or regulation shall be updated each year by June 1 and posted on each governing body's public website, and a copy of such policy or regulation shall be available for review on site upon request by a parent. Such policy or regulation shall include:

(1) Procedures that meet the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-667 and 20-2-670 for a parent to review records relating to his or her minor child and to request the transfer of such records to another school or a person or entity authorized to receive such records;

(2)(A) Procedures for a parent to learn about his or her minor child's courses of study, including, but not limited to, parental access to instructional materials intended for use in the classroom. Instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom shall be made available for parental review during the review period. If such instructional materials are not made available by a school or local school system for review online, then they shall be made available for review on site upon a parent's request made during the review period.

(B) Procedures for a parent to object to instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom or recommended by his or her minor child's teacher;

(3) Procedures for a parent to withdraw his or her minor child from the school's prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to his or her minor child's participation. Such procedures ~~must~~ shall provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her minor child from the course; ~~and~~

(4) Procedures for a parent to provide written notice that photographs or video or voice recordings of his or her child are not permitted, subject to applicable public safety and security exceptions; and

(5) Procedures that meet the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-667 and 20-2-670 for the timely production of a student's education records by such student's current or previous school to another school in which such student has enrolled, intends to enroll, or is considering enrollment."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 27, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-1181, relating to disrupting operation of public school, school bus, or school bus stop, penalty, and progressive discipline, as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop as designated by local boards of education. For purposes of this Code section, an individual who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of or serious injury to a group of individuals who are, or will likely be, at or within a public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop, shall be considered to have disrupted or interfered with the operation of such public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

"(2) A local board of education shall develop a system of progressive discipline that may be imposed on a child accused of violating this Code section before initiating a complaint. Such system of progressive discipline shall include a requirement that when there is a credible accusation that an individual threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of or serious injury to a group of individuals, pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, who are, or will likely be, at or within a public school that such individual attends, or has attended, the school shall be authorized to temporarily assign such individual to remote learning and provide counseling to such individual and shall initiate an investigation into such violation. Upon completion of such investigation which results in substantive findings related to such violation, the school may elect to reinstate the individual or impose relevant discipline."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-2-1183, relating to written agreement for law enforcement officers in schools, as follows:

"20-2-1183.

(a) When a local school system assigns or employs law enforcement officers in schools, the local board of education shall have a collaborative written agreement with law enforcement officials to establish the role of law enforcement and school employees in

school disciplinary matters and ensure coordination and cooperation among officials, agencies, and programs involved in school discipline and public protection.

(b) By October 1, 2025, the collaborative written agreement required by this Code section shall include specific terms and conditions for the handling and disclosure of student education records, student data, and student personally identifiable data, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-662. Such terms and conditions shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Under what circumstances information regarding a student may or shall be disclosed to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency or officer with a legal interest in such information;

(2) Whether any law enforcement officer who is subject to such agreement is or may act as a school official with access to student education records and the personally identifiable information contained therein; and

(3) Whether the law enforcement officers who are subject to such agreement constitute a law enforcement unit, as such term is defined in the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.3; and, if so:

(A) What records shall be handled as law enforcement unit records and are not protected by FERPA; and

(B) What records shall be handled as education records and are protected by FERPA.

(c) By August 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall publish on its public website model language for the terms and conditions required by this Code section to be available for use by schools and law enforcement officers. Such model language shall be reviewed and updated from time to time as necessary to comport with the content of the guidance document promulgated by the Department of Education chief privacy officer as provided for in Code Section 20-2-663."

SECTION 20.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 20-2-1185, relating to school safety plans and drills, as follows:

"(a) Every public school shall prepare a school safety plan to help curb the growing incidence of violence in schools, to respond effectively to such incidents, to address the behavioral health needs of students, and to provide a safe learning environment for Georgia's children, teachers, and other school personnel. Such plan shall also address preparedness for natural disasters, hazardous materials or radiological accidents, acts of violence, and acts of terrorism. School safety plans of public schools shall be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers in that school, community leaders, other school employees and school district employees, and local law enforcement, juvenile court, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. As part of such plans, public schools shall provide for the coordination with local law enforcement agencies and the local juvenile court system. School safety plans shall include, at a minimum, the following strategy areas:

(1) Training school administrators, teachers, and support staff, including, but not limited to, school resource officers, security officers, secretaries, custodians, and bus drivers, on school violence prevention, school security, school threat assessment, mental health awareness, and school emergency planning best practices;
(2) Evaluating and refining school security measures;
(3) Updating and exercising school emergency preparedness plans;
(4) Strengthening partnerships with public safety officials; ~~and~~
(5) Creating enhanced crisis communications plans and social media strategies;
(6) Addressing behavioral health needs of students and staff utilizing guidance from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and
(7) Developing a behavioral threat assessment and management process and plan utilizing guidance from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

School safety plans of private schools may be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers in that school, other school employees, and local law enforcement, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. Such plans shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated annually. Such plans of public schools shall be submitted to the local emergency management agency, the local law enforcement agency, ~~and~~ the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-1185.1, for approval."

"(c) School safety plans prepared by public schools shall address or include:
(1) Security ~~security~~ issues in school safety zones as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1~~. School safety plans should also address security~~;
(2) Security issues involving the transportation of ~~pupils~~ students to and from school and school functions when such transportation is furnished by the school or school system and school functions held during noninstructional hours;
(3) Specific plans to restrict ingress to or egress from all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and
(4) Specific plans for whether and when each of the following will be locked or actively supervised by school personnel, or both:
(A) Exterior doors and other access points of all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and
(B) Doors to all classrooms and other instructional spaces on the school property."

SECTION 21.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1185.1.
(a) No later than January 1, 2027, each public school safety plan required by Code Section 20-2-1185 shall include provisions that address the behavioral health needs of students and a behavioral threat assessment management plan for providing a structured,

multidisciplinary process to identify, assess, and mitigate potential threats while supporting the safety and well-being of students and school personnel.

(b)(1) Such behavioral threat assessment management plans shall be submitted to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for approval.

(2) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall provide technical assistance to the Department of Education, regional educational service agencies, and all local school systems and other public schools in this state, including models of service to address the behavioral health needs of students.

(3) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities with respect to providing training and technical assistance to the Department of Education, regional education service agencies, and all local school systems and other public schools in this state on the development and implementation of such behavioral threat assessment management plans.

(4) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, with respect to providing the same or similar training and technical assistance to private schools in this state."

SECTION 22.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by designating Code Sections 20-2-1180 through 20-2-1185.1 as Part 1 and by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

20-2-1186.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Office of Safe Schools Act.'

20-2-1186.1.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

(2) 'Individual of concern' means an individual whose behavior indicates a potential threat to self or others.

(3) 'Office' or the 'Office of Safe Schools' means a central repository for best practices, training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security.

(4) 'S3 Database' or the 'School and Student Safety Database' means the state-wide system for obtaining, developing, integrating, and disseminating data and information on threats to the safety of schools, school staff, school events, and students provided for in this part.

(5) 'S3 record' means information and assessment findings related to an individual of concern in the S3 Database.

20-2-1186.2.

(a) There is created the Office of Safe Schools. The office shall serve as a central repository for best practices, training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security, including prevention efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness planning.

(b) The office shall operate within the agency.

(c) Subject to subsection (d) of this Code section, the office shall:

(1) Provide technical assistance to each public school in this state to establish policies and procedures for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of the school community;

(2) Establish and update, as necessary, a school security risk assessment tool for use by public schools. The office shall provide continuous training to appropriate public school personnel on the proper assessment of physical site security and completion of a school security risk assessment tool;

(3) Provide ongoing professional learning opportunities to local school system personnel;

(4) Provide a coordinated and interdisciplinary approach to providing technical assistance and guidance to local school systems on safety and security and recommendations therefor;

(5) Develop and implement a school safety director training program for school safety directors. The office shall develop the training program which shall be based on national and state best practices on school safety and security and shall include active shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in traditional or online formats. A school safety director certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety director who satisfactorily completes the training required by rules of the office. The office shall work with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to ensure the school safety director certificate aligns with the school resource officer program standards;

(6) Review and provide recommendations on the security risk assessments;

(7) Disseminate to participating schools awareness and education materials on the proper use of the 'See Something, Send Something' digital reporting application, including the consequences of knowingly submitting false information;

(8) Develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, a state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, and the S3 Database; and

(9) Develop, in collaboration with the State Board of Education and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and publish on its public website a process for a student or his or her parent or guardian to request the closure of such student's case from the S3 Database.

(d) With respect to all student behavioral health components of the office's responsibilities provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, the office shall obtain approval from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

20-2-1186.3.

(a) By July 1, 2026, the office shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process to guide local school systems, schools, and local law enforcement through the threat management process. The process shall be designed to identify, assess, manage, and monitor potential and real threats to schools. This process shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The establishment and duties of threat management teams;

(2) Defining behavioral risks and threats;

(3) Evaluating the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school personnel, or other students and to coordinate intervention and services for such students;

(4) The use, authorized user criteria, and access specifications for information collected by the behavioral threat management teams;

(5) Procedures for the implementation of interventions, school support, and community services;

(6) Guidelines for appropriate law enforcement intervention;

(7) Procedures for risk management;

(8) Procedures for disciplinary actions;

(9) Mechanisms for continued monitoring of potential and real threats;

(10) Procedures for referrals to mental health services identified by the local school system; and

(11) Procedures and requirements necessary for the creation of a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, and any other required information.

(b) Upon availability, each local school system and school shall use the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process.

(c) The office shall partner with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities with respect to training for all local school systems and schools on the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process.

(d) The office shall coordinate the ongoing development, implementation, and operation of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process.

(e) The office shall receive input from interested parties regarding the development, implementation, and operation of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, including, but not limited to, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; other state and local behavioral health care providers, officials, and experts; superior and juvenile courts and court officials; state and local school officials, counselors, social workers, and teachers; and state and local law enforcement agencies and officials, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

20-2-1186.4.

(a) By July 1, 2026, the office shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to develop a state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school personnel, or students and to coordinate intervention and services for such students. The state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) An assessment of the threat, which includes an assessment of the student, family, school, and social dynamics;

(2) An evaluation to determine whether a threat exists and if so, the type of threat;

(3) The response to a threat, which includes the school response, the role of law enforcement agencies in the response, and the response by mental health providers;

(4) Ongoing monitoring to assess implementation of threat management and safety strategies;

(5) Ongoing monitoring to evaluate interventions and support provided to the student; and

(6) A standardized threat assessment report, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, all documentation associated with the evaluation, intervention, management, and any ongoing monitoring of the threat.

(b) Upon availability, each local school system and school shall use the behavioral threat assessment indicator.

(c) The office shall provide training for members of local law enforcement and for all local school systems regarding the use of the behavioral threat assessment indicator.

20-2-1186.5.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, the agency shall procure a state-wide behavioral threat assessment management system, known as the School and Student Safety Database or S3 Database, that will collect and integrate data to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school personnel, or students; to provide for timely and methodical school based threat assessment and management; and to coordinate intervention and services for such students.

(b) The S3 Database shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following functionalities:

(1) Workflow processes that align with the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process;

(2) Direct data entry and file uploading, as required by the behavioral threat assessment indicator;

(3) The ability to create a threat assessment report as required by the behavioral threat assessment indicator;

(4) The ability of authorized personnel to add to or update a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, or any other information as required by the behavioral threat assessment indicator;

(5) The ability to create and remove connections between S3 records in the portal and authorized personnel;

(6) The ability to securely transfer S3 records in the portal to other public schools or private or charter schools;

(7) The ability to grant jurisdiction-appropriate access to the appointed school safety directors, authorized members of the established threat management teams, and authorized personnel as specified by the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; and

(8) The ability to receive tips and threat reports from federal agencies, state agencies, and local law enforcement.

(c) To ensure access to timely, complete, and accurate information, the S3 Database shall, at a minimum, receive and share data from the following sources:

(1) The Department of Administrative Services;

(2) The Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children;

(3) The Department of Education;

(4) The Department of Human Services;

(5) The Division of Family and Children Services;

(6) The Department of Juvenile Justice;

(7) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(8) The Georgia Technology Authority;

(9) The mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as 'See Something, Send Something'; and

(10) Local law enforcement agencies and their threat reporting systems.

(d) A local school system may request copies of S3 records of individuals of concern in that local school system for authorized local school system personnel.

(e) The parent of a student may request a copy of his or her student's S3 record, but the request shall not be considered if said parent's parental rights have been terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction has restricted or denied such access.

(f) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the information provided to the S3 Database by the various state and local agencies, each source agency providing data to the S3 Database shall be the sole custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for inspection or copies thereof under Code Section 50-18-72.

(g) The S3 Database shall comply with the requirements and standards established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy.

(h) The office shall develop and implement a quarterly S3 Database access review audit process.

(i) Upon availability, each local school system and school shall comply with the quarterly S3 Database access review audit process developed by the office.

(j) By August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the office shall provide role-based training to all authorized local school system and school personnel.

(k) Any individual who accesses, uses, or releases any S3 record for a purpose not specifically authorized by law commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00.

20-2-1186.6.

The office shall provide technical assistance to ensure each local school system establishes school safety best practices, which shall include:

(1) Each local school system shall designate a school safety director for such local school system. The school safety director shall be a school administrator employed by such local school system, a law enforcement officer employed by such local school system, a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office of the county where such local school system is primarily located, or a law enforcement officer employed by the city police department of the city where such local school system is primarily located. Any school safety director designated from a sheriff's office shall first be authorized and approved by the sheriff employing such law enforcement officer. Any school safety director designated from a sheriff's office remains the employee of the sheriff's office for purposes of compensation, insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office. The sheriff and the local school superintendent shall determine by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer as a school safety director. The school safety director shall earn a certificate of completion of the school safety director training provided by the office within one year after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and oversight for all school safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures in the local school system;

(2) The school safety director, or his or her qualified designee, shall:

(A) Annually review local school system policies and procedures for compliance with state law and rules. At least quarterly, the school safety director shall report to the local school superintendent and the local board of education any noncompliance by the local school system with laws or rules regarding school safety;

(B) Provide the necessary training and resources to students and local school system staff in matters relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, including active shooter training; and school safety and security;

(C) Serve as the local school system liaison with local public safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security;

(D) In collaboration with the appropriate public safety agencies, by October 1 of each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each public school and private school by request. Based on the assessment findings, the local school system's school safety director shall provide recommendations to the local school superintendent and the local board of education which identify strategies and activities that the local board of education should establish, and the local school superintendent should implement, in order to address the findings and improve school safety and security.

Each local board of education shall receive such findings and the school safety director's recommendations at a publicly noticed local board of education meeting to provide the public an opportunity to hear the local board of education members discuss and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety director, through the local school superintendent, shall report such findings and school board action to the office within 30 days after the local board of education meeting;

(E) Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form adopted by the office and the local school system, of all public schools while school is in session and investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements to the local school superintendent;

(F) Report violations of school safety requirements by educators to the local school superintendent, as applicable; and

(G) By October 1 of each year, the school safety director shall hold a public meeting with parents to inform them of school safety policies and to hear their input. Such meeting may include other school officials, law enforcement officers, and the local mental health coordinator;

(3) Each local school superintendent shall identify a mental health coordinator for the local school system. The mental health coordinator shall serve as the local school system's primary point of contact regarding the local school system's coordination, communication, and implementation of student mental health policies, procedures, responsibilities, and reporting, including:

(A) Coordinating with the office;

(B) Maintaining records and reports regarding student mental health as it relates to school safety;

(C) Facilitating the implementation of local school system policies relating to the respective duties and responsibilities of the local school system, the local school superintendent, and local school system principals;

(D) Coordinating with the school safety director on the staffing and training of threat assessment teams and facilitating referrals to mental health services, as appropriate, for students and their families;

(E) Coordinating with the school safety director on the training and resources for students and local school system staff relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance; and

(F) Reviewing annually the local school system's policies and procedures related to student mental health for compliance with state law and alignment with current best practices and making recommendations, as needed, for amending such policies and procedures to the local school superintendent and the local board of education;

(4) Each school safety director shall coordinate with the appropriate public safety agencies that are designated as first responders to a school's campus to conduct an inspection of such campus once every three years and provide recommendations related to school safety. The office may be utilized to help coordinate and participate in these inspections. The recommendations by the public safety agencies shall be considered as

part of the recommendations by the school safety director pursuant to paragraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(5) Each local board of education shall adopt, in coordination with local law enforcement agencies and local governments, a family reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their families in the event that a school is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster. Such reunification plan shall be reviewed annually and updated, as applicable;

(6)(A) Except as otherwise provided in a school safety plan that meets the requirements of Code Section 20-2-1185, by August 1, 2026, each local school system shall comply with the following school safety requirements:

(i) All exterior doors or other access points that restrict ingress to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked at all times. An exterior door or other campus access point may not be open or unlocked, regardless of whether it is during normal school hours, unless attended or actively monitored by a school staff member or the use is in accordance with a shared use agreement;

(ii) All school classrooms and other instructional spaces shall be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students, except between class periods when students are moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or other instructional space door shall be left unlocked or open for any reason other than between class periods when students are moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the door shall be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at the door;

(iii) All campus access doors and other access points that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless a person is actively entering or exiting the door or other access point. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points may be electronically or manually controlled by school personnel to allow access by authorized visitors, students, and school personnel; and

(iv) All school classrooms and other instructional spaces shall clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each classroom or other instructional space where students may shelter in place during an emergency. Students shall be notified of these safe areas within the first ten days of the school year. The office shall assist the school safety director with compliance during inspections.

(B) Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph shall report the violation to the school principal. The school principal shall report the violation to the school safety director no later than the next business day after receiving such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the school principal, the report shall be made directly to the local school superintendent, as applicable; and

(7) Each local board of education shall adopt a progressive discipline policy for addressing any educator as defined in Code Section 20-2-982.1 who knowingly violates school safety requirements.

20-2-1186.7.

The office shall ensure that each local school system establishes a threat management team at each school whose duties include the coordination of resources and assessment of and intervention with students whose behavior may pose a threat to themselves or the safety of the school, school staff, or other students. Each school's threat management team shall adhere to the following requirements:

(1) Upon the availability of a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, all threat management teams shall use the operational process;

(2) A threat management team shall be formed at the discretion of the local school superintendent and local sheriff's office, and shall include persons with expertise in counseling, mental health instruction, school administration, and law enforcement. All members of the threat management team shall be involved in the threat assessment and threat management process and final decision making. At least one member of the threat management team shall have personal familiarity with the individual who is the subject of the threat assessment, and if such individual has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan or a Section 504 plan, at least one member of the threat management team shall have personal familiarity with such plan. If no member of the threat management team has such familiarity, an educator, as defined in Code Section 20-2-982.1, who is personally familiar with the individual who is the subject of the threat assessment shall consult with the threat management team for the purpose of assessing the threat. The educator who provides such consultation shall not participate in the decision-making process;

(3) The threat management team shall identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self;

(4) Upon the availability of the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, all threat management teams shall use that indicator when evaluating the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or students and to coordinate intervention and services for such students;

(5) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or others, a threat management team shall immediately report its determination to the local school superintendent or his or her designee, local law enforcement, and the office. The local school superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian and will determine who within the threat management team is the most appropriate to handle the situation. Nothing in this subsection precludes the local school system from acting immediately to address an imminent threat;

(6) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat management team that a student poses a threat of violence to himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members of the threat management team shall submit a report to the office, who will use the S3 Database to complete its own report based on all available state resources on the individual of

concern. A member of a threat management team may not disclose any information gathered during the creation of the report, gathered on the individual of concern from the office, or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made to the threat management team;

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state and local agencies and programs that provide services to students experiencing or at risk of demonstrating behavior which indicates they may harm themselves or others, including, but not limited to, local school systems, school personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, the Division of Family and Children Services, the Department of Education, the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, and any service or support provider contracting with such agencies, should submit concerns to the office using the S3 Database to ensure the safety of the student or others;

(8) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps established by the threat management team to engage behavioral health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to the threat management team, which shall contact the other agencies involved with the student and any known service providers to share information and coordinate any necessary follow-up actions. Upon the student's transfer to a different school within the same local school system, the threat management team of the receiving school shall verify that any intervention services provided to the student at the previous school remain in place until the threat management team of the receiving school independently determines the need for intervention services. Upon the student's transfer to a school outside of such local school system, the threat management team at the receiving school shall be provided access to the student's critical records as needed to determine the need for intervention services;

(9) If human trafficking or gang affiliation is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps established by the threat management team to seek law enforcement assistance and to identify appropriate interventions for the safety of the student from outside criminal syndicates;

(10) The threat management team shall prepare a threat assessment report required by the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator. A threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, and any other information required by the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator shall be submitted to the office through the S3 Database. Reports, tips, and information submitted into the S3 Database shall become an S3 record; and

(11) Each local board of education shall establish a threat management coordinator to serve as the primary point of contact regarding the local school system's coordination,

communication, and implementation of the threat management program and to report quantitative data to the office.

20-2-1186.8.

By August 1 of each year, the office shall:

(1) Evaluate each local school system's use of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, and the S3 Database for compliance with this part;

(2) Notify the local school superintendent, as applicable, if the use of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, or the S3 Database is not in compliance with this part; and

(3) Report any issues of ongoing noncompliance with this part to the commissioner of Juvenile Justice and the local school superintendent, as applicable.

20-2-1186.9.

(a)(1) By August 1, 2025, the office shall develop and adopt a school safety compliance inspection report to document compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements mandated by law, rule, or regulation and adherence to established school safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and emergency response of the school.

(2) Upon the adoption of the report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall provide a blank copy of such report to each local school superintendent.

(b) The office shall monitor compliance with requirements relating to school safety by local school systems and schools. The office shall conduct unannounced inspections of all public schools while school is in session, triennially, and investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within three school days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall provide a copy of the completed school safety compliance inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence of noncompliance, to the school safety director; the school principal, as appropriate, and the local school superintendent. The school safety director shall acknowledge, in writing, receipt of the report within one school day after receipt. The office shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies within six months. The school safety director, or his or her designee, shall provide the office with written notice of how the noncompliance has been remediated within three school days after receipt of the report.

(c) The office shall provide quarterly reports to each local school superintendent and school safety director identifying the number and percentage of schools inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety requirement deficiencies. Annually, during the first quarter of every school year, the school safety director shall report to the local board of education in a public meeting the number of schools inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and percentage of schools in compliance during the initial inspection and reinspection."

SECTION 23.

Code Section 16-11-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(d)(1) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic threat shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, if the threat suggested the death of the threatened individual or threatened the death of, or serious injury to, a group of individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school, the person convicted shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000.00, imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both."

"(f) Any parent or legal guardian who intentionally advises, counsels, encourages, aids, or abets his or her minor child in the commission of an offense prohibited by paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, relating to threatening the death of, or serious injury to, a group of individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school, shall be deemed a person concerned in the commission of such offense, as provided for in Code Section 16-2-20, and may be charged with and convicted of the commission of such offense as a party thereto.

(g) Whenever there is a credible accusation that a person threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of, or serious injury to, a group of individuals, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, who are or will likely be at or within a school and that the person who made the threat is enrolled in the school, such school shall immediately reassign such person to remote learning and provide him or her with counseling while the school and other parties investigate the allegation or information related to the threat. Once the school has made a substantive finding related to the threat, it may discontinue the remote learning assignment and impose relevant discipline, as appropriate."

SECTION 24.

Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, is amended in Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (51), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (52), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(53) Information held in the School and Student Safety Database provided for in Part 2 of Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 or by a threat management team established by a local school system relating to the assessment of or intervention with an individual of concern."

SECTION 25.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 26.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to provide for reimbursement grants to local school systems that hire qualified behavioral health coordinators; to provide for youth violence and suicide awareness and prevention training requirements, including Tier 1 and Tier 2 behavioral health training; to require public school safety plans to be updated with behavioral threat assessment management plans; to require positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention programs and initiatives for certain low-performing elementary and secondary and middle schools; to provide for the transfer of student records and other information among schools, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies with legal interests in students; to repeal references to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as legal custodian of school age children and to make conforming changes; to require memoranda of understanding between certain state agencies and local units of administration to include provisions relevant to the disclosure of student information; to provide for the release of student information from certain state agencies to local units of administration; to authorize RESAs to participate in dispute resolution procedures; to provide for the designation of RESA student affairs officers; to provide for the Department of Education's chief privacy officer to promulgate a guidance document relevant to sharing student records and other information; to provide for the release of student education records by local boards of education and local education agencies; to provide for certain student education records to be deemed critical records; to provide for the transfer of student education records, including critical records, to receiving schools; to provide for required disclosures; to provide for provisional enrollment at receiving schools; to provide for the transfer of students seeking enrollment in any grade higher than fifth grade; to provide for case management consultations; to provide for policies and implementation; to provide for school administrators to disclose certain information regarding students with the students' assigned classroom teachers; to provide for such information to remain confidential; to provide for local boards of education to petition courts to require parents to authorize the release of a transferring student's education records; to provide for a penalty; to provide for mandatory assessments when certain students withdraw from or stop attending school; to update the "Parents' Bill of Rights"; to provide for access to and transferring student education records; to require written agreements for law enforcement officers in school to include specific terms and conditions relevant to the handling and disclosure of student information; to require the Department of Education to publish model terms and conditions; to revise provisions

regarding disrupting and interfering with certain public school operations; to provide for a system of discipline; to provide for investigations; to revise felony provisions regarding individuals attending the same school; to provide for school safety plans to address behavioral health needs of students; to create an Office of Safe Schools within the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to establish school safety best practices for local school systems; to ensure each local school system has a threat management team; to provide technical assistance for local school systems to develop policies and procedures for their threat management teams; to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to provide state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicators; to procure a state-wide behavioral threat assessment management system, known as the School and Student Safety Database or S3 Database, to collect and integrate data to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or students, to provide and coordinate state resources to assist local school systems to make timely and methodical school based threat assessment and management decisions, and to help local districts coordinate intervention and services for such students; to evaluate each local school system's use of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to adopt a school safety compliance inspection report; to ensure the S3 Database provides local school systems and their threat management teams with all available data pertaining to their jurisdiction; to provide for a process for the closure of a student's case from the S3 database; to provide all of the aforementioned services and assistance to private schools upon request; to provide for de-identified and disaggregated reports of S3 records, student discipline records, and student attendance; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of threatening the death of or serious injury to individuals who are or likely to be at school; to provide for parents and legal guardians to be charged as a person concerned in the commission of such offense; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-133, relating to free public instruction, exceptions, eligibility, and procedure and requirements when child in custody of or in a placement or facility of a state agency, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) Any child, except as otherwise specifically provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, who is:

(i) In the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services;

(ii) In a placement operated by the Department of Human Services ~~or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~;

(iii) In a facility or placement paid for by the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, ~~or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services; or

(iv) Placed in a psychiatric residential treatment facility by his or her parent or legal guardian pursuant to a physician's order, if such child is not a home study, private school, or out-of-state student

and who is physically present within the geographical area served by a local unit of administration for any length of time is eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of that local unit of administration; provided, however, that the child meets the age eligibility requirements established by this article. Except for children who are committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and receiving education services under Code Section 20-2-2084.1, the local unit of administration of the school district in which such child is present shall be responsible for the provision of all educational programs, including special education and related services, at no charge so long as the child is physically present in the school district.

(B) A child shall be considered in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services, if custody has been awarded either temporarily or permanently by court order or by voluntary agreement, or if the child has been admitted or placed according to an individualized treatment or service plan of the Department of Human Services or the Division of Family and Children Services. ~~A child shall be considered in a facility or placement paid for or operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities if the child has been admitted or placed according to an individualized treatment or service plan of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or its contractors.~~

(C) A facility providing educational services onsite to a child described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph who is unable to leave such facility shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local unit of administration in which the facility is located. Such memorandum of understanding shall include, at a minimum, provisions regarding enrollment counting procedures, allocation of funding based on actual days of enrollment in the facility, ~~and~~ the party responsible for employing teachers, and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the disclosure of the child's education records, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-670. A memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed and renewed at least every two years; provided, however, that, if any memorandum of understanding in place on July 1, 2025, does not include such provisions regarding the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the disclosure of the child's education records, such memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed and updated by no later than October 1, 2025.

(D) No child in a secure residential facility as defined in Code Section 15-11-2, regardless of his or her custody status, shall be eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of the local unit of administration of the school district in which such facility is located. No child or youth in the custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice and confined in a facility as a result of a sentence imposed by a court shall be eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of the local unit of administration of the school district where such child or youth is being held; provided, however, that such child or youth may be eligible for enrollment in a state charter school pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2084.1.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, placement in a facility by another local unit of administration shall not create an obligation, financial or otherwise, on the part of the local unit of administration in which the facility is located to educate the child.

(3) For any child described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the custodian of or placing agency for the child shall notify the appropriate local unit of administration at least five days in advance of the move, when possible, when the child is to be moved from one local unit of administration to another.

(4) When the custodian of or placing agency for any child notifies a local unit of administration, as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, that the child may become eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of a local unit of administration, such local unit of administration shall request the transfer of the ~~educational~~ education records and Individualized Education Programs and all education related evaluations, assessments, social histories, and observations of the child from the appropriate local unit of administration no later than ~~ten~~ five days after receiving notification. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the custodian of the records has the obligation to transfer ~~these~~ such records and the local unit of administration has the right to receive, review, and utilize ~~these~~ such records. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, upon the request of a local unit of administration responsible for providing educational services to a child described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services shall furnish to the local unit of administration all medical and ~~educational~~ education records in the possession of the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services pertaining to any such child~~, except where consent of a parent or legal guardian is required in order to authorize the release of any of such records, in which event the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or the Department of Human Services shall obtain such consent from the parent or guardian prior to such release~~. Such records shall include, but shall not be limited to, any record that such student:

(A) Has ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and,

if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(B) Is currently serving a short-term suspension, a long-term suspension, or an expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of such discipline;

(C) Is currently the subject of a notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754; or

(D) Is currently or has ever been the subject of a:

(i) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(ii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iii) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(iv) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184.

(5) In the event that the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services contends that any record provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection cannot be released without consent of a parent or legal guardian, such agency shall:

(A) Within five days after receiving a request for records under this subsection:

(i) Release all records not subject to such restriction;

(ii) Provide in writing to the local unit of administration and the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which such local unit of administration is located a list that identifies each record that such agency contends is subject to such restriction and the legal basis for such restriction; and

(iii) Initiate both verbal and written contact with the parent or legal guardian to obtain consent which the agency contends is required; and

(B) Upon receipt of the consent provided for in division (5)(A)(iii) of this subsection, immediately release the subject record to the local unit of administration.

(6)(A) In the event that an agency contends that releasing, in whole or in part, a student's records as required by this Code section would be unlawful, such agency shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the local unit of administration is located.

(B) In the event that a local unit of administration contends that a student's records, in whole or in part, have been unlawfully or unduly withheld from release by a sending school, such local unit of administration shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the local unit of administration is located.

(C)(i) Upon receipt of a notice of dispute from an agency as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or from a local unit of administration as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the RESA student affairs officer shall be authorized to work in coordination with any sending school, any receiving school, any other requestor, and the parent or legal custodian of the student whose records

are the subject of such notice to resolve any dispute by providing technical assistance and guidance as to the respective rights and responsibilities of each of the parties to the dispute.

(ii) To the extent that such efforts to resolve the dispute are not successful, the RESA student affairs officer shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to any party to such dispute which the RESA student affairs officer reasonably contends is noncompliant with the requirements of this paragraph. Such written notice of noncompliance shall include a recommended corrective action to resolve noncompliance. The RESA student affairs officer shall report such noncompliance to the director of the RESA.

(iii) Upon being notified of a noncompliance as provided for in division (ii) of this subparagraph, the RESA director shall be authorized to attempt to resolve the dispute and to report noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(D) For the limited purposes provided for in this subsection, RESA student affairs officers and RESA directors shall be authorized to review the education records that are the subject of a notice of dispute provided for in this subsection.

~~(5)~~(7) Any local unit of administration which serves a child pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive in the form of annual grants in state funding for that child the difference between the actual state funds received for that child pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161 and the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in educating that child, calculated pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of Education. Each local board of education shall be held harmless by the state from expending local funds for educating students pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that this shall only apply to students who are unable to leave the facility in which they have been placed.

~~(6)~~(8) Enrollment of an eligible child pursuant to this Code section shall be effectuated in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

~~(7)~~(9) For purposes of the accountability program provided for in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title, all facilities serving children described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be, consistent with department rules and regulations, treated as a single local education agency; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed to alleviate any responsibilities of the local unit of administration of the school district in which any such children are physically present for the provision of education for any such children.

~~(8)~~(10) The Department of Education, the State Charter Schools Commission, the Department of Human Services, the Division of Family and Children Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities,~~ and the local units of administration where Department of Education, State Charter Schools Commission, Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ Department of Human Services, or Division of Family and Children Services placements, facilities, or contract facilities are located shall jointly develop procedures binding on all agencies

implementing the provisions of this Code section applicable to children and youth in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, under the care or physical or legal custody of the Department of Human Services or the Division of Family and Children Services~~, or under the physical custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 5 of Article 6, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-192.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'qualified behavioral health coordinator' means an individual employed by a local school system whose beginning salary and benefits are eligible for reimbursement grants under this Code section.

(b) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education shall provide grants to local school systems for the purpose of reimbursing local school systems for expenditures sufficient to pay the beginning salaries and benefits of qualified behavioral health coordinators employed by such local school systems.

(c) Under such grant program, local school systems shall be eligible for reimbursement for an amount equal to the beginning salary and benefits of:

(1) One qualified behavioral health coordinator for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of fewer than 18,000 students;

(2) Two qualified behavioral health coordinators for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of 18,000 to 36,000 students; or

(3) Three qualified behavioral health coordinators for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of more than 36,000 students.

(d) By July 1, 2025, the State Board of Education shall establish regulations as to the manner in which local school systems shall request and receive such grant funds. Such regulations shall condition the receipt of such grant funds on the local school system's compliance with all applicable provisions of Code Sections 20-2-1185 and 20-2-1185.1, relating to school safety plans, including, but not limited to, behavioral threat assessment management plans.

(e)(1) By July 1, 2025, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall establish the essential duties and minimum qualifications for qualified behavioral health coordinators hired by local school systems. Such minimum qualifications shall be established so as to maximize opportunities for local school systems to hire qualified behavioral health coordinators capable of performing such essential duties.

(2) Such qualified behavioral health coordinators shall be primarily responsible for:

(A) Coordinating the efforts of the local school system to identify and facilitate appropriate interventions for students with or at risk for mental health concerns, including, but not limited to, telehealth services;

(B) Coordinating, documenting, evaluating, and reporting the outcomes of Tier 1 and Tier 2 behavioral health training programs and materials of the local school system, including, but not limited to, such training programs and materials as provided for in Code Section 20-2-779.1; and

(C) Attending information and training meetings relating to school safety and student behavioral health provided or facilitated by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to the Department of Juvenile Justice or its school system.

(g) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit local school systems from hiring or contracting with behavioral health coordinators using other funds available for such purpose."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-270, relating to establishment of a state-wide network, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish a state-wide network of regional educational service agencies for the purposes of: providing shared services designed to improve the effectiveness of educational programs and services to local school systems and state charter schools; providing instructional programs directly to selected public school students in the state; provide services as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-133, 20-2-670, and 20-2-785; and providing Georgia Learning Resources System services.

(2) The regional educational service agencies established by the state board may legally be referred to as 'RESA' or ~~'RESA's~~ 'RESAs'."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 11 of Article 6, relating to regional educational service agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-270.2.

(a) Each regional educational service agency shall be authorized to provide dispute resolution services as provided for in Code Sections 20-2-133 and 20-2-670 to local education agencies, local units of administration, and public and private schools located within the service area of such regional educational service agency and to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(b) Each regional education service area director shall designate one staff member as RESA student affairs officer.

(c) The chief privacy officer designated by the State School Superintendent pursuant to Code Section 20-2-663 shall provide technical assistance and guidance to support RESA student affairs officers and directors in complying with the requirements of this Code section and Code Sections 20-2-133 and 20-2-670."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-662, relating to definitions relative to student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(6.1) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(6.2) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice school system."

"(8.1) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-663, relating to designation and role of chief privacy officer, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c)(1) In consultation with the Attorney General's office, the chief privacy officer shall promulgate for all regional education service agencies, all local education agencies, all elementary and secondary schools in this state, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) school system, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) a guidance document that shall address, but shall not be limited to, the following topics:

(A) The current state and federal laws applicable to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools in this state, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA intended to protect the privacy of student education records, student health records, student data, and the personally identifiable information of students and their families;

(B) The application of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools in this state, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA, including what information is and is not covered under FERPA;

(C) What student education records and student health records can be shared with other educators, other schools, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA;

(D) What information about a student a local education agency, an elementary or secondary school, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA is permitted or required to share with a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency or officer with a legal interest in such student; and

(E) What information about a student a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency with a legal interest in such student is permitted or required to share with a local education agency, an elementary or secondary school, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, or DoDEA.

(2)(A) The guidance document required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be issued by July 15, 2025, and shall be reviewed and updated by July 1 each year and at any other time as necessary to ensure the information included in such guidance document is accurate.

(B) Each time the guidance document required by paragraph (1) of this subsection is issued or updated, it shall be posted on the department's public website along with responses to common or frequently asked questions relevant to the topics included in such guidance document.

(3) The chief privacy officer shall consult with experts and authorities as appropriate including, but not limited to the Office of the Chief Privacy Officer of the United States Department of Education, to meet the requirements of this subsection."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-667, relating to parental and student review of education records and model policies, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each local board of education shall immediately provide an electronic copy of a student's complete education record to any parent, legal custodian, or another person or entity legally authorized to receive such records upon request and under no circumstances later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request.

(2) In the event that any portion of such student's education record is not maintained in electronic format, the local board of education shall provide an electronic copy of all of the student's education records available in electronic format in compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of the request for such records, notify the requestor when copies of the remainder of such student's education records will be ready for retrieval. ~~Local boards of education shall provide a parent or guardian with an electronic copy of his or her child's education record upon request, unless the local board of education does not maintain a record in electronic format and reproducing the record in an electronic format would be unduly burdensome.~~"

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-670, relating to requirements for transferring students beyond sixth grade, conditional admission, and compliance, in its entirety and enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-670.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical records' means the following education records of a student, which shall be current and complete for a period of at least the most recent 12 months of such student's enrollment or the entirety of such student's enrollment if less than 12 months:

(A) Information from all assessments of the student by the school or local school system threat management team;

(B) Academic transcript;

(C) Attendance records;
(D) Student discipline records, including, but not limited to, all records of any:
(i) Disciplinary order of short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-751.2;
(ii) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;
(iii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;
(iv) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or
(v) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184;
(E) Records of the student having ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;
(F) An Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or a plan under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, if any; and
(G) Psychological evaluations, if any.

(2) 'Education records' means any record that is maintained by a local education agency, a public or private elementary or secondary school, the Department of Juvenile Justice school system, or a party acting on behalf of such entity and is directly related to a student. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, records of such student's enrollment, attendance, class schedules, academic transcripts, grades, student discipline, student financial information, health records, special education records, and psychological evaluations. Such term shall include the student's critical records.

(3) 'Governing body' means the local board of education, governing council, governing board, Board of Juvenile Justice, or other entity by whatever name responsible for creating and implementing the budget of a local education agency or a public or private school.

(4) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(5) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice school system.

(6) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(7) 'Permanent enrollment' means enrollment of student in a school that is not provisional enrollment.

(8) 'Provisional enrollment' means the conditional and nonpermanent enrollment of student in a school for a specified period of time.

(9) 'Receiving school' means a local education agency or public or private school in which a transferring student, either on his or her own behalf or by and through his or her parent or legal custodian, has enrolled or seeks or intends to enroll.

(10) 'Requestor' means a student, the parent or legal custodian of such student, or a receiving school or another person or entity legally authorized to receive the education records of such student.

(11) 'RESA' means a regional education service agency as provided for in Code Section 20-2-270.

(12) 'RESA student affairs officer' means the RESA employee designated by the RESA executive director to receive and attempt to resolve notices of disputes brought pursuant to this Code section.

(13) 'Sending school' means a local education agency or a public or private school which maintains education records of a particular student and is responsible for releasing such records to a requestor.

(14) 'Student' means an individual who is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school or home study program in this state, or who is subject to the compulsory attendance requirements of Code Section 20-2-690.1.

(15) 'Transferring student' means a student who, either on his or her own behalf or by and through his or her parent or legal custodian, has enrolled in or is seeking or intends to enroll in a receiving school.

(b) The parent or legal custodian of a student seeking permanent enrollment in a grade higher than the third grade in any receiving school in this state shall as a prerequisite to such permanent enrollment execute a document:

(1) Disclosing to the receiving school whether the student:

(A) Has ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(B) Is currently serving a short-term suspension, a long-term suspension, or an expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of such discipline;

(C) Is currently the subject of a notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754; or

(D) Is currently or has ever been the subject of any:

(i) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(ii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iii) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(iv) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184; and

(2) Either:

(A) Present a certified copy of such student's critical records from each sending school he or she attended during the previous 24 months; or

(B) Receive written confirmation from such receiving school that it as received such student's critical records.

(c)(1) A student may be provisionally enrolled in a receiving school for not more than ten school days on a conditional basis; provided, however, that such provisional enrollment shall not commence until the next school day after such student's parent or legal custodian executes a document:

(A) Disclosing the information required in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Providing the name and address of each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months and authorizing the immediate release of such student's critical records to the receiving school.

(2) If the receiving school does not receive such student's critical records from each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months, the receiving school shall be authorized to temporarily assign such student to remote learning until such critical records are received or the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section is completed.

(3) If a student provisionally enrolled in a receiving school is found to be ineligible for enrollment pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 20-2-751.2, or is subsequently found to be so ineligible, he or she shall be dismissed from enrollment in such receiving school until such time as he or she becomes so eligible.

(d) Any document provided by a receiving school to a student or such student's parent or legal custodian to request permanent enrollment or provisional enrollment in such receiving school or to authorize the release of education records to such receiving school shall include:

(1) A list of class A designated felony acts or class B designated felony acts;

(2) A list of the prohibited acts identified in Code Section 20-2-1184; and

(3) A description of each of the following:

(A) Notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754;

(B) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(C) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(D) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; and

(E) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184.

(e) Each time a transferring student's education records, including, but not limited to critical records, are transferred to a receiving school, such student's parent or legal custodian shall be notified in writing by the receiving school of the transfer of such records and shall, upon written request made within five days of the date of such notice, be entitled to receive a copy of such records from the receiving school. Within five days of the receipt of a copy of such records, such student's parent or legal custodian may make a written request for and shall be entitled to a meeting with the principal of the

sending school or of the receiving school or his or her designee for the purpose of correcting the content of such records as provided in Code Section 20-2-667. The parties may mutually agree for such meeting to occur at a date and time outside of such five-day period.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each sending school in this state shall immediately release a student's complete education record to any parent, legal custodian, receiving school, or another person or entity legally authorized to receive such records upon request by such requestor and under no circumstances later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request.

(2) In the event that any portion of such student's education record is not maintained in electronic format, the sending school shall transfer all of the student's education records available in electronic format in compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request, notify the requestor when copies of the remainder of such student's education records will be ready for retrieval.

(g)(1) In the event that:

(A) A sending school contends that releasing, in whole or in part, a student's education records as required by this Code section would be unlawful or unduly burdensome; or

(B) A requestor contends that a student's education records, in whole or in part, have been unlawfully or unduly withheld from release by a sending school,

the requestor shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the sending school is located.

(2)(A) Upon receipt of a notice as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the RESA student affairs officer shall be authorized to work in coordination with any sending school, any receiving school, any other requestor, and the parent or legal custodian of the student whose education records are the subject of such notice to resolve any dispute by providing technical assistance and guidance as to the respective rights and responsibilities of each of the parties to the dispute.

(B) To the extent that such efforts to resolve the dispute are not successful, the RESA student affairs officer shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to any party to such dispute which the RESA student affairs officer reasonably contends is noncompliant with the requirements of this Code section report. Such written notice of noncompliance shall include a recommended corrective action to resolve noncompliance. The RESA student affairs officer shall report such noncompliance to the director of the RESA.

(C) Upon being notified of a noncompliance as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the RESA director shall be authorized to attempt to resolve the dispute and to report noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(4) For the limited purposes provided for in this subsection, RESA student affairs officers and RESA executive directors shall be authorized to review the education records that are the subject of a notice of dispute provided for in this subsection.

(5) In the event that it becomes evident to a RESA student affairs officer or a RESA director that neither a sending school nor a receiving school involved in a dispute is a local education agency or a public elementary or secondary school, the RESA student affairs officer and the RESA director shall take no further action regarding the dispute other than to notify the parties to the dispute that the regional educational service agency is not authorized to take further action on the matter and to refer the parties to the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(h) Whenever a receiving school does not timely receive complete information relative to a transferring student from a sending school as required in subsection (f) of this Code section, such receiving school shall be authorized to condition such transferring student's continued provisional enrollment upon completion of the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section.

(i) Each case management consultation shall be conducted by a school social worker, school counselor, or a designated school administrator of the receiving school and shall involve the transferring student and such student's parent or legal custodian. The purposes of the case management consultation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Determining whether any services are necessary for such student, including, but not limited to, referrals for special education or behavioral health services; and

(2) Facilitating the continuation of services such student was receiving at his or her previous school or schools, if any, including services recommended by any behavioral threat management team.

(j) The State Board of Education shall adopt policies and procedures for implementing the provisions of this Code section.

(k) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and provide technical assistance to schools and local school systems to support implementation of the provisions of this Code section.

(l) In lieu of his or her parent, a transferring student who is not in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and who is 18 years of age or older or who has been emancipated by operation of law or by court order pursuant to Code Section 15-11-727 or as otherwise provided by law shall be authorized to comply on his or her own behalf with the requirements of this Code section otherwise applicable to such student's parent or legal custodian."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-671, relating to transfer students who have committed felony acts and disclosure of act, as follows:

"20-2-671.

(a) If any school administrator determines from the information obtained pursuant to Code Section 15-11-602 or 20-2-670 or from any other source that a student ~~has~~:

(1) Has committed a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2~~,~~;

(2) Is the subject of a notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(3) Has a current disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(4) Is the subject of a report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184,

such administrator shall so inform all teachers to whom the student is assigned that they may review the information in the student's file provided pursuant to ~~subsection (b) of~~ Code Section 20-2-670 received from other schools or from the juvenile courts.

(b) Such information shall be kept confidential."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-700, relating to reports by peace officers to school authorities and parent or guardian, as follows:

"20-2-700.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Incidental to' means occurring in the course of or directly associated with standards or customary operations of a law enforcement officer's employer.

(2) 'Law enforcement officer' means any duly constituted agent or officer of the State of Georgia or of any county, municipality, political subdivision, or local school system thereof who, as a full-time or part-time employee, is vested either expressly by law or by virtue of public employment or service with authority to enforce the criminal or traffic laws of this state with the power of arrest and whose duties include the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; any member of the Georgia State Patrol or Georgia Bureau of Investigation; campus policemen and school security personnel provided for in Chapter 8 of this title; any person employed by the Department of Natural Resources as a law enforcement officer; any arson investigator of the state fire marshal's office; employees designated by the commissioner of community supervision who have the duty to supervise children adjudicated for a Class A designated felony act or Class B designated felony act after release from restrictive custody, as such terms are defined in Code Section 15-11-2; and employees designated by the commissioner of juvenile justice pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of Code Section 49-4A-8 who have the duty to investigate and apprehend delinquent children, or the supervision of delinquent children under intensive supervision in the community, and any child with a pending juvenile court case alleging the child to be a child in need of services who has escaped from a facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice or who has broken the conditions of supervision.

(3) 'Official encounter' means an interaction of a law enforcement officer with a school age youth in such law enforcement officer's official capacity for the purpose of enforcing the criminal laws of this state or preventing, detecting, or investigating a crime, provided that such interaction is directly related to a credible report or other

credible information that such school age youth has threatened the death of, or serious injury to, one or more individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school.

(4) 'School age youth' means an individual who is between his or her sixth and sixteenth birthdays or who a law enforcement officer knows or reasonably believes is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state. Such term shall not include an individual who has successfully completed all the requirements for a high school diploma or a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma. (5) 'School official' means a local school superintendent or his or her designee or a school principal or other school administrator.

(b) Any person taking action with respect to a child pursuant to Code Section 20-2-699 shall report ~~the matter and the disposition made by him of the child to the school authorities of the county, independent or area school system~~ such action to a school official of the public or private school in which such child is currently enrolled or would be enrolled by virtue of his or her primary residence, and to the child's parent or guardian.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, within five days of an official encounter with a school age youth in this state, the employer of each law enforcement officer present for such official encounter shall provide a written report of such official encounter to a school official of the public or private school in which such school age youth is currently enrolled or would be enrolled by virtue of his or her primary residence and to his or her parent or guardian.

(2) A written report of an official encounter provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be required:

(A) When the interaction between the law enforcement officer and the school age youth is not incidental to the conduct of a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity to enforce the criminal laws of this state or to prevent, detect, or investigate a crime; or

(B) With respect to a school age youth whose presence during or participation in such official encounter is due exclusively to such school age youth being a witness or potential witness in a criminal investigation; provided, however, that the exception provided for in this subparagraph shall not apply if he or she is also a subject of such criminal investigation or is a suspect or person of interest in such criminal investigation.

(d) This Code section shall not apply to school age youth in the physical custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice within a secure facility; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to school age youth who are in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice in a nonsecure residential placement or other nonsecure intensive supervision program."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents, as follows:

"20-2-720.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Education record' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 20-2-662.

(2) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(3) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the school system of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(b) No local board of education ~~No local school system, whether county, independent, or area,~~ shall have a policy of denying, or which effectively prevents, the parents or legal custodians of students who are in attendance at or who have been enrolled in any facility within such system the right to inspect and review the education records of their child as provided in Code Section 20-2-667.

(c) A parent or legal custodian shall be entitled to inspect and review only information relating to his or her own child or ward and if any material or document in a child's or ward's record includes information on another student, such information regarding any other student shall not be made available for inspection or review except to the parents or legal custodian of that student.

(d) Both parents of a child shall be entitled to inspect and review the education records of their child or to be provided information concerning their child's progress. Information concerning a child's education record shall not be withheld from the noncustodial parent unless a court order has specifically removed the right of the noncustodial parent to such information or unless parental rights have been terminated. ~~For purposes of this Code section, 'education records' shall include attendance reports and records.~~"

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-741, relating to positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention, as follows:

"20-2-741.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'High needs school' means a public school which has received a school climate rating of '1-star' or '2-star' pursuant to Code Section 20-14-33.

(2) 'Positive behavioral interventions and supports' or 'PBIS' means an evidence based data-driven framework to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety, and support improved academic outcomes through a ~~multitiered~~ multi-tiered approach, using disciplinary data and principles of behavior analysis to develop school-wide, targeted, and individualized interventions and supports.

(3) 'Response to intervention' or 'RTI' means a framework of identifying and addressing the academic and behavioral needs of students through a tiered system.

(b)(1) Local boards of education are encouraged to implement PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives in their schools, and particularly in high needs schools.

(2) Local boards of education shall implement PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives in each elementary and middle school that is a high needs school. Such implementation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) PBIS Tier 1 supports for 100 percent of students and school personnel;

(B) Specific PBIS Tier 2 supports and interventions for students who are at risk for developing more serious unwanted behaviors, such as small group resilience and behavioral health skills lessons approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(C) Each school year, no less than 95 percent of school personnel receive two hours of student behavioral health awareness training approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(c) The State Board of Education is authorized, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, to provide funds to local school systems to support PBIS and RTI programs, initiatives, and personnel.

(d) The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives which receive funding pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-757, relating to applicability of public inspection and open meeting laws, as follows:

"20-2-757.

(a) All proceedings and hearings conducted under this subpart shall be confidential and shall not be subject to the open meetings requirement of Code Section 50-14-1 or other open meetings laws.

(b) All electronic or other written records of all hearings conducted under this subpart; all statements of charges; all notices of hearings; and all written decisions rendered by a hearing officer, tribunal, the local board of education, or the State Board of Education shall not be subject to public inspection or other disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or other public disclosure laws; provided, however, ~~the board of education~~ that the state board shall prepare a written summary of any proceeding conducted under this subpart, which summary shall include a description of the incident and the disposition thereof but shall not contain the names of any party to the incident. The summary shall be a public record.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit, restrict, or limit in any manner the disclosure of a student's education records to a receiving school as required by Code Section 20-2-670."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-766.1, relating to proceeding against parents for failure to cooperate in educational programs and penalty, as follows:

"20-2-766.1.

(a) A ~~The~~ local board of education may, by petition to the juvenile court, proceed against a parent or guardian as provided in this Code section.

(b) If the court finds that the parent or guardian has willfully and unreasonably failed to attend a conference requested by a principal pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765 or 20-2-766, the court may order the parent or guardian to attend such a conference, order the parent or guardian to participate in such programs or such treatment as the court deems appropriate to improve the student's behavior, or both.

(c) If the court finds that the parent or guardian has willfully and unreasonably failed to authorize the release of student education records to a receiving school as required pursuant to Code Section 20-2-670, the court may order the parent or guardian to authorize the release of such records.

(d) After notice and opportunity for hearing, the court may impose a fine, not to exceed $500.00, on a parent or guardian who willfully disobeys an order of the court entered under this Code section. The court may use its contempt and other powers specified in Code Section 15-11-31 to enforce any order entered under this Code section."

SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-779.1, relating to suicide prevention and awareness training and no duty of care imposed, as follows:

"20-2-779.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'evidence based' means a program or practice that:

(1) Demonstrates a statistically significant effect on relevant outcomes based on:

(A) Strong evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;

(B) Moderate evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

(C) Promising evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; or

(2) Demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such program or practice is likely to improve relevant outcomes, and includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such program or practice.

~~(a)(1)~~(b) The State Board ~~The Department~~ of Education shall adopt rules to require that:

(1) All ~~all~~ certificated public school personnel receive annual training in youth violence and suicide awareness and prevention. ~~This~~ Such training shall be provided within the framework of existing in-service training programs offered or facilitated by the Department of Education, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or as part of required professional development offered by a local school system or public school; and

(2)(A) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, and continuing each school year thereafter, all public schools serving students in any one of grades six through 12 which receive funds in any manner from the state shall provide to students:

(i) At least one hour of evidence based suicide awareness and prevention training each school year; and

(ii) At least one hour of evidence based youth violence prevention training each school year.

(B) Such training may be delivered in person, remotely, or digitally and may be included as part of the health and physical education course of study provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142.

~~(2)~~(c)(1) By January 1, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education shall, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Suicide Prevention Program established pursuant to Code Section 37-1-27, student violence and suicide prevention experts, other youth mental health experts, and elementary and secondary school counselors, social workers, and teachers, develop a list of approved evidence based training programs and materials to fulfill the requirements of this ~~subsection~~ Code section which may include training programs and materials currently being used by a local school system or public school if such training programs and materials meet ~~any~~ the criteria established by the department.

~~(3)~~(2) Approved training programs and materials ~~shall~~:

(A) Shall include ~~training~~ information on how to identify appropriate mental health interventions and services, both within the school and also within the larger community, and when and how to ~~refer~~ facilitate such interventions and services for youth and their families ~~to those services~~; and

~~(4)~~(B) May ~~Approved materials may~~ include programs and materials that can be completed through self-review of suitable student violence and suicide awareness and prevention materials approved by the department upon the recommendation of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(3) Approved training programs and materials for students shall, at a minimum, teach students:

(A) How to recognize the observable signs and signals of depression, suicide, and self-injury in themselves and their peers;

(B) How to recognize the observable warning signs and signals of persons who may be at risk of harming themselves or others;

(C) The importance of seeking help for themselves and their peers and the process for seeking help; and

(D) The steps that can be taken to report dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful behavior.

(4) The Department of Education shall make the list of approved training programs and materials, including no-cost programming, if any, publicly available on its website and shall keep it timely updated by reviewing such list, at a minimum, every 36 months.

~~(5)(A)~~(d)(1) Each local ~~school system~~ board of education or public school governing body shall:

(A) Adopt policies, rules, and regulations ~~adopt a policy~~ on student suicide awareness and prevention. Such policies, rules, and regulations shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school employed mental

health professionals, and suicide prevention experts, and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention;

(B) Adopt policies, rules, and regulations for providing relevant and current information to students and their families and to school personnel regarding publicly available resources for the anonymous reporting of a dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity which occurs on, or is threatened to occur on, school property or which relates to a student or school personnel; and

(C) Implement an evidence based youth violence prevention training program to instruct students how to recognize the observable warning signs and signals of someone who may be at risk of harming himself, herself, or others; the importance of taking threats seriously and seeking help; and how to report someone who is at risk, including by using the state-wide anonymous reporting program.

~~(B)~~(2) To assist public schools and local school systems in developing their own policies for student violence and suicide awareness and prevention, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Suicide Prevention Program within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, shall establish a model policy for use by public schools and local school systems in accordance with this Code section.

(e) Each local board of education or public school governing body shall require each public school that sponsors or otherwise permits student organizations or clubs to designate a student-led youth violence prevention club to sustain awareness activities related to suicide prevention and violence prevention. Such student violence prevention club, including existing clubs, shall:

(1) Be open to all members of the student body;

(2) Engage in awareness activities related to youth suicide prevention, youth violence prevention, and social inclusion;

(3) Foster opportunities for student leadership development; and

(4) Have at least one administrator, teacher, or other school personnel serve as a faculty advisor.

(f)(1) By July 1, 2025, each local board of education or public school governing body shall develop and operate, or contract with a provider to develop and operate, and make available an anonymous reporting program.

(2) Such anonymous reporting program shall, at a minimum:

(A) Be accessible by any person to report anonymously a dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity which occurs on, or is threatened to occur on, school property or which relates to a student or school personnel;

(B) Provide support 24 hours per day, seven days per week for anonymous reporting through, at a minimum, a mobile telephone application and a multilingual crisis center, which shall be staffed by individuals with evidence based counseling and crisis intervention training;

(C) Promptly forward reported information to the appropriate school based team;

(D) Support a coordinated response to an identified crisis by schools, local emergency 9-1-1 public safety answering points, and local law enforcement agencies when response by schools and law enforcement is to be reasonably expected;

(E) Require and certify the training of school based teams in each school to receive notice of any report submitted to the state-wide anonymous reporting program concerning the school, a student, or school personnel;

(F) Require and certify the training of local emergency 9-1-1 public safety answering point personnel to receive notice of any report submitted to the state-wide anonymous reporting program that requires response from a local law enforcement agency;

(G) Promote public awareness and education about the state-wide anonymous reporting program and its reporting methods, prior to its launch; and

(H) Comply with all federal and state laws.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any local school system or public school that, as of January 1, 2025, has an operating anonymous reporting program that substantially complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(4) This subsection shall not be construed to interfere with or impede any existing contract any local school system or public school has with a provider to operate an anonymous reporting program; provided, however, that, to the extent that the terms of such contract do not require such provider to operate an anonymous reporting program in substantial compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection, such contract terms shall not be renewed beyond such contract's current expiration or termination date.

(g) Each local school system and public school shall update its school safety plan required by Code Section 20-2-1185 by including a behavioral threat assessment management plan as provided for in Code Section 20-2-1185.1.

~~(b)~~(h) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this Code section or resulting from any training, or lack thereof, required by this Code section.

~~(c)~~(i) The training, or lack thereof, required by the provisions of this Code section shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care."

SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-785, relating to referral and assessment to determine whether withdrawal was to limit education, as follows:

"20-2-785.

(a) In the event that a ~~child~~ student does not for a period of 30 consecutive days attend the public school in which he or she is enrolled or provisionally enrolled and:

(1) The parent or guardian of such student does not notify the school of such student's withdrawal from such school;

(2) The parent or guardian of such student does not notify the school of such student's enrollment or intent to enroll in a home study program or another school;

(3) Such student is withdrawn from ~~a public~~ such school without a declaration filed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690; or

(4) Such student is 16 years of age or older and stops attending such school without completing the conference required under subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1 ~~and that child stops attending a public school for a period of 45 days,~~

the school shall refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides, as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) For each student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, such student's school shall:

(1) Refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services to conduct an assessment~~. The purpose of such referral and assessment shall be limited to~~ for the purpose of determining whether such withdrawal was to avoid educating ~~the child. Presentation~~ such student; provided, however, that completion of such conference or presentation of a copy of such filed declaration shall satisfy the ~~assessment~~ requirements of this paragraph, and the Division shall immediately terminate ~~the~~ such assessment ~~under this Code section.~~; and

(2) Refer the matter to the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides for the purpose of determining whether such student has enrolled in a home study program or another school and, if such student has enrolled in another school, to determine whether the receiving school as defined in Code Section 2-20-670 has received such student's education records from the student's previous schools; provided, however, that, upon receiving notice that such student has enrolled or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school, the referring school shall immediately notify the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides of such intent or enrollment and if such student has enrolled or intends to enroll in another school, confirm the date by which such student's education records as defined in Code Section 2-20-670 will be released to the receiving school.

(c) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit or limit a public school from making reasonable efforts at any time to determine the whereabouts of a student who is withdrawn from such school without a declaration filed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 or who stops attending such school without providing notice of enrollment or intent to enroll in a home study program or another school or, when such student is 16 years of age or older, without completing the conference required under subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1. Such efforts may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Contacting the student's parent, guardian, or other legal custodian to inquire of the student's whereabouts and whether such student intends to withdraw from the school or has enrolled or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school;

(2) Directing school personnel, including, but not limited to, school social workers and school security personnel, to conduct a wellness visit at the student's last known residence; and

(3) As appropriate, referring the matter to the county or municipal law enforcement agency having territorial jurisdiction.

(d) Each public school in which a student is enrolled or provisionally enrolled shall compile such student's complete education records and make such records available for immediate release to any person or entity authorized by law to receive such records:

(1) For each student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) Each time the school receives sufficient notice that such student is withdrawing from the school or is enrolling or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school."

SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-786, relating to the "Parents' Bill of Rights," by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) Each governing body shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, develop and adopt a policy or regulation to promote parental involvement in the public schools. Such policy or regulation shall be updated each year by June 1 and posted on each governing body's public website, and a copy of such policy or regulation shall be available for review on site upon request by a parent. Such policy or regulation shall include:

(1) Procedures that meet the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-667 and 20-2-670 for a parent to review records relating to his or her minor child and to request the transfer of such records to another school or a person or entity authorized to receive such records;

(2)(A) Procedures for a parent to learn about his or her minor child's courses of study, including, but not limited to, parental access to instructional materials intended for use in the classroom. Instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom shall be made available for parental review during the review period. If such instructional materials are not made available by a school or local school system for review online, then they shall be made available for review on site upon a parent's request made during the review period.

(B) Procedures for a parent to object to instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom or recommended by his or her minor child's teacher;

(3) Procedures for a parent to withdraw his or her minor child from the school's prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to his or her minor child's participation. Such procedures ~~must~~ shall provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her minor child from the course; ~~and~~

(4) Procedures for a parent to provide written notice that photographs or video or voice recordings of his or her child are not permitted, subject to applicable public safety and security exceptions; and

(5) Procedures that meet the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-667 and 20-2-670 for the timely production of a student's education records by such student's current or

previous school to another school in which such student has enrolled, intends to enroll, or is considering enrollment."

SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 27, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-1181, relating to disrupting operation of public school, school bus, or school bus stop, penalty, and progressive discipline, as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop as designated by local boards of education. For purposes of this Code section, an individual who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of or serious injury to a group of individuals who are, or will likely be, at or within a public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop, shall be considered to have disrupted or interfered with the operation of such public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

"(2) A local board of education shall develop a system of progressive discipline that may be imposed on a child accused of violating this Code section before initiating a complaint. Such system of progressive discipline shall include a requirement that when there is a credible accusation that an individual threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of or serious injury to a group of individuals, pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, who are, or will likely be, at or within a public school that such individual attends, or has attended, the school shall be authorized to temporarily assign such individual to remote learning and provide counseling to such individual and shall initiate an investigation into such violation. Upon completion of such investigation which results in substantive findings related to such violation, the school may elect to reinstate the individual or impose relevant discipline."

SECTION 19.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-2-1183, relating to written agreement for law enforcement officers in schools, as follows:

"20-2-1183.

(a) When a local school system assigns or employs law enforcement officers in schools, the local board of education shall have a collaborative written agreement with law enforcement officials to establish the role of law enforcement and school employees in school disciplinary matters and ensure coordination and cooperation among officials, agencies, and programs involved in school discipline and public protection.

(b) By October 1, 2025, the collaborative written agreement required by this Code section shall include specific terms and conditions for the handling and disclosure of student education records, student data, and student personally identifiable data, as such

terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-662. Such terms and conditions shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Under what circumstances information regarding a student may or shall be disclosed to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency or officer with a legal interest in such information;

(2) Whether any law enforcement officer who is subject to such agreement is or may act as a school official with access to student education records and the personally identifiable information contained therein; and

(3) Whether the law enforcement officers who are subject to such agreement constitute a law enforcement unit, as such term is defined in the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.3; and, if so:

(A) What records shall be handled as law enforcement unit records and are not protected by FERPA; and

(B) What records shall be handled as education records and are protected by FERPA.

(c) By August 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall publish on its public website model language for the terms and conditions required by this Code section to be available for use by schools and law enforcement officers. Such model language shall be reviewed and updated from time to time as necessary to comport with the content of the guidance document promulgated by the Department of Education chief privacy officer as provided for in Code Section 20-2-663."

SECTION 20.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 20-2-1185, relating to school safety plans and drills, as follows:

"(a) Every public school shall prepare a school safety plan to help curb the growing incidence of violence in schools, to respond effectively to such incidents, to address the behavioral health needs of students, and to provide a safe learning environment for Georgia's children, teachers, and other school personnel. Such plan shall also address preparedness for natural disasters, hazardous materials or radiological accidents, acts of violence, and acts of terrorism. School safety plans of public schools shall be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers in that school, community leaders, other school employees and school district employees, and local law enforcement, juvenile court, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. As part of such plans, public schools shall provide for the coordination with local law enforcement agencies and the local juvenile court system. School safety plans shall include, at a minimum, the following strategy areas:

(1) Training school administrators, teachers, and support staff, including, but not limited to, school resource officers, security officers, secretaries, custodians, and bus drivers, on school violence prevention, school security, school threat assessment, mental health awareness, and school emergency planning best practices;

(2) Evaluating and refining school security measures;

(3) Updating and exercising school emergency preparedness plans;
(4) Strengthening partnerships with public safety officials; ~~and~~
(5) Creating enhanced crisis communications plans and social media strategies;
(6) Addressing behavioral health needs of students and staff utilizing guidance from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and
(7) Developing a behavioral threat assessment and management process and plan utilizing guidance from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

School safety plans of private schools may be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers in that school, other school employees, and local law enforcement, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. Such plans shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated annually. Such plans of public schools shall be submitted to the local emergency management agency, the local law enforcement agency, ~~and~~ the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-1185.1, for approval."

"(c) School safety plans prepared by public schools shall address or include:
(1) Security ~~security~~ issues in school safety zones as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1~~. School safety plans should also address security~~;
(2) Security issues involving the transportation of ~~pupils~~ students to and from school and school functions when such transportation is furnished by the school or school system and school functions held during noninstructional hours;
(3) Specific plans to restrict ingress to or egress from all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and
(4) Specific plans for whether and when each of the following will be locked or actively supervised by school personnel, or both:
(A) Exterior doors and other access points of all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and
(B) Doors to all classrooms and other instructional spaces on the school property."

SECTION 21.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1185.1.
(a) No later than January 1, 2027, each public school safety plan required by Code Section 20-2-1185 shall include provisions that address the behavioral health needs of students and a behavioral threat assessment management plan for providing a structured, multidisciplinary process to identify, assess, and mitigate potential threats while supporting the safety and well-being of students and school personnel.
(b)(1) Such behavioral threat assessment management plans shall be submitted to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for approval.
(2) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall provide technical assistance to the Department of Education, regional educational service

agencies, and all local school systems and other public schools in this state, including models of service to address the behavioral health needs of students.

(3) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities with respect to providing training and technical assistance to the Department of Education, regional education service agencies, and all local school systems and other public schools in this state on the development and implementation of such behavioral threat assessment management plans.

(4) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, with respect to providing the same or similar training and technical assistance to private schools in this state."

SECTION 22.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by designating Code Sections 20-2-1180 through 20-2-1185.1 as Part 1 and by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

20-2-1186.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Office of Safe Schools Act.'

20-2-1186.1.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

(2) 'Individual of concern' means an individual whose behavior indicates a potential threat to self or others.

(3) 'Office' or the 'Office of Safe Schools' means a central repository for best practices, training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security.

(4) 'S3 Database' or the 'School and Student Safety Database' means the state-wide system for obtaining, developing, integrating, and disseminating data and information on threats to the safety of schools, school staff, school events, and students provided for in this part.

(5) 'S3 record' means information and assessment findings related to an individual of concern in the S3 Database.

20-2-1186.2.

(a) There is created the Office of Safe Schools. The office shall serve as a central repository for best practices, training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security, including prevention efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness planning.

(b) The office shall operate within the agency.
(c) Subject to subsection (d) of this Code section, the office shall:
(1) Provide technical assistance to each public school in this state to establish policies and procedures for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of the school community;
(2) Establish and update, as necessary, a school security risk assessment tool for use by public schools. The office shall provide continuous training to appropriate public school personnel on the proper assessment of physical site security and completion of a school security risk assessment tool;
(3) Provide ongoing professional learning opportunities to local school system personnel;
(4) Provide a coordinated and interdisciplinary approach to providing technical assistance and guidance to local school systems on safety and security and recommendations therefor;
(5) Develop and implement a school safety director training program for school safety directors. The office shall develop the training program which shall be based on national and state best practices on school safety and security and shall include active shooter training. The office shall develop training modules in traditional or online formats. A school safety director certificate of completion shall be awarded to a school safety director who satisfactorily completes the training required by rules of the office. The office shall work with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to ensure the school safety director certificate aligns with the school resource officer program standards;
(6) Review and provide recommendations on the security risk assessments;
(7) Disseminate to participating schools awareness and education materials on the proper use of the 'See Something, Send Something' digital reporting application, including the consequences of knowingly submitting false information;
(8) Develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, a state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, and the S3 Database; and
(9) Develop, in collaboration with the State Board of Education and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and publish on its public website a process for a student or his or her parent or guardian to request the closure of such student's case from the S3 Database.
(d) With respect to all student behavioral health components of the office's responsibilities provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, the office shall obtain approval from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

20-2-1186.3.
(a) By July 1, 2026, the office shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process to guide local school systems, schools, and local law enforcement through the threat management process. The process shall be designed to identify, assess,

manage, and monitor potential and real threats to schools. This process shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The establishment and duties of threat management teams;

(2) Defining behavioral risks and threats;

(3) Evaluating the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school personnel, or other students and to coordinate intervention and services for such students;

(4) The use, authorized user criteria, and access specifications for information collected by the behavioral threat management teams;

(5) Procedures for the implementation of interventions, school support, and community services;

(6) Guidelines for appropriate law enforcement intervention;

(7) Procedures for risk management;

(8) Procedures for disciplinary actions;

(9) Mechanisms for continued monitoring of potential and real threats;

(10) Procedures for referrals to mental health services identified by the local school system; and

(11) Procedures and requirements necessary for the creation of a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, and any other required information.

(b) Upon availability, each local school system and school shall use the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process.

(c) The office shall partner with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities with respect to training for all local school systems and schools on the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process.

(d) The office shall coordinate the ongoing development, implementation, and operation of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process.

(e) The office shall receive input from interested parties regarding the development, implementation, and operation of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, including, but not limited to, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; other state and local behavioral health care providers, officials, and experts; superior and juvenile courts and court officials; state and local school officials, counselors, social workers, and teachers; and state and local law enforcement agencies and officials, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

20-2-1186.4.

(a) By July 1, 2026, the office shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to develop a state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school personnel, or students and to coordinate intervention and services for such students. The state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) An assessment of the threat, which includes an assessment of the student, family, school, and social dynamics;
(2) An evaluation to determine whether a threat exists and if so, the type of threat;
(3) The response to a threat, which includes the school response, the role of law enforcement agencies in the response, and the response by mental health providers;
(4) Ongoing monitoring to assess implementation of threat management and safety strategies;
(5) Ongoing monitoring to evaluate interventions and support provided to the student; and
(6) A standardized threat assessment report, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, all documentation associated with the evaluation, intervention, management, and any ongoing monitoring of the threat.

(b) Upon availability, each local school system and school shall use the behavioral threat assessment indicator.

(c) The office shall provide training for members of local law enforcement and for all local school systems regarding the use of the behavioral threat assessment indicator.

20-2-1186.5.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, the agency shall procure a state-wide behavioral threat assessment management system, known as the School and Student Safety Database or S3 Database, that will collect and integrate data to evaluate the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school personnel, or students; to provide for timely and methodical school based threat assessment and management; and to coordinate intervention and services for such students.

(b) The S3 Database shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following functionalities:
(1) Workflow processes that align with the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process;
(2) Direct data entry and file uploading, as required by the behavioral threat assessment indicator;
(3) The ability to create a threat assessment report as required by the behavioral threat assessment indicator;
(4) The ability of authorized personnel to add to or update a threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, or any other information as required by the behavioral threat assessment indicator;
(5) The ability to create and remove connections between S3 records in the portal and authorized personnel;
(6) The ability to securely transfer S3 records in the portal to other public schools or private or charter schools;
(7) The ability to grant jurisdiction-appropriate access to the appointed school safety directors, authorized members of the established threat management teams, and authorized personnel as specified by the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process;

(8) The ability to receive tips and threat reports from federal agencies, state agencies, and local law enforcement; and

(9) The ability to generate reports of de-identified S3 records disaggregated by grade, age, race, sex, ethnicity, disability status, language learning status, and direct certification for income status or other reliable household income metric of the students who are the subjects of such S3 records.

(c) To ensure access to timely, complete, and accurate information, the S3 Database shall, at a minimum, receive and share data from the following sources:

(1) The Department of Administrative Services;

(2) The Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children;

(3) The Department of Education;

(4) The Department of Human Services;

(5) The Division of Family and Children Services;

(6) The Department of Juvenile Justice;

(7) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(8) The Georgia Technology Authority;

(9) The mobile suspicious activity reporting tool known as 'See Something, Send Something'; and

(10) Local law enforcement agencies and their threat reporting systems.

(d) A local school system may request copies of S3 records of individuals of concern in that local school system for authorized local school system personnel.

(e) The parent of a student may request a copy of his or her student's S3 record, but the request shall not be considered if said parent's parental rights have been terminated or a court of competent jurisdiction has restricted or denied such access.

(f) To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the information provided to the S3 Database by the various state and local agencies, each source agency providing data to the S3 Database shall be the sole custodian of the data for the purpose of any request for inspection or copies thereof under Code Section 50-18-72.

(g) The S3 Database shall comply with the requirements and standards established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy.

(h) The office shall develop and implement a quarterly S3 Database access review audit process.

(i) Upon availability, each local school system and school shall comply with the quarterly S3 Database access review audit process developed by the office.

(j) By August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the office shall provide role-based training to all authorized local school system and school personnel.

(k) Beginning December 1, 2026, the office shall publish on its public website and update no less often than every three months a report of the de-identified and disaggregated information provided for in paragraph (9) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(l) Any individual who accesses, uses, or releases any S3 record for a purpose not specifically authorized by law commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed $2,000.00.

20-2-1186.6.

The office shall provide technical assistance to ensure each local school system establishes school safety best practices, which shall include:

(1) Each local school system shall designate a school safety director for such local school system. The school safety director shall be a school administrator employed by such local school system, a law enforcement officer employed by such local school system, a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office of the county where such local school system is primarily located, or a law enforcement officer employed by the city police department of the city where such local school system is primarily located. Any school safety director designated from a sheriff's office shall first be authorized and approved by the sheriff employing such law enforcement officer. Any school safety director designated from a sheriff's office remains the employee of the sheriff's office for purposes of compensation, insurance, workers' compensation, and other benefits authorized by law for a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office. The sheriff and the local school superintendent shall determine by agreement the reimbursement for such costs, or may share the costs, associated with employment of the law enforcement officer as a school safety director. The school safety director shall earn a certificate of completion of the school safety director training provided by the office within one year after appointment and is responsible for the supervision and oversight for all school safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures in the local school system;

(2) The school safety director, or his or her qualified designee, shall:

(A) Annually review local school system policies and procedures for compliance with state law and rules. At least quarterly, the school safety director shall report to the local school superintendent and the local board of education any noncompliance by the local school system with laws or rules regarding school safety;

(B) Provide the necessary training and resources to students and local school system staff in matters relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance; emergency procedures, including active shooter training; and school safety and security;

(C) Serve as the local school system liaison with local public safety agencies and national, state, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security;

(D) In collaboration with the appropriate public safety agencies, by October 1 of each year, conduct a school security risk assessment at each public school and private school by request. Based on the assessment findings, the local school system's school safety director shall provide recommendations to the local school superintendent and the local board of education which identify strategies and activities that the local board of education should establish, and the local school superintendent should implement, in order to address the findings and improve school safety and security. Each local board of education shall receive such findings and the school safety director's recommendations at a publicly noticed local board of education meeting to provide the public an opportunity to hear the local board of education members discuss and take action on the findings and recommendations. Each school safety

director, through the local school superintendent, shall report such findings and school board action to the office within 30 days after the local board of education meeting;

(E) Conduct annual unannounced inspections, using the form adopted by the office and the local school system, of all public schools while school is in session and investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements to the local school superintendent;

(F) Report violations of school safety requirements by educators to the local school superintendent, as applicable; and

(G) By October 1 of each year, the school safety director shall hold a public meeting with parents to inform them of school safety policies and to hear their input. Such meeting may include other school officials, law enforcement officers, and the local mental health coordinator;

(3) Each local school superintendent shall identify a mental health coordinator for the local school system. The mental health coordinator shall serve as the local school system's primary point of contact regarding the local school system's coordination, communication, and implementation of student mental health policies, procedures, responsibilities, and reporting, including:

(A) Coordinating with the office;

(B) Maintaining records and reports regarding student mental health as it relates to school safety;

(C) Facilitating the implementation of local school system policies relating to the respective duties and responsibilities of the local school system, the local school superintendent, and local school system principals;

(D) Coordinating with the school safety director on the staffing and training of threat assessment teams and facilitating referrals to mental health services, as appropriate, for students and their families;

(E) Coordinating with the school safety director on the training and resources for students and local school system staff relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance; and

(F) Reviewing annually the local school system's policies and procedures related to student mental health for compliance with state law and alignment with current best practices and making recommendations, as needed, for amending such policies and procedures to the local school superintendent and the local board of education;

(4) Each school safety director shall coordinate with the appropriate public safety agencies that are designated as first responders to a school's campus to conduct an inspection of such campus once every three years and provide recommendations related to school safety. The office may be utilized to help coordinate and participate in these inspections. The recommendations by the public safety agencies shall be considered as part of the recommendations by the school safety director pursuant to paragraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(5) Each local board of education shall adopt, in coordination with local law enforcement agencies and local governments, a family reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their families in the event that a school is closed or

unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster. Such reunification plan shall be reviewed annually and updated, as applicable;

(6)(A) Except as otherwise provided in a school safety plan that meets the requirements of Code Section 20-2-1185, by August 1, 2026, each local school system shall comply with the following school safety requirements:

(i) All exterior doors or other access points that restrict ingress to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked at all times. An exterior door or other campus access point may not be open or unlocked, regardless of whether it is during normal school hours, unless attended or actively monitored by a school staff member or the use is in accordance with a shared use agreement;

(ii) All school classrooms and other instructional spaces shall be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students, except between class periods when students are moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or other instructional space door shall be left unlocked or open for any reason other than between class periods when students are moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the door shall be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at the door;

(iii) All campus access doors and other access points that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress, unless a person is actively entering or exiting the door or other access point. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points may be electronically or manually controlled by school personnel to allow access by authorized visitors, students, and school personnel; and

(iv) All school classrooms and other instructional spaces shall clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each classroom or other instructional space where students may shelter in place during an emergency. Students shall be notified of these safe areas within the first ten days of the school year. The office shall assist the school safety director with compliance during inspections.

(B) Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph shall report the violation to the school principal. The school principal shall report the violation to the school safety director no later than the next business day after receiving such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the school principal, the report shall be made directly to the local school superintendent, as applicable; and

(7) Each local board of education shall adopt a progressive discipline policy for addressing any educator as defined in Code Section 20-2-982.1 who knowingly violates school safety requirements.

20-2-1186.7.

The office shall ensure that each local school system establishes a threat management team at each school whose duties include the coordination of resources and assessment of and intervention with students whose behavior may pose a threat to themselves or the safety of the school, school staff, or other students. Each school's threat management team shall adhere to the following requirements:

(1) Upon the availability of a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, all threat management teams shall use the operational process;
(2) A threat management team shall be formed at the discretion of the local school superintendent and local sheriff's office, and shall include persons with expertise in counseling, mental health instruction, school administration, and law enforcement. All members of the threat management team shall be involved in the threat assessment and threat management process and final decision making. At least one member of the threat management team shall have personal familiarity with the individual who is the subject of the threat assessment, and if such individual has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) plan or a Section 504 plan, at least one member of the threat management team shall have personal familiarity with such plan. If no member of the threat management team has such familiarity, an educator, as defined in Code Section 20-2-982.1, who is personally familiar with the individual who is the subject of the threat assessment shall consult with the threat management team for the purpose of assessing the threat. The educator who provides such consultation shall not participate in the decision-making process;
(3) The threat management team shall identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported and provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self;
(4) Upon the availability of the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, all threat management teams shall use that indicator when evaluating the behavior of students who may pose a threat to the school, school staff, or students and to coordinate intervention and services for such students;
(5) Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or others, a threat management team shall immediately report its determination to the local school superintendent or his or her designee, local law enforcement, and the office. The local school superintendent or his or her designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian and will determine who within the threat management team is the most appropriate to handle the situation. Nothing in this subsection precludes the local school system from acting immediately to address an imminent threat;
(6) Upon a preliminary determination by the threat management team that a student poses a threat of violence to himself or herself or others or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or need for assistance, authorized members of the threat management team shall submit a report to the office, who will use the S3 Database to complete its own report based on all available state resources on the individual of concern. A member of a threat management team may not disclose any information gathered during the creation of the report, gathered on the individual of concern from the office, or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made to the threat management team;
(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all state and local agencies and programs that provide services to students experiencing or at risk of demonstrating

behavior which indicates they may harm themselves or others, including, but not limited to, local school systems, school personnel, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, the Division of Family and Children Services, the Department of Education, the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children, and any service or support provider contracting with such agencies, should submit concerns to the office using the S3 Database to ensure the safety of the student or others;

(8) If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps established by the threat management team to engage behavioral health crisis resources. Behavioral health crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations, and refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to the threat management team, which shall contact the other agencies involved with the student and any known service providers to share information and coordinate any necessary follow-up actions. Upon the student's transfer to a different school within the same local school system, the threat management team of the receiving school shall verify that any intervention services provided to the student at the previous school remain in place until the threat management team of the receiving school independently determines the need for intervention services. Upon the student's transfer to a school outside of such local school system, the threat management team at the receiving school shall be provided access to the student's critical records as needed to determine the need for intervention services;

(9) If human trafficking or gang affiliation is suspected, school personnel shall follow steps established by the threat management team to seek law enforcement assistance and to identify appropriate interventions for the safety of the student from outside criminal syndicates;

(10) The threat management team shall prepare a threat assessment report required by the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator. A threat assessment report, all corresponding documentation, and any other information required by the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator shall be submitted to the office through the S3 Database. Reports, tips, and information submitted into the S3 Database shall become an S3 record; and

(11) Each local board of education shall establish a threat management coordinator to serve as the primary point of contact regarding the local school system's coordination, communication, and implementation of the threat management program and to report quantitative data to the office.

20-2-1186.8.

By August 1 of each year, the office shall:

(1) Evaluate each local school system's use of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, and the S3 Database for compliance with this part;

(2) Notify the local school superintendent, as applicable, if the use of the state-wide behavioral threat management operational process, the state-wide behavioral threat assessment indicator, or the S3 Database is not in compliance with this part; and

(3) Report any issues of ongoing noncompliance with this part to the commissioner of Juvenile Justice and the local school superintendent, as applicable.

20-2-1186.9.

(a)(1) By August 1, 2025, the office shall develop and adopt a school safety compliance inspection report to document compliance or noncompliance with school safety requirements mandated by law, rule, or regulation and adherence to established school safety best practices to evaluate the safety, security, and emergency response of the school.

(2) Upon the adoption of the report and upon any revisions to the report, the office shall provide a blank copy of such report to each local school superintendent.

(b) The office shall monitor compliance with requirements relating to school safety by local school systems and schools. The office shall conduct unannounced inspections of all public schools while school is in session, triennially, and investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements. Within three school days after the unannounced inspection, the office shall provide a copy of the completed school safety compliance inspection report, including any photographs or other evidence of noncompliance, to the school safety director; the school principal, as appropriate, and the local school superintendent. The school safety director shall acknowledge, in writing, receipt of the report within one school day after receipt. The office shall reinspect any school with documented deficiencies within six months. The school safety director, or his or her designee, shall provide the office with written notice of how the noncompliance has been remediated within three school days after receipt of the report.

(c) The office shall provide quarterly reports to each local school superintendent and school safety director identifying the number and percentage of schools inspected or reinspected during that quarter and the number and percentage of inspected schools that had no school safety requirement deficiencies. Annually, during the first quarter of every school year, the school safety director shall report to the local board of education in a public meeting the number of schools inspected during the preceding calendar year and the number and percentage of schools in compliance during the initial inspection and reinspection.

20-2-1186.10.

(a) Beginning October 1, 2026, the Department of Education shall publish on its public website reports of:

(1) Student discipline information by local education agency, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1, for the previous school year. Such report shall include the

following information as a total number and disaggregated by grade, age, race, sex, ethnicity, disability status, language learning status, and direct certification for income status or other reliable household income metric:

(A) Short-term suspensions;

(B) Long-term suspensions;

(C) Expulsions;

(D) In-school suspensions;

(E) Out-of-school suspensions;

(F) Notices of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(G) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plans made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; and

(H) Referrals of students for law enforcement action; and

(2) Student attendance by local education agency, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1, and by school.

(b) The State Board of Education shall adopt all policies, rules, and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 23.

Code Section 16-11-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(d)(1) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic threat shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, if the threat suggested the death of the threatened individual or threatened the death of, or serious injury to, a group of individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school, the person convicted shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000.00, imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both."

"(f) Any parent or legal guardian who intentionally advises, counsels, encourages, aids, or abets his or her minor child in the commission of an offense prohibited by paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, relating to threatening the death of, or serious injury to, a group of individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school, shall be deemed a person concerned in the commission of such offense, as provided for in Code Section 16-2-20, and may be charged with and convicted of the commission of such offense as a party thereto.

(g) Whenever there is a credible accusation that a person threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of, or serious injury to, a group of individuals, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, who are or will likely be at or within a school and that the person who made the threat is enrolled in the school, such school shall immediately reassign such person to remote learning and provide him or her with counseling while the school and other parties investigate the allegation or information related to the threat. Once the school has made a substantive finding related

to the threat, it may discontinue the remote learning assignment and impose relevant discipline, as appropriate."

SECTION 24.

Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, is amended in Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (51), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (52), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(53) Information held in the School and Student Safety Database provided for in Part 2 of Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 or by a threat management team established by a local school system relating to the assessment of or intervention with an individual of concern."

SECTION 25.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 26.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 13.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 551. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathis of the 133rd and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to amend Code Section 43-47-8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to license applications for used motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle parts dealers, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental licenses, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to revise provisions relative to the operation of an unregistered motor vehicle or vehicle without a current license plate, revalidation decal, county decal, or temporary operating permit; to authorize the development and maintenance by third parties of an electronic temporary operating permit

issuance system for issuance of temporary operating permits; to provide for utilization of such system by dealers for issuance of temporary operating permits; to provide for the suspension of access to such system by the department for certain violations; to authorize access to certain information with the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers for certain purposes; to revise a definition; to provide for notice and hearings; to amend Code Section 43-47-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to revise the definition of established place of business; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to provide for enhanced penalty for an owner of a passive entity that fails to pay alternative ad valorem tax; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal and temporary operating permit issued by dealers of new or used motor vehicles, as follows:

"40-2-8.

(a) No person shall own, rent, lease, or operate any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 upon a highway in this state without registering such vehicle. Any person who becomes a resident of this state shall register his or her vehicle within 30 days of becoming a resident. Each day that a vehicle is in violation of this Code section shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. Any person convicted of such offense shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of $100.00 for each violation. ~~Any person owning or operating any vehicle described in Code Section 40-2-20 on any public highway or street without complying with that Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, provided that a person shall register his or her motor vehicle within 30 days after becoming a resident of this state. Any person renting, leasing, or loaning any vehicle described in Code Section 40-2-20 which is being used on any public highway or street without complying with that Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of $100.00 for each violation; and each day that such vehicle is operated in violation of Code Section 40-2-20 shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.~~

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 without a valid numbered license plate properly validated with a current revalidation decal, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary operating permit issued as provided by ~~paragraph (2) of this~~

~~subsection~~ Code Section 40-2-8.1 may operate such vehicle on the ~~public~~ highways ~~and streets~~ of this state without a current valid license plate during the period ~~within which the purchaser is required by Code Section~~ authorized by Code Sections 40-2-8.1 and 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

~~(2)(A) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles shall issue to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of sale thereof, unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan, a temporary operating permit as provided for by department rules or regulations which may bear the dealer's name and location and shall bear an expiration date 45 days from the date of purchase. The expiration date of such a temporary operating permit may be revised and extended by the county tag agent upon application by the dealer, the purchaser, or the transferee if an extension of the purchaser's initial registration period has been granted as provided by Code Section 40-2-20. Such temporary operating permit shall not resemble a license plate issued by this state and shall be issued without charge or fee. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to a dealer whose primary business is the sale of salvage motor vehicles and other vehicles on which total loss claims have been paid by insurers.~~

~~(B) All temporary operating permits issued by dealers to purchasers of vehicles shall be of a standard design prescribed by regulation promulgated by the department. The department may provide by rule or regulation for the sale and distribution of such temporary operating permits by third parties in accordance with paragraph (3) of this subsection.~~

~~(3) All sellers and distributors of temporary operating permits shall maintain an inventory record of temporary operating permits by number and name of the dealer.~~

~~(4)~~(2) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle. ~~If the owner of such vehicle presents evidence that such owner has properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate or revalidation decal has not been delivered to such owner, then the owner shall not be subject to the penalties enumerated in this subsection.~~

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in ~~the State of Georgia~~ this state without a valid county decal designating the county where the vehicle was last registered, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter. ~~Any person convicted of such offense shall be punished by a fine of $25.00 for a first offense and $100.00 for a second or subsequent such offense. However, a~~ A county name decal shall not be required if there is no space provided for a county name decal on the current license plate. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.

(d) No violation of this Code section shall have occurred upon presentation of evidence that the owner had properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate or revalidation decal had not been delivered to such owner at the time the uniform traffic citation was issued.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-8.1, relating to operation of vehicle without revalidation decal on license plate, as follows:

"40-2-8.1.

~~Notwithstanding Code Section 40-2-8 or any other provision of law, a person who operates a vehicle which is required to be registered in this state and which has attached to the rear thereof a valid numbered license plate without having the required revalidation decal affixed upon that plate, which person is otherwise guilty of a misdemeanor for not having such decal affixed to the plate, shall be subject for that offense only to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.~~

(a) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles other than a motor vehicle broker, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-47-2, shall issue a temporary operating permit without charge or fee to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of sale thereof, unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan or such dealer is one whose primary business is the sale of salvage motor vehicles and other vehicles on which total loss claims have been paid by insurers. Such temporary operating permit shall be of a standard design prescribed the department; provided, however, that such permit shall not resemble a license plate issued by this state. A temporary operating permit may bear the name of the dealer and location and shall include an expiration date which shall be 45 days from the date of purchase. The expiration date of a temporary operating permit may be revised and extended by the county tag agent upon application by the dealer, purchaser, or transferee if an extension of the purchaser's initial registration period has been granted as provided by Code Section 40-2-20.

(b)(1) The department may provide by rule or regulation for the sale and distribution of temporary operating permits to dealers by third parties through the development and maintenance of an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system and establish standards for distribution and issuance of such permits. The department may further provide by rule or regulation for standards for authorized access to an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system, which may include, but shall not be limited to, required criminal background checks for any user of the system. Any third party authorized to sell and distribute temporary operating permits shall maintain an inventory record of such permits by number and name of the dealer.

(2)(A) The department shall be authorized to suspend access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system established pursuant to this Code section for any dealer found to have issued temporary operating permits for a vehicle which

has not been sold or intended to be registered or otherwise violated requirements for issuance of such permits established by rule or regulation of the department after issuance of notice of such violation by electronic means and opportunity for informal review as set forth in this subparagraph. Any dealer who has received notice pursuant to this subsection of an alleged violation and for whom the department intends to suspend access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system may request an informal review of the allegations with the department. The method for making such request shall be developed by the department and may be by electronic means. Upon receipt of such request for informal review, the department shall, within ten business days, schedule an informal conference with such dealer to review the suspected violations. Proceedings under this subparagraph shall not be governed by any formal procedural requirements and may be conducted in such manner as the department may establish by rule or regulation. The department shall consider the historical use of the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system by the dealer under consideration for access suspension, together with other pertinent information which may be available, and shall render a decision regarding access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system within seven business days of the informal conference. Upon a finding that such dealer violated the requirements of this Code section or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall be authorized to impose fines or fees as provided by law. The department shall not be authorized to suspend access to the temporary operating permit system unless the department finds a dealer to be substantially out of compliance with the requirements of this Code section or the rules and regulations of the department and such dealer has failed to produce satisfactory evidence of extenuating circumstances to justify such noncompliance.

(B) If the department suspends a dealer's access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system established pursuant to this Code section after an informal review held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the suspended dealer shall have the right to a formal hearing to review the suspension pursuant to Code Section 40-3-6. Such hearing shall be held within 30 days of the department's decision to suspend the dealer's access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system and shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' At such hearing, the department may present evidence of any instances in which the suspended dealer unlawfully issued temporary operating permits or issued fraudulent temporary operating permits. Upon a finding that the suspended dealer is in compliance with the requirements of this Code section and has issued temporary operating permits predominantly for bona fide motor vehicle sales, the department shall provide for the immediate restoration of access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system for such dealer but shall be authorized to impose fines or fees as provided by law for failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter. Upon a finding that the suspended dealer violated the requirements of this Code section or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall be authorized to extend the term of suspension for a

period of up to 24 months. Upon a finding that a dealer has unlawfully issued temporary operating permits in violation of this chapter or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall further be authorized to issue a civil monetary penalty in an amount no greater than $100.00 per violation, suspend or revoke the registration issued to a dealer pursuant to Code Section 40-2-39, and suspend, confiscate, or limit issuance of any dealer plates issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-38 for a period of up to 24 months. The department shall comply with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' in relation to the expedited review provided for in this subparagraph and the suspended dealer shall have the right to appeal any decision of the department in accordance with such chapter.

(c) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) At the time of initial application for registration or at any time during the registration period, a vehicle owner may file with the county tag agent, on a form or electronic form prescribed by the commissioner, a request to have a vehicle license plate duplicated on a digital license plate purchased from a digital license plate provider. Such request to the county tag agent shall include all applicable registration fees. Upon approving the application provided in this paragraph, the commissioner or county tag agent shall furnish the digital license plate provider with the appropriate licensing information to be displayed upon the digital license plate. In accordance with Code Section ~~40-2-8~~ 40-2-8.1, a 45 day temporary operating permit shall be issued by the commissioner or county tag agent to an applicant for a digital license plate until such license plate is received by the applicant."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration and licensing of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and issuance of manufacturer, manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer plates, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsections (c) through (f) as follows:

"(a)(1) Manufacturers, manufacturer headquarters, distributors, and dealers other than a motor vehicle broker, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-47-2, engaged in the manufacture, sale, or leasing of vehicles required to be registered under Code Section 40-2-20 shall register by electronic means with the commissioner, making application for a distinguishing ~~dealer's number, specifying the name and make of motor vehicle, tractor, or trailer manufactured, sold, or leased by them~~ number, upon forms prepared by the commissioner for such purposes, and pay therefor a fee of $62.00, which shall accompany such application. Upon payment of such fee by ~~a dealer~~ an applicant, the commissioner shall furnish ~~to the dealer~~ one master number plate to expire each year

in accordance with ~~subsection (f) of~~ this Code section~~, to be known as a dealer's number and to~~ based upon the type of master number plate issued. Each additional plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall require payment of a $12.00 fee. Each master number plate and any additional plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be distinguished from the ~~number~~ license plates provided for in this chapter by different and distinguishing colors to be determined by the commissioner. The dealer plate for a franchise motor vehicle dealer shall be distinguishable from the dealer plate for a used car dealer and from the dealer plate for a motor vehicle wholesaler. Except as otherwise authorized by this Code section, a dealer's master number plate or additional plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~A dealer's number plate is~~ for the purpose of demonstrating or transporting ~~the dealer's~~ vehicles or trailers for sale or lease. Persons engaged in the business of transporting vehicles for a dealer under a vehicle's own power shall be permitted to use such dealer's plate for the purpose of transporting a vehicle."

"~~(c) This Code section shall not apply in any manner to mopeds.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be revoked and confiscated upon a determination after a hearing that such dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or manufacturer headquarters has unlawfully used such license plates in violation of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(d) If a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section is lost or stolen, the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, manufacturer headquarters, or other party to whom the license plate was issued ~~must~~ shall immediately report the lost or stolen plate to local law enforcement agencies. If a replacement license plate is sought, the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, manufacturer headquarters, or other party to whom the license plate was issued shall file a notarized affidavit with the department requesting a replacement plate. Such affidavit shall certify under penalty of perjury that the license plate has been lost or stolen and that the loss has been reported to a local law enforcement agency.

~~(f)(1)~~(e) Except as otherwise provided for in this Code section, the ~~The~~ expiration of a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be the last day of the registration period as provided in division (a)(1)(A)(ii) of Code Section 40-2-21, except that for the purposes of this subsection, the registration period shall be determined by the first letter of the legal name of the business listed on the application for registration or renewal of registration. An application for renewal of registration shall not be submitted earlier than 90 days prior to the last day of the registration period. A penalty of 25 percent of the total registration fees due shall be assessed any person registering pursuant to this Code section who, prior to the expiration of such person's registration period, fails to apply for renewal or if having applied fails to pay the required fees.

~~(2) A transition period shall commence on October 1, 2007, and conclude on December 31, 2007, for all existing registrations and any new registration applications presented prior to January 1, 2008. On or after January 1, 2008, new applications for registration shall be submitted and remain valid until the expiration of such registration as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.~~"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-130, relating to records of certificates of registration, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) The motor vehicle registration records which the commissioner is required to maintain under this Code section or any other provision are exempt from the provisions of any law of this state requiring that such records be open for public inspection; provided, however, that, subject to subsection (d) of this Code section, the records may be disclosed for use as provided in the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 123, and by ~~the following~~:

(1) Any licensed dealer of new or used motor vehicles;

(2) Any tax collector, tax receiver, or tax commissioner;

(3) The director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee;

(4) Any private person who has met the requirements of Code Section 40-2-25, provided that the information shall be used for the sole purpose of effectuating the registration or renewal of motor vehicles by electronic or similar means and that the private person requesting the information has entered into an agreement to provide electronic services to the commissioner or a county tag agent; provided, further, that the information made available pursuant to this paragraph for such purpose shall be limited to the vehicle identification number, the license tag number, the date of expiration of registration, and the amount of tax owed; ~~and~~

(5) A person or entity authorized by the commissioner for use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles; and

(6) The board established pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43 for use in carrying out its functions."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-23, relating to issuance of certificate of title, maintenance of record of certificates issued, public inspection, furnishing records for fee, and electronic format, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The motor vehicle records which the commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized county tag agent is required to maintain under this Code section or any other provision are exempt from the provisions of any law of this state requiring that such records be open for public inspection; provided, however, that, subject to subsection (f) of this Code section, the records may be disclosed for use as provided in the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 123, and by ~~the following~~:

(1) Any licensed dealer of new or used motor vehicles;

(2) Any tax collector, tax receiver, or tax commissioner; ~~and~~

(3) A person or entity authorized by the commissioner for use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles; and

(4) The board established pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43 for carrying out its functions."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-33, relating to transfer of vehicle to or from dealer, records to be kept by dealers, electronic filing, and application for title where dealer located, by revising subsections (a) and (b) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a dealer who buys a vehicle and holds it for resale need not apply to the commissioner for a new certificate of title but may retain the delivered certificate ~~delivered to him~~. Upon transferring the vehicle to another person other than by the creation of a security interest, such dealer shall promptly execute the assignment and warranty of title by a dealer. Such assignment and warranty shall show the names and addresses of the transferee and any holder of a security interest created or reserved at the time of the resale and the date of ~~his~~ the security agreement, in the spaces provided therefor on the certificate or as the commissioner prescribes. Transfers of vehicles under this Code section shall otherwise conform with Code Section 40-3-32. A dealer selling a previously registered vehicle for which ~~under this chapter need not have~~ a certificate of title is not required under this chapter need not furnish a purchaser of such a vehicle a certificate of title. After a previously registered vehicle has been brought under the terms of this chapter, a dealer, when selling that vehicle, shall conform to all provisions of this chapter.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'franchise dealer' means a dealer who under a contract or franchise agreement with a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or importer is authorized to sell new motor vehicles of or for such manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or importer and who is authorized to use trademarks or service marks associated with one or more makes of motor vehicles in connection with such sales.

(B) A dealer who is not a franchise dealer who acquires a vehicle for which the original certificate of title has not been issued and who holds such vehicle for resale shall not be exempt from the requirement to obtain a certificate of title in such dealer's name as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Such dealer shall, as provided in Code Section 40-3-32, obtain a certificate of title in such dealer's name prior to selling or otherwise transferring said vehicle to any other person or dealer.

(b) Every dealer shall maintain a record, in the form the commissioner prescribes, of every vehicle bought, sold, or exchanged ~~by him,~~ or received ~~by him~~ for sale or exchange. Such record shall be kept for three years and shall be open to inspection by a representative of the commissioner during reasonable business hours. The information contained in records maintained by a dealer pursuant to this subsection shall be an accurate representation of the transaction, and no alternative versions of records shall be produced for a purchaser with information which differs from that contained in records maintained for inspection by the department."

"(f) The department shall be authorized to assess a civil penalty against a dealer of up to $500.00 for each sales transaction conducted in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(g) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Code Section 43-47-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, is amended by revising paragraph (3) as follows:

"(3) 'Established place of business' means a salesroom or sales office in a building or on an open lot of a retail used car dealership or at which a permanent business of bartering, trading, offering, displaying, selling, buying, dismantling, or rebuilding wrecked or used motor vehicles or parts is carried on, or the place at which the books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business are kept. Each such place of business shall be at least 250 square feet, furnished with a working telephone listed in the name of the licensee for use in conducting the business, and ~~shall be~~ marked by an appropriate permanent sign as prescribed by the appropriate division under this chapter."

SECTION 9.

Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (d), and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(3.1) 'Passive entity' means a person, other than an individual, formed under the laws of another state that does not have an established place of business in this state, owns no real property, and conducts no trade or business other than the holding of assets for investment and income."

"(9)(A) Any owner of any motor vehicle who fails to submit within 30 days of the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle in this state an application for a first certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-21 or a certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-32 shall be required to pay a penalty in the amount of 10 percent of the state title ad valorem tax fees and 10 percent of the local title ad valorem tax fees required under this Code section and, if such state and local title ad valorem tax fees and the penalty are not paid within 60 days following the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle, interest at the rate of 1 percent per month shall be imposed on the state and local title ad valorem tax fees due under this Code section, unless a temporary permit has been issued by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall grant a temporary permit in the event the failure to timely apply for a first certificate of title is due to the failure of a lienholder to comply with Code Section 40-3-56, regarding release of a security interest or lien, and no penalty or interest shall be assessed. Such penalty and interest shall be in addition to the penalty and fee required under Code Section 40-3-21 or 40-3-32, as applicable.

(B) The penalties provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be double for any resident of this state who owns at least 50 percent of a passive entity that owns

a motor vehicle that fails to submit within 60 days of the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle in this state an application for a first certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-21 or a certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-32 and register such vehicle."

"(h) The commissioner shall be authorized in his or her sole discretion to share information obtained for purposes of this Code section with the board established pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43. Any confidential information furnished pursuant to this Code section shall retain its character as confidential. Any person who divulges confidential information obtained pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to the same penalties as those provided for divulgence of information by employees of the department."

SECTION 10.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 11.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 235. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Powell of the 33rd, Jones of the 25th, Newton of the 127th, Heffner of the 130th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require employers of school employees to provide leaves of absence for the donation of bone marrow and organs; to provide for standards and conditions for granting such leaves of absence; to provide for a penalty for noncompliance; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require employers of public school teachers and employees and postsecondary employees to provide leaves of absence for the donation of bone marrow and organs; to provide for standards and conditions for granting such leaves of absence; to prohibit waivers of such leaves of absence; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Supporting Living Donor Educators Act."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-1-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Organ' means a human organ, including the eye, that is capable of being transferred from the body of a person to the body of another person.

(2) 'Public school employee' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-910.

(3) 'Public school teacher' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-880.

(4) 'Postsecondary employee' shall include any person employed not less than half time by the University System of Georgia or any institution thereof or the Technical College System of Georgia or any unit thereof; provided, however, that such term shall not be deemed to include any emergency or temporary employee.

(b) Each public school teacher and public school employee shall be entitled to receive the following leaves of absence, without loss of pay:

(1) Not more than seven days for the purpose of bone marrow donation for transplantation, which shall not be charged against or deducted from any annual or sick leave and shall be included as service in computing any retirement or pension benefits; and

(2) Not more than 30 days for the purpose of organ donation for transplantation, which shall not be charged against or deducted from any annual or sick leave and shall be included as service in computing any retirement or pension benefits.

(c) Each postsecondary employee shall be entitled to receive the following leaves of absence, without loss of pay:

(1) Not more than seven days for the purpose of bone marrow donation for transplantation, which shall not be charged against or deducted from any annual or sick leave; and

(2) Not more than 30 days for the purpose of organ donation for transplantation, which shall not be charged against or deducted from any annual or sick leave.

(d) No individual shall be entitled to a leave of absence provided for in this Code section unless he or she furnishes a statement from a medical practitioner who is to perform such transplantation procedure or from a hospital administrator where such procedure is to be performed that such individual is making a bone marrow or organ donation. Such statement shall be furnished to such individual's employer no less than seven days prior to any leave of absence to be scheduled.

(e) This Code section shall not be subject to waiver pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-244 for a local board of education, or Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 225. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Stephens of the 164th, Lumsden of the 12th, Yearta of the 152nd, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, so as to repeal all laws relative to enforcement of speeding violations in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for conforming changes; to prohibit a local governing body or law enforcement agency from entering into or renewing a contract that provides for enforcement of laws relative to speeding violations in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	N Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	E Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	N Silcox
Y Bazemore	E Donatucci	N Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	N Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	E Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	N Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook

Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
N Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	E Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	E Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	N Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 129, nays 37.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 651. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to provide for standards for signs warning of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to repeal exceptions to making a case based upon use of speed detection devices; to include civil monetary penalties collected for violations of speed limits enforced by automated traffic enforcement safety devices for consideration of the maximum percent of a law enforcement agency's budget; to provide for time frames for issuing citations for the violation of speed limit by ten miles per hour or more in a school zone through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to revise application procedure and standards for a permit to operate such devices; to remove authorization to impose processing fees relating to civil monetary penalties; to provide standards for notice sent for imposition of a civil monetary penalty; to remove penalties relating to motor vehicle registration renewal; to provide for distribution of moneys collected; to require quarterly reporting on use of

collected moneys; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, is amended in Code Section 40-14-1.1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'School zone' means the area ~~within 1,000 feet of the boundary of~~ defined in an existing master state order or local ordinance as a school zone area for any public or private elementary or secondary school."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-14-6, relating to warning signs required and signage requirements, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) In addition to the signs required under subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, each law enforcement agency using an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for in Code Section 40-14-18 shall erect signs warning of the use of ~~a stationary speed detection~~ an automated traffic safety enforcement device within the approaching school zone. Such signs shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in area, shall be visible plainly from every lane of traffic, shall be viewable in all traffic conditions, and shall not be placed in such a manner that the view of such sign is subject to being obstructed by any other vehicle on such highway. Automated traffic enforcement safety device warning ~~Such~~ signs shall be placed within 500 feet prior to ~~the~~ any warning sign announcing the reduction of the speed limit for the school ~~speed~~ zone. Such signs shall include a sign or device which provides the operator of a motor vehicle approaching such sign with an accurate depiction of the speed of such motor vehicle and lights which flash yellow when the automated traffic enforcement safety device is authorized to issue citations pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18 and in accordance with any rule or regulation established by the Department of Transportation. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such signs are properly installed pursuant to this subsection at the time of any alleged violation under this article."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-8, relating to when case may be made and conviction had, as follows:

"40-14-8.

~~(a)~~ No county, city, or campus officer shall be allowed to make a case based on the use of any speed detection device, unless the speed of the vehicle exceeds the posted speed

limit by more than ten miles per hour and no conviction shall be had thereon unless such speed is more than ten miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

~~(b) The limitations contained in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply in properly marked school zones one hour before, during, and one hour after the normal hours of school operation or programs for care and supervision of students before school, after school, or during vacation periods as provided for under Code Section 20-2-65, in properly marked historic districts, and in properly marked residential zones. For purposes of this chapter, thoroughfares with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or more shall not be considered residential districts. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'historic district' means a historic district as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 44-10-22 and which is listed on the Georgia Register of Historic Places or as defined by ordinance adopted pursuant to a local constitutional amendment.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-14-11, relating to investigations by commissioner of public safety, issuance of order suspending or revoking permit, and ratio of speeding fines to agency's budget, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement agency is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of the public health, welfare, and safety if the fines or civil monetary penalties levied based on the use of speed detection devices for speeding offenses are equal to or greater than 35 percent of a municipal or county law enforcement agency's budget. For purposes of this Code section, fines collected for citations issued for violations of Code Section 40-6-180 shall be included when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency; provided, however, that fines for speeding violations exceeding 20 miles per hour over the established speed limit ~~and civil monetary penalties for speeding violations issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18~~ shall not be considered when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, as follows:

"40-14-18.

(a)(1) The speed limit within any school zone ~~as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and~~ marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced by using ~~photographically~~ recorded images for violations that are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit and which occurred only on a school day ~~during the time~~ in which instructional classes are taking place ~~and one hour before such classes are scheduled to begin and for one hour after such classes have concluded when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit~~ and only:

(A) One hour prior to and one hour after the school's official starting time; and

(B) One hour prior to and one hour after the school's official dismissal time.

(2) Prior to the placement of ~~a~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within a school zone, ~~each school within whose school zone~~ the governing body of the county or municipality whose law enforcement agency is authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone where such ~~automated traffic enforcement safety~~ device is to be placed and which holds a valid permit for the operation of speed detection devices issued by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Code Section 40-14-2 shall first apply for and secure a permit from the Department of Transportation for the use of such automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such permit shall be awarded based upon need; provided, however, that a permit issued for placement upon any highway with more than two lanes shall require a demonstration of prior history which justifies such need. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this paragraph.

(b) For the purpose of enforcement pursuant to this Code section:

(1) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the governing body of the law enforcement agency provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by ~~photographically~~ recorded images, to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit within ~~any~~ a school zone and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such civil monetary penalty shall be $75.00 for a first violation and $125.00 for a second or any subsequent violation~~, in addition to fees associated with the electronic processing of such civil monetary penalty which shall not exceed $25.00~~; provided, however, that for a period of 30 days after the first automated traffic enforcement safety device is introduced by a law enforcement agency within a school zone, the ~~driver~~ owner of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for a civil monetary penalty but shall be issued a civil warning for disregard or disobedience of the speed limit within the school zone;

(2) A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone, or an agent working on behalf of a law enforcement agency or governing body, shall send by ~~first class~~ first-class mail in an envelope which prominently displays the name and seal or logo of the governing body and addressed to the owner of the motor vehicle within 30 days after obtaining the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle from the Department of Revenue but no later than 60 days after the date of the alleged violation:

(A) A citation for the alleged violation, which shall include the date and time of the violation, the location of the infraction, the maximum speed at which such motor vehicle was traveling ~~in photographically~~ as evidenced by recorded images, the maximum speed applicable within such school zone, the civil warning or the amount of the civil monetary penalty imposed, and the date by which a civil monetary penalty shall be paid;

(B) An image taken from the ~~photographically~~ recorded images showing the vehicle involved in the infraction;

(C) A website address where ~~photographically~~ recorded images showing the vehicle involved in the infraction and a duplicate of the information provided for in this paragraph may be viewed;

(D) A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of the school zone and stating that, based upon inspection of ~~photographically~~ recorded images, the owner's motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law;

(E) A statement of the inference provided by paragraph (4) of this subsection and of the means specified therein by which such inference may be rebutted;

(F) Information advising the owner of the motor vehicle of the manner in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested ~~through an administrative hearing~~ which shall include a statement which reads: 'YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO CONTEST LIABILITY BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COURT'; and

(G) A warning that failure to pay the civil monetary penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall waive any right to contest liability;

(3) Proof that a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit of the marked school zone shall be evidenced by ~~photographically~~ recorded images. A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency and stating that, based upon inspection of ~~photographically~~ recorded images, a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained therein; and

(4) Liability under this Code section shall be determined based upon a preponderance of the evidence. Prima-facie evidence that the vehicle described in the citation issued pursuant to this Code section was operated in violation of the speed limit of the school zone, together with proof that the defendant was, at the time of such violation, the registered owner of the vehicle, shall permit the trier of fact in its discretion to infer that such owner of the vehicle was the ~~driver~~ operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Such an inference may be rebutted if the owner of the vehicle:

(A) Testifies under oath in open court or submits to the court a sworn notarized statement that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; or

(B) Presents to the court a certified copy of a police report showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation.

(c) A violation for which a civil warning or a civil monetary penalty is imposed pursuant to this Code section shall not be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil warning or civil monetary penalty pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be made a part of the

operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(d) If a person issued and mailed a citation pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section fails to pay the civil monetary penalty for the violation or has not filed a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section in no less than 30 nor more than 60 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency, the agent or law enforcement agency shall send to such person by ~~first class~~ first-class mail a second notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The second notice shall include all information required in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and shall include a new date ~~of return~~ by which the civil monetary penalty shall be paid which shall be no less than 30 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency. If such person notified by second notice again fails to pay the civil monetary penalty or file a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section by the new date ~~of return~~ included in the notice, such person shall have waived the right to contest the violation and shall be liable for the civil monetary penalty provided for under this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed.

(e) Notices mailed by ~~first class~~ first-class mail pursuant to this Code section shall be adequate notification of the fees and penalties imposed by this Code section. No other notice shall be required for the purposes of this Code section.

(f) Any court having jurisdiction over violations of subsection (a) of this Code section shall have jurisdiction over cases arising under this subsection and shall be authorized to impose the civil monetary penalty provided by this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the provisions of law governing jurisdiction, procedure, defenses, adjudication, appeal, and payment and distribution of penalties otherwise applicable to violations of subsection (a) of this Code section shall apply to enforcement under this Code section except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that any appeal from superior or state court shall be by application in the same manner as that provided by Code Section 5-6-35.

(g) If a violation has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, the agent or governing body shall send to the person who is the registered owner of the motor vehicle a final notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty authorized by this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. ~~The notice shall inform the registered owner that the agent or governing body shall send a referral to the Department of Revenue if the assessed penalty is not paid within 30 days after the final notice was mailed and of the consequences for failure to pay such penalty and any late fee.~~

(h) ~~The agent or governing body shall send a referral to the Department of Revenue not sooner than 30 days after the final notice required under subsection (g) was mailed if a~~

~~violation has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The referral to the Department of Revenue shall include the following:~~

~~(1) Any information known or available to the agent or governing body concerning the license plate number, year of registration, and the name of the owner of the motor vehicle;~~

~~(2) The date on which the violation occurred;~~

~~(3) The citation number issued for the violation; and~~

~~(4) The date when the notice required under this Code section was mailed.~~

~~(i) If the Department of Revenue receives a referral under subsection (h) of this Code section, such referral shall be entered into the motor vehicle data base within five days of receipt and the Department of Revenue shall refuse to renew the registration of the motor vehicle unless and until the civil monetary penalty plus any late fee is paid to the agent or governing body.~~

~~(j) The Department of Revenue shall remove the penalty on a vehicle registration if any person presents the Department of Revenue with adequate proof from the agent or governing body that the penalty and any late fee, if applicable, has been paid.~~

~~(k)~~ Recorded images made for purposes of this Code section shall not be a public record for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

~~(l)~~(i) A civil warning or civil monetary penalty under this Code section on the owner of a motor vehicle shall not be imposed if the operator of the vehicle was arrested or issued a citation and notice to appear by a certified peace officer for the same violation.

~~(m)~~(j)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'school safety purposes' means activities incident to the establishment, procurement, or maintenance of safety measures within public or private elementary or secondary schools that enhance and ensure the protection of students, staff, and visitors to such a school, including, but not limited to, access control systems, communication systems, cyber security measures, perimeter security systems, surveillance systems, visitor management systems, employment of crossing guards, and safety protocol training. Such purposes may further include mental health support services in collaboration with law enforcement to address safety concerns proactively.

(2) The ~~money~~ moneys collected and remitted to the governing body pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall only be used by such governing body ~~to~~ as follows:

(A) Fifty percent shall be allocated to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives; and

(B) Fifty percent shall be allocated equally among all schools within the jurisdiction of the governing body for school safety purposes.

(3) This subsection shall not preclude the appropriation of a greater amount than collected and remitted under this subsection.

(4) At least quarterly, the local governing body shall post upon its website a report on the moneys disbursed pursuant to this subsection, which shall include the amount allocated to each school within the jurisdiction of such governing body."

SECTION 6.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-155, relating to prosecuting attorney's duties and authority in probate courts in counties in which there are no state courts, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) In the prosecution of any violation of the laws or ordinances of such county which is within the jurisdiction of such probate court and punishable by confinement or a fine or both or by a civil penalty authorized by Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18;"

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-6, relating to duties of district attorney, by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) To prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18 and to prosecute or defend any other civil action in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested, unless otherwise specially provided for;"

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-66, relating to duties and authority of solicitors-general of state courts, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) To prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18 and when authorized by law to prosecute or defend any civil action in the state court in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested, unless otherwise specially provided for;"

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-96, relating to authority of prosecuting attorney of municipal courts, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) In the prosecution of any violation of the laws or ordinances of such municipality which is within the jurisdiction of such municipal court and punishable by confinement or a fine or both or by a civil penalty authorized by Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18; and"

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 8.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 322. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to revise provisions regarding the Georgia Board of Dentistry

issuance of a dental or dental hygiene license for the sole purpose of teaching or instructing in an accredited dental school, dental hygiene school, or academic medical center in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to revise provisions regarding the Georgia Board of Dentistry issuance of a dental license for the sole purpose of teaching or instructing in an accredited dental school or academic medical center in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, is amended by revising subsections (a.1) through (e) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-42, relating to reciprocity and criminal background check, to read as follows:

"(a.1)(1) The board may issue, in its discretion, without examination, a teacher's or instructor's license to a dentist who has graduated from a school, college, or advanced dental education program approved by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA) or its successor agency, if any, for the sole purpose of teaching or instructing, in an accredited dental college, advanced dental education program, or training clinic in this state, those procedures and services recognized in this state to be within the scope of practice of such person's professional license. Those applicants who have received a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school not so accredited must comply with the following requirements in order to submit an application for ~~licensure~~ such teacher's or instructor's license:

~~(A)(i) Successful completion at an accredited dental school approved by the board of the last two years of a program leading to the doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree; or~~

~~(ii) Successful completion at an accredited dental school or college approved by the board of at least a two-year advanced education program in one of the dental specialties recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) or in an advanced dental education program in general dentistry; or~~

~~(iii) Successful completion of at least two one-year advanced dental education programs in general dentistry at an accredited dental school or college approved by the board; or~~

~~(iv) Successful completion of a one-year program in operative dentistry at a dental school or college approved by the board and a one-year advanced dental education program in general dentistry at an accredited dental school or college approved by the board; and~~

~~(B) Certification by the dean of the accredited dental school where such supplementary program was taken that the candidate has achieved the same level of didactic and clinical competency as expected of a graduate of the school receiving a doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree.~~

(A) The applicant is or has been licensed to practice dentistry in another state, country, or territory;

(B) The applicant shall submit a letter of recommendation from the dean or director of the teaching institution at which he or she is seeking employment along with verification of an executed employment offer for the full-time or part-time position that the applicant is applying to fill. Such recommendation shall verify that the applicant has met or been approved under the credentialing standards of a dental school or an academic medical center with which the person is to be affiliated; such dental school or academic medical center shall be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or The Joint Commission;

(C) The applicant has never failed the Georgia dental licensure examination;

(D) The applicant has never had a dental license revoked in this state or another state, country, or territory; and

(E) The applicant shall have a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.

(2) The board may establish by rule or regulation the requirements for documentation of an applicant's educational and personal qualifications for licensure under this subsection.

(3) In order to be granted a license under this subsection, all applicants ~~must~~ shall pass a jurisprudence examination on the laws of this state and rules and regulations as they relate to the practice of dentistry as established or approved by the board, which shall be administered in the English language.

(b) Any license issued under subsection (a.1) of this Code section authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry only while engaged in the performance of the licensee's duties as an employee of the accredited school or college or only in connection with programs or training clinics affiliated with or endorsed by such school or college. Such licensee shall not practice dentistry with such license outside of such authorization.

~~(b)~~(c) The board may issue, in its discretion, without examination, a license to dentists for the sole purpose of practicing public health dentistry in an official state or a local health department or to render dental services to patients in state operated eleemosynary or correctional institutions, provided that these dentists possess a license in another state, are in good standing in said state, and have graduated from an accredited dental college.

Such license shall be considered to be a temporary license which shall be valid for a period to be established by board rule.

~~(c)~~(d) The cost of such teacher's, instructor's, or temporary public health license shall be established by the board.

~~(d)~~(e) Any license issued or considered for issuance under this Code section shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Code Section 43-11-47.

~~(e)~~(f) Application for a license under this Code section shall constitute consent for performance of a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including but not limited to classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 179. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Code Section 9-11-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions upon oral examination, so as to expand the manner in which court testimony is recorded; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for

the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, is amended by revising Code Section 5-6-41, relating to reporting, preparation, and disposition of transcript, correction of omissions or misstatements, preparation of transcript from recollections, filing of disallowed papers, filing of stipulations in lieu of transcript, and reporting at party's expense, as follows:

"5-6-41.

(a) For any felony trial; for any post-indictment evidentiary hearing in a felony case excluding arraignments, guilty pleas, bond hearings, and any hearings in which no witness testifies; and for all proceedings in a case in which the prosecuting attorney has filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty, ~~In all felony cases,~~ the transcript of evidence and proceedings shall be reported and prepared by a court reporter as provided in Code Section 17-8-5 or as otherwise provided by law. In all other felony proceedings, the transcript of evidence and proceedings shall either be reported and prepared by a court reporter as provided in Code Section 17-8-5 or as otherwise provided by law or, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-41, in the judge's discretion, be recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts.

(b) In all misdemeanor cases, the trial judge may, in the judge's discretion, require the reporting and transcribing of the evidence and proceedings by a court reporter on terms prescribed by the trial judge, or, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-41, may require the recording of the evidence and proceedings via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts.

(c) In all civil cases tried in the superior and city courts, in the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and in any other court, the judgments of which are subject to review by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, the trial judge thereof may require the parties to have the proceedings and evidence reported by a court reporter, the costs thereof to be borne equally between them, or, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-41, recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts; and, where an

appeal is taken which draws in question the transcript of the evidence and proceedings, it shall be the duty of the appellant to have the transcript prepared at the appellant's expense. Where it is determined that the parties, or either of them, are financially unable to pay the costs of reporting or transcribing, and the proceeding was not recorded by a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, the judge may, in the judge's discretion, authorize trial of the case unreported; and, when it becomes necessary for a transcript of the evidence and proceedings to be prepared, it shall be the duty of the moving party to prepare the transcript from recollection or otherwise.

(d) Where a trial in any civil or criminal case is reported by a court reporter or recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, all motions, colloquies, objections, rulings, evidence, whether admitted or stricken on objection or otherwise, copies or summaries of all documentary evidence, the charge of the court, and all other proceedings which may be called in question on appeal or other posttrial procedure shall be reported or recorded; and, where the report or recording is transcribed, all such matters shall be included in the written transcript, it being the intention of this article that all these matters appear in the record. Where matters occur which were not reported or recorded, such as objections to oral argument, misconduct of the jury, or other like instances, the court, upon motion of either party, shall require that a transcript of these matters be made and included as a part of the record. The transcript of proceedings shall not be reduced to narrative form unless by agreement of counsel; but, where the trial is not reported or recorded or the transcript of the proceedings for any other reason is not available and the evidence is prepared from recollection, it may be prepared in narrative form.

(e) Where a civil or criminal trial is reported by a court reporter or recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, and the evidence and proceedings are transcribed, ~~the~~ a court reporter shall complete the transcript and file the original and one copy thereof with the clerk of the trial court, together with the court reporter's certificate attesting to the correctness thereof. In criminal cases where the accused was convicted of a capital felony, an additional copy shall be filed for the Attorney General, for which the court reporter shall receive compensation from the Department of Law as provided by law. The original transcript shall be transmitted to the appellate court as a part of the record on appeal; and one copy will be retained in the trial court, both as referred to in Code Section 5-6-43. Upon filing by the court reporter, the transcript shall become a part of the record in the case and need not be approved by the trial judge.

(f) Where any party contends that the transcript or record does not truly or fully disclose what transpired in the trial court and the parties are unable to agree thereon, the trial court shall set the matter down for a hearing with notice to both parties and resolve the difference so as to make the record conform to the truth. If anything material to either

party is omitted from the record on appeal or is misstated therein, the parties by stipulation, or the trial court, either before or after the record is transmitted to the appellate court, on a proper suggestion or of its own initiative, may direct that the omission or misstatement shall be corrected and, if necessary, that a supplemental record shall be certified and transmitted by the clerk of the trial court. The trial court or the appellate court may at any time order the clerk of the trial court to send up any original papers or exhibits in the case, to be returned after final disposition of the appeal.

(g) Where a proceeding is recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, such recording shall not be considered the record of the proceeding unless it is transcribed and certified pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 15-14-5. Such transcript shall not be created if the recorded proceeding is also taken down and transcribed by a court reporter.

~~(g)~~(h) Where a trial is not reported or recorded as referred to in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section or where for any other reason the transcript of the proceedings is not obtainable and a transcript of the evidence and proceedings is prepared from recollection, the agreement of the parties thereto or their counsel, entered thereon, shall entitle such transcript to be filed as a part of the record in the same manner and with the same binding effect as a transcript filed by the court reporter as referred to in subsection (e) of this Code section. In case of the inability of the parties to agree as to the correctness of such transcript, the decision of the trial judge thereon shall be final and not subject to review; and, if the trial judge is unable to recall what transpired, the judge shall enter an order stating that fact.

~~(h)~~(i) Where any amendment or other pleading or paper which requires approval or sanction of the court in any proceeding before being filed of record is disallowed or sanction thereof is refused, the amendment, pleading, or paper may nevertheless be filed, with notation of disallowance thereon, and shall become part of the record for purposes of consideration on appeal or other procedure for review.

~~(i)~~(j) In lieu of sending up a transcript of record, the parties may by agreement file a stipulation of the case showing how the questions arose and were decided in the trial court, together with a sufficient statement of facts to enable the appellate court to pass upon the questions presented therein. Before being transmitted to the appellate court, the stipulation shall be approved by the trial judge or the presiding judge of the court where the case is pending.

~~(j)~~(k) In all cases, civil or criminal, any party may as a matter of right have the case reported by a court reporter at the party's own expense."

SECTION 1-2.

Code Section 9-11-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions upon oral examination, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) **Recording of deposition.** Unless the court orders otherwise, the testimony at a deposition must be recorded by ~~stenographic means~~ any means permitted by the Board

of Court Reporting of the Judicial Council, and may also be recorded by sound or sound and visual means in addition to ~~stenographic~~ any means permitted by the Board of Court Reporting of the Judicial Council, and the party taking the deposition shall bear the costs of the recording. A deposition shall be conducted before an officer appointed or designated under Code Section 9-11-28. Upon motion of a party or upon its own motion, the court may issue an order designating the manner of recording, preserving, and filing of a deposition ~~taken by nonstenographic means~~, which order may include other provisions to assure that the recorded testimony will be accurate and trustworthy. Any party may arrange for a transcription to be made from the recording of a deposition ~~taken by nonstenographic means~~. With prior notice to the deponent and other parties, any party may designate another method to record the deponent's testimony in addition to the methods specified by the person taking the deposition. The additional record or transcript shall be made at that party's expense unless the court otherwise orders. The appearance or demeanor of deponents or attorneys shall not be distorted through camera or sound-recording techniques. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, a deposition may be taken by telephone or other remote electronic means only upon the stipulation of the parties or by order of the court. For purposes of the requirements of this chapter, a deposition taken by telephone or other remote electronic means is taken in the state and at the place where the deponent is to answer questions."

SECTION 1-3.

Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, is amended by revising Code Section 9-14-50, relating to transcription of proceedings, as follows:

"9-14-50.

All trials held under this article shall be recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts and transcribed by a court reporter, or taken down and transcribed by a court reporter, as designated by the superior court hearing the case."

PART II

SECTION 2-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-5A-14, relating to the employment and compensation of other personnel, as follows:

"15-5A-14.

The judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court may employ and fix the salaries of stenographers, clerical assistants, and such other employees as may be deemed necessary by the court; and the salaries therefor shall be paid by the clerk from the amount appropriated by the General Assembly for such purposes. Except as provided in

subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judge may also provide for the recording of cases via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the Georgia State-wide Business Court."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-7-47, relating to court reporters, waiver, and compensation relative to state courts, as follows:

"(a) ~~Court reporting personnel~~ State courts shall make available for the reporting of civil and criminal trials a court reporter, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, or a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia ~~shall be made available for the reporting of civil and criminal trials in state courts~~, subject to the laws governing same in the superior courts of this state~~.~~, or both. Except as provided in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judge shall have discretion as to whether to use a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 15-12-83, relating to oath of court reporter attending grand jury proceeding, compensation, and role and responsibilities, to read as follows:

"(f) The district attorney may utilize a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts to record grand jury proceedings.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, a recording, any court reporter's notes, and any transcript prepared from such recording or notes shall be provided solely to the district attorney, who shall retain control of such recording, notes, and transcript. The district attorney may use such materials to the extent such use is appropriate to the proper performance of his or her official duties, including compliance with Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 17."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-14-1, relating to power of superior court judges to appoint and remove, oath, and duties, as follows:

"15-14-1.

The judges of the superior courts shall have power to appoint and, at their pleasure, to remove a court reporter, as defined in ~~Article 2 of this chapter~~ Code Section 15-14-22, for the courts of their respective circuits. The court reporter, before entering on the duties of the court reporter's office, shall be duly sworn in open court to perform faithfully all the duties required of the court reporter by law. It shall be the court reporter's duty to attend all courts in the circuit for which such court reporter is appointed and, when

directed by the judge, to record exactly and truly or take stenographic notes of the testimony and proceedings in the case tried, except the arguments of counsel. Except as provided for in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judges may provide for the recording of cases and proceedings via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia when such recording is authorized pursuant to Code Section 5-6-41."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-14-2, relating to power of city court judges to appoint and compensation, as follows:

"(a) The judges of the city courts of this state having concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts of this state to try misdemeanor cases and to try civil cases where the amount involved exceeds $500.00, where not otherwise specifically provided for by law, may appoint an official court reporter, as defined in ~~Article 2 of this chapter~~ Code Section 15-14-22, whose compensation for reporting criminal and civil cases and for attendance upon court shall be the same as provided by the Judicial Council pursuant to Code Section 15-5-21. Except as provided in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judges may also provide for the recording of cases via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts. The court reporter reporting and transcribing civil cases shall be paid by the party or parties requesting the reporting or transcribing."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-14-5, relating to duty to transcribe and certificate, as follows:

"15-14-5.

(a) It shall be the duty of each court reporter to transcribe the evidence and other proceedings of which he has taken notes as provided by law whenever requested so to do by counsel for any party to such case and upon being paid the legal fees for such transcripts. The reporter, upon delivering the transcript to such counsel, shall affix thereto a certificate signed by him or her reciting that the transcript is true, complete, and correct. Subject only to the right of the trial judge to change or require the correction of the transcript, the transcript so certified shall be presumed to be true, complete, and correct.

(b) When a court proceeding has been recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, if requested or required by law, a transcript shall be prepared by a certified court reporter. If a court reporter receives such recording from the court, the court reporter shall transcribe the recording completely and accurately in accordance with rules promulgated by the Judicial Council of Georgia or any

applicable uniform rules. The court reporter, upon delivering the transcript to the requesting party or upon filing it with the clerk, shall affix thereto a signed certificate reciting that the transcript is true, complete, and correct. Subject only to the right of the trial judge to change or require the correction of the transcript, a transcript so certified shall be presumed to be true, complete, and correct."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-14-22, relating to definitions relative to training and certification of court reporters, as follows:

"15-14-22.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Board of Court Reporting of the Judicial Council.

(2) 'Certified court reporter' means any person certified under this article to practice verbatim reporting.

(3) 'Court reporter' means any person who is engaged in the practice of court reporting as a profession as defined in this article. ~~The term 'court reporter'~~ Such term shall include not only those who actually report judicial proceedings in courts but also those who make verbatim records as ~~defined~~ described in paragraph (4) of this Code section.

(4) 'Court reporting' means the making of a verbatim record by means of manual shorthand, machine shorthand, closed microphone voice dictation silencer, or by other means of personal verbatim reporting of any testimony given under oath before, or for submission to, any court, referee, or court examiner or any board, commission, or other body created by statute, or by the Constitution of this state or in any other proceeding where a verbatim record is required. The taking of a deposition is the making of a verbatim record as ~~defined~~ described in this article. Such term shall not include the operation of a digital recording system aside from those methods of making a verbatim record that require the passage of an examination accepted by the board pursuant to Code Section 15-14-30.

(5) 'Digital recording system' means any method for creating an electronic audio or audiovisual recording of a court proceeding for the purpose of creating a verbatim transcript as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 339. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Williamson of the 112th, Gaines of the 120th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor carriers, so as to exempt ride share drivers or ride share network services from the definition of motor carrier; to provide for definitions; to revise legislative findings; to exempt ride share network services from liability for actions of ride share drivers in certain instances; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor carriers, so as to exempt ride share network services from liability for actions of ride share drivers in certain instances; to revise definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor carriers, is amended in Code Section 40-1-100, relating to definitions relative to certification of motor carriers, by revising paragraphs (6) and (12) as follows:

"(6) 'Elderly or disabled passenger' means an individual over the age of 60 years or who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable to utilize mass transportation facilities as effectively as an individual who is not so affected. ~~'Department' means the Department of Public Safety.~~"

"(12) 'Motor carrier' means:

(A) Every person owning, controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle, including the lessees, receivers, or trustees of such persons or receivers appointed by any court, used in the business of transporting for hire persons, household goods, or property or engaged in the activity of nonconsensual towing pursuant to Code Section 44-1-13 for hire over any public highway in this state.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, ~~the term 'motor carrier'~~ such term shall not include:

(i) Motor vehicles engaged solely in transporting school children and teachers to and from public schools and private schools;

(ii) Taxicabs which operate within the corporate limits of municipalities and are subject to regulation by the governing authorities of such municipalities; the provisions of this division notwithstanding, vehicles and the drivers thereof

operating within the corporate limits of any city shall be subject to the safety regulations adopted by the commissioner of public safety pursuant to Code Section 40-1-8;

(iii) Limousine carriers as provided for in Part 3 of this article;

(iv) Hotel passenger or baggage motor vehicles when used exclusively for patrons and employees of such hotel;

(v) Motor vehicles operated not for profit with a capacity of 15 persons or less when they are used exclusively to transport elderly ~~and~~ or disabled passengers or employees under a corporate sponsored vanpool program, except that a vehicle owned by the driver may be operated for profit when such driver is traveling to and from his or her place of work, provided each such vehicle carrying more than nine passengers maintains liability insurance in an amount of not less than $100,000.00 per person and $300,000.00 per accident and $50,000.00 property damage~~. For the purposes of this part, elderly and disabled passengers are defined as individuals over the age of 60 years or who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, are unable to utilize mass transportation facilities as effectively as persons who are not so affected~~;

(vi) Motor vehicles owned and operated exclusively by the United States government or by this state or any subdivision thereof;

(vii) Vehicles, owned or operated by the federal or state government or by any agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the federal or state government, or privately owned and operated for profit or not for profit, capable of transporting not more than ten persons for hire when such vehicles are used exclusively to transport ~~persons who are elderly, disabled,~~ elderly or disabled passengers en route to receive medical care or prescription medication~~,~~ or returning after receiving medical care or prescription medication~~. For the purpose of this part, elderly and disabled persons shall have the same meaning as in division (v) of this subparagraph~~; or

(viii) Ambulances."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-1-201.

(a) No ride share network service shall be liable under any theory of liability, including, but not limited to, vicarious or product liability, for any injury to persons or damage to property from the operation of a personal passenger car by a ride share driver by reason of owning, operating, or maintaining a digital network or internet network to connect passengers to ride share drivers for the purpose of prearranged transportation for hire or for donation, provided that:

(1) There has been no negligence or criminal misconduct by the ride share network service;

(2) The ride share network service is in compliance with the requirements of this part relating to obligations to a ride share driver and any other provision otherwise required by law; and

(3) The ride share network service conducts or causes to conducted a criminal background check or obtains a private background check certification as described in Code Section 40-5-39 for each ride share driver at least once every two years.

(b) Any digital network or internet network used by a ride share network service shall be considered a service and shall not qualify as a product."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

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I would like the record/journal to reflect a No vote on HB 339.

/s/ Park Cannon
58th

House of Representatives

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3/4/25

I would like the record to record my vote on HB 339 as No.

/s/ Tanya F. Miller

HB 219. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Davis of the 87th and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to authorize the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to establish a professional health program to provide for monitoring and rehabilitation of impaired healthcare

professionals; to provide for funding or gifts in kind; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	E Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	E Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 200. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Ballard of the 147th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a three-year pilot immersive writing program for eligible public elementary schools; to provide for eligibility; to provide for grant funds for eligible public elementary schools to develop and implement immersive writing programs for students in grades two through five; to provide for applications and selection to participate in the pilot program; to provide for assessment and reporting on the impacts of the pilot program; to authorize the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the pilot program; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require that each new elementary school constructed on or after July 1, 2027, shall include a playground meeting certain standards; to provide playground design standards and minimum guidelines; to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a three-year pilot immersive writing program for eligible public elementary schools; to provide for eligibility; to provide for grant funds for eligible public elementary schools to develop and implement immersive writing programs for students in grades two through five; to provide for applications and selection to participate in the pilot program; to provide for assessment and reporting on the impacts of the pilot program; to authorize the State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the pilot program; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education is amended in Code Section 20-2-261, relating to common minimum facility requirements, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The State Board of Education shall establish common minimum facility requirements which each public school facility ~~must~~ shall meet in order to be certified for use in any component of the educational or recreational program of ~~that~~ such school. Such minimum requirements shall:

(1) Include such ~~include those~~ provisions of law or state board policy on matters that relate to:

(A) Fire ~~fire~~ and physical safety;
(B) Sanitation ~~sanitation~~ and health, including temperature and ventilation;
(C) Minimum ~~minimum~~ space, size, and configuration for the various components of the instructional program; and
(D) Construction ~~construction~~ stability, quality, and suitability for intended uses;~~.~~ ~~Such minimum requirements shall not~~

(2) Not prohibit wood construction that is otherwise in compliance with state minimum standard codes as they existed on January 1, 2014~~. As used in this subsection, the term 'state minimum standard codes' shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (9) of Code Section 8-2-20~~; and

(3) Provide that the construction of each new elementary school commenced on or after July 1, 2027, shall include a playground which meets the following design standards:
(A) Provides a sensory-diverse environment that enables children of all abilities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally;
(B) Provides an engaging play space with age and ability-appropriate levels of challenge and offers opportunities for children of all abilities to succeed, regardless of physical and intellectual attributes;
(C) Enables all students to benefit from state mandated recess time for elementary students;
(D) Capable for use as an outdoor classroom that is open to all students; and
(E) Meets the following minimum guidelines:
(i) Playground is accessible via a sidewalk or pathway from the school;
(ii) Playground is a minimum of 10,000 square feet in area;
(iii) Fencing surrounds and encloses the entire playground area;
(iv) A minimum of 20 percent of the total playground area shall be shaded; provided, however, that such shaded area may comprise more than one area so long as the total shaded area meets or exceeds 20 percent of the total playground area; and, provided, further, that such shading may be provided by natural means, such as existing mature trees, or man-made means, such as sun canopies;
(v) Unitary surfacing shall be used throughout at least 80 percent of the playground area. Examples of unitary surfacing include, but are not limited to, turf, bonded rubber, and poured in place rubber; and
(vi) Components that are installed on a portion of the playground with the unitary surfacing and accessible for all users that address the physical, sensory, cognitive, social, emotional, imaginative, and communication needs of those who will visit the playground, including, but not limited to:
(I) One communication board;
(II) One learning American Sign Language (ASL) alphabet panel or one learning Braille alphabet panel;
(III) One roller slide;
(IV) A minimum of two pieces of equipment that make music, such as chimes, drums, and bells;
(V) A minimum of two adaptive or accessible swings;

(VI) A minimum of one play piece accessible to a child remaining in a wheelchair that allows such child to play with other children;
(VII) A minimum of four sensory panels; and
(VIII) A minimum of one wheelchair accessible raised structure or wheelchair accessible slide."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by designating Code Sections 20-2-330 through 20-2-334 as Part 1 and by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

20-2-335.

(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish a pilot immersive writing program for students in grades two through five in order to:
(A) Provide funding for all public school students in grades two through five to participate in programs that provide for immersive writing experiences that are aligned with writing standards established by the State Board of Education and can be integrated into existing curricula;
(B) Improve literacy skills of elementary school students and motivate them to engage in writing projects; and
(C) Study the impacts of such pilot writing program.
(2) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the pilot program shall include funding for up to $2 million in grants each school year, for up to three school years beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, to participating public elementary schools.
(3) To be eligible to participate in the pilot program, a public elementary school shall:
(A) Serve students in any grades two through five; and
(B) By January 1, 2026, submit an application to participate in the pilot program, which application shall include such school's statement of intent for the use of grant funds.
(4) The State Board of Education shall establish pilot program requirements and criteria for selecting eligible public schools to participate in the pilot program in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.
(5) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to establish reporting requirements for the public schools participating in the pilot program.
(6) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section.
(b)(1) By October 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall develop an application process and seek applications from eligible public schools for the pilot program to be submitted no later than January 1, 2026.
(2)(A) The Department of Education shall monitor and annually assess the status of the pilot program with cooperation and input from the public schools and local school systems participating in the pilot program.

(B) Beginning no later than June 1, 2027, and by June 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Education shall provide to the State Board of Education a report of the annual assessment provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(c) This Code section shall stand repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2029."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 175. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to revise provisions regarding employee comprehensive background checks for early care and education programs and Head Start programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for revocation and nonissuance of licenses and commissions for early care and education programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade

Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 238. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gunter of the 8th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of police officers, so as to require the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to create and maintain an at-risk adult training course focusing on officer response to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia; to provide for requirements for such course; to provide for collaborative course development with the Division of Aging Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to require the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to create and maintain an at-risk adult training course focusing on officer response to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia; to provide for requirements for such course; to provide for collaborative course development with the Division of Aging Services; to provide for approval of the training program by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Public Safety Training Center, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-5-8.

(a) The Georgia Public Safety Training Center shall create and maintain an at-risk adult training course available to all peace officers, emergency medical personnel, and behavioral health co-responders relating to responding to at-risk adults, including those individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

(b) Such training course shall, at a minimum, provide training in:

(1) Investigating criminal violations involving benefits trafficking and related offenses;

(2) Investigating criminal violations involving the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a disabled adult or elder person;

(3) Responding to reports of missing persons;

(4) Interacting with victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation in a victim centered and trauma informed way; and

(5) Certain aspects of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and cognitive impairment, including;

(A) Instruction in interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

(B) Techniques for recognizing the behavioral symptoms and characteristics of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

(C) Techniques for effective communication with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

(D) Techniques for employing alternatives to physical restraints; and

(E) Protocols for contacting caregivers when an individual with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia is found wandering or during an emergency situation.

(c) The training course provided for in this Code section shall be developed by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in collaboration with the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit of the Division of Aging Services of the Department of Human Services.

(d) The number of hours and specific curriculum required for the training course provided for in this Code section shall be approved by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 432. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trout license, Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp, big game license, and alligator harvest permit, so as to provide for Georgia turkey stamps; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing, so as to provide for Georgia turkey permits and stamps; to provide for fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing, is amended in Code Section 27-2-3, relating to effective periods of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses generally and multiyear licenses, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, including without limitation commercial fishing and commercial fishing boat licenses issued pursuant to Code Section 27-2-8, shall be effective from April 1 to March 31 of the following year; except that all annual, two-year, or other multiyear hunting, fishing, and hunting and fishing combination licenses issued pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) of Code Section 27-2-23 shall be effective through the applicable one-year, two-year, or multiyear anniversary of the date of issuance. If a person possesses a valid annual, two-year, or other multiyear hunting, fishing, or hunting and fishing combination license at the time of sale of one or more annual, two-year, or other multiyear licenses with identical privileges to the valid license, the new license or licenses shall become effective when the original license expires and shall remain valid through the full applicable period. The department may specify the effective dates and term of the following licenses or permits:

(1) The Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp to meet requirements of Code Section 27-2-20;

(2) The free Georgia salt water fishing endorsement to meet requirements of Code Section 27-2-20.1; ~~and~~

(3) Any permit or requirement authorized by Code Section 27-3-29 regarding harvest recording and reporting; and

(4) The Georgia turkey permit to meet requirements of Code Section 27-2-6."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 27-2-6, relating to trout license, Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp, big game license, and alligator harvest permit, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g)(1) Effective July 1, 2026, it shall be unlawful for any person 16 years of age or older to hunt turkey in this state unless such person has a Georgia turkey permit in his or her possession in addition to all other required hunting licenses. Any resident of this state may be issued a Georgia turkey permit at no cost, and the fee for such permit for nonresidents shall be $100.00.

(2) By July 1, 2026, the department shall design and sell a collectible Georgia turkey stamp. Purchase of such turkey stamp shall be voluntary and shall not be required in order to hunt turkeys in this state. The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to administer this subsection and shall establish appropriate fees for the collectible Georgia turkey stamp.

(3) Any fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be retained by the department pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 45-12-92.1."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 27-2-23, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, by adding new subparagraphs to paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(N) Resident Georgia turkey permit	Annual	0.00
(O) Nonresident Georgia turkey permit	Annual	100.00"

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
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E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

HB 443. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to provide for recreational and commercial fishing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 426. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to nonpartisan elections of judges of the probate court and magistrates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date, a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
N Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	Y Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	N Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 111, nays 59.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 575. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication; to authorize such department to negotiate the acquisition of common property of a condominium association or property owners' association with the designated board for either such association; to provide standards for bringing an action to acquire such common property; to provide for the disbursement of consideration received from such department for common property; to authorize the establishment and administration of a program by such department for the clearing of rights of way and the removal of wrecked or abandoned heavy duty vehicles from the rights of way of interstate highways and limited access highways; to provide for payment of costs relating to removal or relocation of public utilities through agreement between the department and utility provider; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, is amended in Code Section 32-2-3, relating to development of transportation plans, public hearings, approval of plans by board, and promulgation of rules and regulations, by revising paragraphs (3) through (5) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(3) ~~These~~ The public hearings required by this subsection shall be conducted so as to provide an opportunity for effective participation by interested persons in transportation policy decisions~~,~~; the process of transportation planning, modal selections, and site and route selection~~,~~; and the specific location and design of major transportation facilities. ~~The~~ At such hearings the various factors involved in the decision or decisions and any alternative proposals shall be clearly presented so that the persons ~~attending the hearing~~ in attendance may present ~~their~~ views relating to the decision or decisions which will be made. The hearing required by this subsection for a facility, site, or project corridor ~~hearing~~ and the ~~design~~ hearing for the design of a proposed facility or facilities may be held simultaneously to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

(4)(A) The department may satisfy the requirements of this subsection for a public hearing by holding a public hearing or by ~~publishing two notices of opportunity for~~ providing the opportunity to request a public hearing. Such opportunity to request a public hearing shall be satisfied upon the publication of notice once a week for two weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the vicinity of the proposed undertaking and holding a public hearing if any written requests for such a hearing are received. The procedure for requesting a public hearing shall be explained in the notice. The deadline for submission of such a request may not be less than 21 days after the publication of the first notice of opportunity for public hearing and no less

than 14 days after the date of publication of the second notice of opportunity for public hearing.

(B) A copy of the notice of opportunity for public hearing required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be furnished at the time of publication to the United States Department of Transportation, the appropriate departments of state government, and affected local governments and planning agencies. If no requests for a public hearing are received in response to a notice published pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph within the time specified for the submission of requests in the published notice, the department shall be deemed to have met the hearing requirements of this subsection.

(C) ~~The opportunity for another public hearing shall be afforded in any case when~~ When the proposed locations or designs of an undertaking are changed from those presented in the notices ~~specified in~~ published pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph or at a public hearing so as to have a substantially different transportation service~~,~~ or different social, economic, or environmental effect, a new public hearing shall be required. Such public hearing shall be held in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(D) ~~The opportunity for a public hearing shall be afforded in each case in which the department is in doubt as to~~ The department shall hold a public hearing for an undertaking in any instance in which federal or state law is unclear as to whether a public hearing is required.

(5)(A) When a public hearing is to be held pursuant to this subsection, two notices of such hearing shall be published in print or electronically in a newspaper having general circulation in the vicinity of the proposed undertaking. The first notice shall be published no less than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and the second notice shall be published no less than five days prior or in the last publication date available prior to the date of the hearing. The department shall publish a copy of such hearing notice on its public website no less than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

(B) Copies of the notice for public hearing published pursuant to this paragraph shall be mailed to the United States Department of Transportation, appropriate departments of state government, and affected local governments and planning agencies."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-3-2.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Authorized board' means the executive and administrative body designated in a condominium instrument or property owners' association instrument as the governing body of common property as set forth in Article 3 or Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44.

(2) 'Common property' shall include common elements, as such term is defined in Code Section 44-3-71 and common areas, as such term in defined in Code Section 44-3-221.

(3) 'Declaration' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 44-3-71.

(4) 'Instrument' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 44-3-221.

(5) 'Owner' means any person having interest in property under a declaration or instrument.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 3 of Title 44 to the contrary, when the department seeks to acquire any common property, the department shall be authorized to conduct all phases of such pre-acquisition and acquisition with officers of the authorized board. Unless specified to the contrary in any recorded instrument or declaration, an authorized board shall be authorized to convey common property to the department on behalf of all owners. If, during the pre-acquisition or acquisition phase of common property authorized by this Code section, the department and authorized board fail to agree upon the terms of acquisition, the department shall be authorized to bring the authorized association as a party in any action in lieu of each owner; provided, however, that when an owner is directly impacted by a proposed acquisition in relation to other owners, such owner shall be individually named in the action. An owner shall be bound by the judgment in any action brought by the department against an authorized association pursuant to this Code section.

(c) Any consideration received by an authorized board in exchange for common property pursuant to this Code section shall be allocated to each owner pursuant to any ownership interest set forth in a declaration or instrument."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-6-2, relating to authority of department, counties, and municipalities to regulate parking and parking vehicles or leaving vehicles unattended on right of way of public road on state highway system, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 11 of Title 40 or Code Section 44-1-13 to the contrary, the department shall be authorized to establish and administer a towing and recovery program for the restoration of the right of way and the removal from the right of ways of interstate highways and limited access highways vehicles exceeding 16,000 pounds that have been disabled, damaged, abandoned, or wrecked or are otherwise inoperable. The authority of the department relating to such towing and recovery program shall include all powers necessary to create and administer such a program, including, but not limited to, the power to adopt all policies, procedures, qualifications, standards, and specifications for towing operators and to establish incentives for towing operators to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this Code section. The removal of any vehicle pursuant to the program authorized by this Code section shall include removal or cleanup of any affected cargo transported or spilled by any vehicle exceeding 16,000 pounds but not any passenger vehicles or personal property thereof."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-6-170, relating to payment by department of costs of removal, relocation, and adjustment of utility facilities necessitated by construction of public roads, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The department is authorized to pay or participate in the payment of the costs of removing, relocating, or making necessary adjustments to any of the following facilities or any component part thereof if they are owned by a public utility that is publicly, privately, or cooperatively owned, without regard to whether such facilities were originally installed upon rights of way of the state highway system, a county road system, or a municipal street system, where the department has made the determination that ~~(i)~~ such payments are in the best interest of the public and necessary in order to expedite the staging of the project~~;~~ and ~~(ii)~~ the costs of the removal, relocation, or adjustment of such facilities are included as part of the contract between the department and the department's roadway contractor for the project or in a written agreement between the utility and the department, provided that such removal, relocation, or adjustment is made necessary by the construction or maintenance of a public road by the department: water distribution and sanitary sewer facilities and systems for producing, transmitting, or distributing communications, power, electricity, light, heat, gas, steam, waste, and storm water not connected with highway drainage, including fire and police signals, traffic-control devices, and street lighting systems."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 297. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Rhodes of the 124th, Meeks of the 178th, Williams of the 148th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise the definition of "multipurpose off-highway vehicle"; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and motor homes, so as to define "multipurpose off-highway vehicle" and subclassify such vehicles for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide that such vehicles shall not be returned or taxed for ad valorem taxation purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 516. By Representatives New of the 40th, Hawkins of the 27th, Ballard of the 147th, Scoggins of the 14th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice

of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county and regional library boards and community service boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, is amended by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h)(1) The following bodies and committees thereof shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference, provided that any such meeting shall be considered to be conducted in compliance with this chapter so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and, if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting:

(A) Development authorities created pursuant to or authorized by the provisions of Chapter 42 or Chapter 62 of Title 36, by or pursuant to Article IX, Section VI, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, or by or pursuant to any amendment to the Constitution continued pursuant to the authority of Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Community improvement districts created pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section VII of the Georgia Constitution;

(C) Hospital authorities created pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31; ~~and~~

(D) The board of trustees or other governing body of any large retirement system as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-84;

(E) The board of trustees of any county or regional public library created pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 20; and

(F) Community service boards created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37.

(2) The participation by teleconference of members of such bodies or committees thereof means full participation in the same manner as if such members were physically present. In the event such teleconference meeting is a public hearing, and if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, then members of the public shall be afforded the means to participate fully in the same manner as if such members of the public were physically present."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 449. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 70th, Williams of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to subject certain companies providing water services in this state to regulation by the

Public Service Commission; to provide for the review of certain increases to the rates and charges of such companies by the commission; to provide for financial record keeping of such companies; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for assessments and legislative recommendations by the commission; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to subject the rates and charges for water services provided through certain water systems in this state to regulation by the Public Service Commission; to provide for the review of certain increases to such rates and charges by the commission; to provide for financial record keeping of companies that own such water systems; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for assessments and legislative recommendations by the commission; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended by revising Chapter 10, which is reserved, as follows:

"CHAPTER 10

46-10-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Covered water system' means any water system that is owned and operated by a private company and that provides water services by means of pipes or conduits to 2,000 or more customer service connections in this state. Such term shall not include any water system that is owned or operated by the state or any political subdivision or authority thereof.

(2) 'Surface water' means all rivers, streams, branches, creeks, ponds, tributary streams, drainage basins, natural lakes, and artificial reservoirs and impoundments.

(3) 'Water services' means water services, sanitary sewer services, or both.

(4) 'Water system' means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption that is sourced exclusively from surface water, sanitary sewer services, or both. Such term includes but is not limited to any collection, treatment,

storage, and distribution facilities under the control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system and any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system.

46-10-2.
The rates and charges for water services provided through covered water systems shall be just and reasonable and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission as provided in Code Section 46-10-3.

46-10-3.
(a) Any increase to the rates or charges for water services provided through a covered water system that would amount to an increase of 15 percent or more to the lowest amount such rates or charges have been set over the prior three calendar years shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission as provided in Code Section 46-2-25, including, without limitation, the authority of the commission, upon its election, to enter upon a hearing concerning the lawfulness of such increase, and the company that owns such covered water system shall comply with the notice provisions of subsection (a) of said Code section prior to making such increase to such rates or charges.
(b) If a hearing on the lawfulness of an increase to the rates or charges for water services provided through a covered water system is held pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and the commission determines at such hearing that such increase is just and reasonable, the commission shall not hold another hearing concerning an increase to the rates or charges for water services provided through such covered water system for a period of three years, unless the company that owns such covered water system intends to increase the rates or charges for such water services during such three-year period by 15 percent or more to the rates or charges found to be just and reasonable by the commission at such hearing.
(c) For purposes of calculating whether an increase to the rates or charges for water services provided through a covered water system constitutes an increase of 15 percent or more to the lowest amount such rates or charges have been set over the prior three calendar years, the following shall not be included in such calculation:
(1) One-time fees or charges assessed by the company that owns such covered water system for connecting to the water or sewer lines of such covered water system; or
(2) Recovered costs that were incurred by the company that owns such covered water system as the result of a flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or other occurrence for which the President of the United States has made a federal disaster declaration under the federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 5121-5206.

46-10-4.
A company that owns a covered water system shall keep records relating to its financial condition and profits and losses in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Such records shall be made available to the commission upon request.

46-10-5.
The commission shall have the power to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with this chapter or other laws of this state that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

46-10-6.
The commission shall conduct regular assessments of its jurisdiction over the rates or charges for water services provided through covered water systems as provided in this chapter. When appropriate, the commission may make recommendations to the General Assembly on any legislative changes or revisions to this chapter that may be needed to regulate such rates or charges and to protect the interests of consumers in this state.

46-10-7.
Nothing in this chapter shall apply to water services provided by the state or any political subdivision or authority thereof or subject such entities to the jurisdiction of the commission. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.
This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 340. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Gaines of the 120th, Rice of the 139th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Distraction-Free Education Act"; to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in kindergarten through eighth grade; to provide for permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to authorize the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical assistance; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Distraction-Free Education Act"; to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in kindergarten through eighth grade; to provide for permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to authorize the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical assistance; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Distraction-Free Education Act."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 15 of Article 6, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Access' means viewing, holding, wearing, or otherwise using a device for the purpose of communication, internet access, gaming, recording, listening to music, or any other function commonly associated with personal electronic devices.

(2) 'Bell-to-bell' means the period beginning with the first bell signaling the start of instructional time and ending with the final bell signaling the conclusion of the school day and shall include all scheduled instructional time, breaks, transitions, assemblies, and other school related activities occurring between the start and end of the school day.

(3) 'Distraction-free education' means a learning environment where access to personal electronic devices is restricted to minimize distractions, improve academic outcomes, and increase meaningful interactions and focused learning experiences.

(4) 'Personal electronic device' means any portable electronic device capable of transmitting, receiving, or accessing communications, data, or media. Such term includes, but is not limited to, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, e-readers, headphones, and other devices with functionalities such as wireless communication, internet access, messaging, video recording, gaming, social media access, or data transmission.

(5) 'School day' means the bell-to-bell period for students receiving instruction on a school campus. Such term shall not apply to students receiving virtual or remote instruction away from a school campus.

(6) 'School equipment' means any computer or computer networking equipment, technology or technology related device or service, or communication system or service that is operated, owned, leased, and made available to students by a local board of

education, local school system, or public school and that is used for transmitting, receiving, or accessing communications, data, or media.

(b) Beginning no later than July 1, 2026, no public school student in kindergarten through grade eight shall be permitted to access personal electronic devices during the school day, except as otherwise provided in this Code section or required by law.

(c) By January 1, 2026, each local school system and public school shall adopt policies and procedures that, at a minimum:

(1) Prohibit bell-to-bell access to personal electronic devices by students in kindergarten through grade eight, subject to exceptions provided for by law;

(2) Establish appropriate methods for storing students' personal electronic devices, including, but not limited to, a student's locker, a locked pouch, or a designated place in the classroom;

(3) Establish clear procedures for off-site events or activities, including all school sponsored events and field trips, daily transportation, athletic and extracurricular events, and other instructional opportunities that do not occur on school grounds;

(4) Establish clear communication protocols that:

(A) Facilitate all emergency communication through school emergency communication management systems and coordinated by school personnel;

(B) Require parents or guardians who need to communicate with their student during the school day to contact the school directly; and

(C) Communicate rules for school personnel and sponsors of all school sponsored events and field trips, daily transportation, athletic and extracurricular events, and other instructional opportunities that do not occur on school grounds; and

(5) Provide that any student found in violation of such policies and procedures during the school day shall be subject to progressive consequences in accordance with the local school system's or public school's student code of conduct, including, but not limited to, verbal warnings, confiscation of personal electronic devices, parental notification, and other actions as deemed appropriate.

(d) A student whose Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or medical plan explicitly mandates the use of a personal electronic device for medical or educational purposes shall be permitted to access the device as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the respective program or plan.

(e)(1) Each local school system and public school shall:

(A) Implement appropriate monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with policies and procedures established pursuant to this Code section, which may include, but need not be limited to, assigning designated school personnel to oversee implementation and adherence to such policies and procedures, conducting periodic audits of personal electronic device storage, and regularly reviewing enforcement practices;

(B) Ensure that parents, guardians, and students are informed of such policies and procedures through student and family handbooks, student codes of conduct, school public websites, and other common communication channels; and

(C) Regularly review the effectiveness of such policies and procedures and adjust as necessary to ensure its continued alignment with educational goals and student well-being.

(2) Each local school system and public school is encouraged to host student and parent engagement activities designed to promote distraction-free education through personal electronic device-free, independent play and learning, including, but not limited to, family workshops, question and answer sessions, town halls, mindfulness or enrichment sessions, screen-free challenges, and participation in initiatives that encourage students to engage in meaningful, personal electronic device-free play and activities.

(f) The Department of Education shall provide local school systems and public schools with guidance and technical support for the effective implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Code section.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to prohibit or limit a local school system or public school from providing school equipment, including, but not limited to, laptops and tablets, for student use for educational purposes.

(h) This Code section shall not be subject to waiver pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 or 20-2-2065 for a charter system, Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter school, Code Section 20-2-2096.3 for a completion special school, or Code Section 20-2-244."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 143, nays 29.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 455. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Dubnik of the 29th, Carpenter of the 4th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to provide for the information to be provided on applications for bingo games; to revise the provisions regarding the properties used for bingo games; to revise the limits on the number of bingo game sessions which are allowed per month; to revise the amount of prize money which may be paid; to revise the compensation for persons assisting in the conduct of bingo games; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Ballinger	N Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	N Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	N Wade
Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Gullett	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 149, nays 15.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 369. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, LaHood of the 175th, Baker of the 64th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to equipment of motor vehicles, so as to provide for vehicle equipment standards for motor vehicles used for the sale of food or beverages that primarily conduct such sales upon roadways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to equipment of motor vehicles, so as to provide for vehicle equipment standards for motor vehicles used for the sale of food or beverages that primarily conduct such sales upon roadways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to equipment of motor vehicles, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-8-12.

(a) On and after January 1, 2026, any motor vehicle used for the mobile sale of food or beverages which primarily conducts such sales during stops upon a roadway shall be equipped with the following:

(1) A signal arm that can be extended horizontally from the left side of the vehicle that is a triangular shape, yellow in color, and contains the words 'caution,' 'slow,' or 'children'; and

(2) A sign mounted upon the rear of the motor vehicle that shall be at least three square feet in size and display a warning that the vehicle makes frequent stops.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to adopt rules and regulations for the purposes of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 156, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 463. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval and identification of additional terms and conditions by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for approval and identification of additional terms and conditions by local governing authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax exemptions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-44.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Ad valorem taxes' means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40.

(3) 'Senior citizen' means a person who is 65 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section is made.

(4) 'Volunteer work' means the performance of work by an individual as a volunteer, during the year prior to the year in which application for the exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section is made, for the local government from which the applicant seeks an exemption pursuant to this Code section.

(b)(1) Subject to local approval as provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, each resident of this state who is a senior citizen is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount as provided for pursuant to the ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(3)(A) The exemption provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be applicable to any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district in this state until January 1 of the calendar year after which the governing authority of the county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school district adopts such exemption by ordinance or resolution as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) An ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall include:

(i) The maximum dollar amount of the available exemption, which amount shall not exceed the lesser of $500.00 or the total amount of the tax owed per year;

(ii) The maximum number of senior citizens who may claim the exemption in any taxable year, or if there is no such maximum;

(iii) The hourly credit for volunteer work, which shall not exceed $10.00 per hour;

(iv) The date in each taxable year by which application shall be made for the exemption; and

(v) The types of volunteer work that shall be eligible toward the exemption.

(c) The surviving spouse of the person who was granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to receive such exemption so long as such surviving spouse continues to occupy the residence as a homestead.

(d) A person shall not receive the homestead exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section for any taxable year unless and until such person or such person's agent annually files an application with the tax receiver or tax commissioner that person's respective local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation. Such application shall provide the person's age and such additional information relative to receiving such exemption as will enable such tax receiver or tax commissioner to make a determination regarding the eligibility of such person for such exemption. Such tax receiver or tax commissioner shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(e) The exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. It shall be the duty of any person granted such homestead exemption to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption.

(f) The exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(g) The exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027."

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The Secretary of State shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the entire state for approval or rejection. The Secretary of State shall conduct such election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided

by general law. The Secretary of State shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of each county in the state. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a state-wide homestead
( ) NO exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments in an amount to be determined by such local governments, but not to exceed the lesser of $500.00 or the total amount of the tax owed per year, subject to approval of and enactment of additional terms and conditions by the applicable local governing authority?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2027. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election date. It shall be the duty of each county election superintendent to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 584. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 26, 31, and 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, and mental health, respectively, so as to reassign licensing and oversight of drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz

Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Mr. Clerk,

I missed the vote for 584. If I would have voted it would have been "yes."

Sincerely,

/s/ Sandy Donatucci
District 105

HB 569. By Representatives Howard of the 71st and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to revise certain notice provisions relating to benefits and appeals; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 563. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 143rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to authorize licensed physical therapists to certify an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals for persons with disabilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	E Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
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Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Newton of the 127th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 515. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th and Heffner of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Augusta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Hilton of the 48th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 728. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Draper of the 90th, Ballard of the 147th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to limit the effective date of rules or regulations adopted by the State Election Board prior to a primary, election, or runoff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Representative Miller of the 62nd asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 729. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Hugley of the 141st, Schofield of the 63rd, Paris of the 142nd, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to establish programs to provide obstetric care in low access to maternity care areas and maternity care deserts; to provide for definitions; to establish a student loan repayment program for certain obstetric providers; to establish a grant program for certain perinatal facilities; to establish a state funded program to assist certain pregnant women in obtaining obstetric care; to provide for appropriations and funding; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 504. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Dickey of the 134th, Barton of the 5th, DeLoach of the 167th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 20, 2025, as Buc-ee's Day at the state capitol and celebrating Buc-ee's and its presence in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 505. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Momtahan of the 17th, Sainz of the 180th, Martinez of the 111th and Carpenter of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Laotian American community in Georgia and honoring the Airavata flag; and for other purposes.

HR 506. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cohen's of Alma on its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 507. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Williams of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 134th, Yearta of the 152nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the 2025 Watermelon Capital Queens, Miss Georgia Commodity Queens, and Miss Georgia Sweet Potato Queens; and for other purposes.

HR 508. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION commending Harry Jaynes, Marion County High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 509. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Heffner of the 130th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Judith L. Cotten; and for other purposes.

HR 510. By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Roberts of the 52nd, Lupton of the 83rd, Panitch of the 51st and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Bob Rathbun upon his induction into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 511. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Heffner of the 130th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Bridgett Renay Smith; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Jones of the 143rd et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Williams of the 148th et al., and Bazemore of the 69th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, March 6, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Crawford	Herring	Mathis	Roberts
Alexander	Crowe	Hilton	McClain	Romman
Anderson	Cummings	Hitchens	McCollum	Sainz
Baker	Davis	Holcomb	McDonald	Sampson
Ballard	Dawson	Holland	McQueen	Sanchez
Ballinger	DeLoach	Holly	Meeks	Santos
Barnes	Dempsey	Hong	Miller	Schofield
Barrett	Dickey	Horner	Mitchell	Scoggins
Barton	Donatucci	Howard, J	Momtahan	Scott
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, K	Moore	Seabaugh
Beckles	Draper	Huddleston	Myles	Silcox
Bell	Drenner	Hugley	Neal	Smith, L
Bennett	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	New	Smith, TP
Berry	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Newton	Smith, V
Blackmon	Efstration	Jackson, E	Okoye	Stephens
Bonner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Stinson
Buckner	Erwin	Jasperse	Oliver	Tarvin
Burchett	Evans	Jenkins	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burnough	Fleming	Jones, A	Panitch	Taylor, R
Cameron	Ford	Jones, J	Paris	Thomas
Camp	Franklin	Jones, S	Park	Townsend
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, T	Parrish	Tran
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kahaian	Parsons	Wade
Cannon, P	Gambill	Kelley	Persinger	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Gilliard	Kendrick	Petrea	Westbrook
Carson	Glaize	LaHood	Powell	Wiedower
Carter	Greene	Leverett	Prince	Wilkerson
Chastain	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Reese	Williams, A
Cheokas	Gullett	Lim	Reeves	Williams, N
Clark, D	Gunter	Lumsden	Rhodes	Williamson
Clifton	Hagan	Lupton	Rice	Willis
Cooper	Hatchett	Martin	Richardson	Yearta
Corbett	Hawkins	Martinez	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Cox	Henderson	Mathiak	Ridley, Jor	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Au of the 50th, Campbell of the 35th, Clark of the 108th, Flournoy of the 74th, Heffner of the 130th, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Justin Carter, Second Baptist Church of Cedartown, Cedartown, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 719. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of education of Worth County, approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3710), so as to revise the compensation of such chairperson and board members; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 720. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Lee County, approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5130), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the members of such board of education; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 721. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Bell of the 75th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, so as to provide for additional requirements upon transportation referral service providers and ride share network services relative to driver safety and hiring and the privacy of personal information for drivers and passengers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 722. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3851), so as to provide for a chief judge; to provide for an associate judge; to provide for the initial appointment of such associate judge by the Governor; to provide for the elections and terms of office of the judges of the court; to provide for compensation of the associate judge; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 723. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, Glaize of the 67th, Frye of the 122nd, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation,

and exemptions from income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for actual expenses incurred by any taxpayer in the provision of a warming center to unsheltered individuals on certain days of inclement weather; to provide for eligible expenditures; to provide for conditions, limitations, and penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 724. By Representative Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 725. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Frye of the 122nd, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord's duties as to repairs and improvements, so as to provide for landlord duties regarding certain rental agreements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 726. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Frye of the 122nd, Sharper of the 177th, Smith of the 41st, Wilkerson of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited use of purchaser's credit card information by merchant, so as to limit the amount of surcharges charged by merchants for purchasers' use of credit cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

HB 727. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gaines of the 120th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedures of the Department of Administrative Services in state purchasing, so as to provide a post-employment restriction for state employees involved in state purchasing; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 730. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4701), as amended, so as to provide for membership; to provide for meetings; to provide for purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 731. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd, Byrd of the 20th, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead option sales and use tax, so as to provide for an alternative homestead option sales tax; to provide for a distribution of the proceeds from the levy of an alternative homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for the levy of a special purpose local option sales and use tax in certain counties; to provide for a referendum; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 480. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 512. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gambill of the 15th, Jones of the 25th, Petrea of the 166th, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Addiction Epidemic and Solutions for Recovery; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 697
HB 698
HB 699
HB 700
HB 701
HB 702
HB 703
HB 704
HB 705
HB 706
HB 707
HB 708
HB 709
HB 710
HB 711
HB 712
HB 713
HB 714
HB 715
HB 716
HB 728
HB 729
HR 462
HR 463
SB 20
SB 29
SB 30
SB 31
SB 46
SB 51
SB 55
SB 56
SB 74
SB 85
SB 111
SB 139
SB 151
SB 175
SB 185
SB 195
SB 206
SB 234
SB 235
SB 237
SB 302

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 133	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 383	Do Pass
HB 442	Do Pass	HR 174	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 249	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 397	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 502	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 604	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 613	Do Pass
HB 728	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 88	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 217	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 419	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 541	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 602	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 686	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 450	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Industry and Labor has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 311	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Werkheiser of the 157th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 101 Do Pass
HB 649 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 657 Do Pass
HB 668 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 717 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Cheokas of the 151st District, Chairman of the Committee on Small Business Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Small Business Development has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 704 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cheokas of the 151st
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 638	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 7	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 260	Do Pass	HB 266	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 330	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 341	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 357	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 511	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 577	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 586	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 150 Combating Threats from China Act of 2025 - Higher Education; enact (Substitute)(HEd-Fleming-114th)
HB 159 Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; increase outstanding bond limit (Substitute)(B&B-Crowe-118th)
HB 185 Professions and businesses; repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the Dietetics Practice Act (Substitute)(RegI-Ehrhart-36th)
HB 288 Appeal and error; declaratory judgments in instances involving accusations made by a prosecuting attorney regarding credibility of a peace officer; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Gaines-120th)
HB 460 Evidence; exclude certain communications made between attorney and client when client is in a penal institution (Substitute) (JudyNC-Panitch-51st)
HB 484 General Assembly; digitization and electronic publication of Georgia Laws; provide (CR-Yearta-152nd)
HB 485 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; various provisions enacted prior to 2013 which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; repeal (Substitute)(CR-Yearta-152nd)
HB 494 Motor vehicles; require mopeds to be covered by a form of minimum financial responsibility for accident damages (MotV-McClain-109th)
HB 529 Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act; enact (Substitute)(A&CA-Barrett-24th)
HB 530 Courts; authorization for electronic filing of pleadings in probate court; provide (Judy-Leverett-123rd)
HB 549 Peace officers; extend time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer may be sought (PS&HS-Seabaugh-34th)
HB 579 Professions and businesses; licensure to engage in trade; provisions (Substitute)(App-Reeves-99th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 55 0580S)
HB 583 Motor vehicles; increase number of free license plates issued to certain veterans (Substitute)(MotV-Glaize-67th)
HB 647 Mulberry, City of; change corporate limits (IGC-Donatucci-105th)

Structured Rule

HB 52 Ad valorem tax; qualified disabled veterans; extend homestead exemption to unremarried surviving spouses or minor children (W&M-Rice-139th)
HB 111 Income tax; reduce rate of tax (W&M-Hong-103rd)
HB 112 Income tax; one-time tax credit for taxpayers who filed returns for both 2023 and 2024 taxable years; provide (W&M-McDonald III-26th)

HB 360 Revenue and taxation; rehabilitation of historic structures; revise tax credit (Substitute)(W&M-Efstration-104th)

HB 370 Ad valorem tax; school districts; state-wide base year homestead exemption; provisions (Substitute)(W&M-Gaines-120th)

HB 425 Revenue and taxation; purchase of an emergency power generator to convenience stores and grocery stores; provide tax credit (Substitute) (W&M-Burchett-176th)

HB 532 Conservation and natural resources; grants and special revenue disbursements; revise provisions (Substitute)(W&M-DeLoach-167th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 9. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 36. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of

religious freedom; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for statutory interpretation; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 63. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to provide for notice requirements; to prohibit additional qualifications; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 91. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 1st, Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to prohibit the Board of Community Health from entering into, executing, or renewing a contract or contracts with any pharmacy benefits manager that owns or has an ownership interest in any retail pharmacy or any legal entity that contracts with or uses such pharmacy benefits manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 110. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Esteves of the 35th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise the definition of neglect and to provide for new definitions; to amend Code Section 16-5-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless conduct causing harm to or endangering the bodily safety of another and conduct by HIV infected persons, so as to provide for an exception to certain offenses of reckless conduct for legal custodians permitting children to participate in independent activities under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 112. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to extend certain protections for consumers relative to warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide required information for warranty and product registration cards and forms; to provide an effective date for certain warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 124. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State School Superintendent and the Department of Education to take all steps reasonably necessary to implement guidance documents from a federal agency, including, but not limited to, directives related to expanding educational freedom and opportunities for families; to authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules; to provide for definitions; to make promise scholarship accounts available to all students whose parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia, regardless of the school attendance zone in which such students reside; to provide for continued eligibility; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 126. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2096.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 144. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability for use of fertilizers, plant growth regulators, or pesticides, so as to clarify that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with respect to

pesticides; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 154. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to revise or remove references to the United States Department of Education from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to replace a reference to student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 160. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-390.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless stunt driving, so as to replace the forfeiture penalty of a motor vehicle involved in a second offense of reckless stunt driving with authority to order the installation of a device which limits the speed of such vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures and conditions upon issuance of such orders; to provide for notification to the Department of Revenue; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 177. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide for transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; to require agents of hostile foreign principals and foreign supported political organizations to register with the State Ethics Commission; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for civil penalties; to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions or criminal investigations for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 180. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the High Demand Apprenticeship Program, so as to provide opportunities for apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for completion awards to apprenticeship sponsors for the successful completion of such contracts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 193. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hatchett of the 50th, Harbison of the 15th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 199. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide that the State Ethics Commission shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to revise provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders; to provide that the commission shall not publicly release home address information in its possession; to revise lobbyist reporting requirements to make the reporting dates for such requirements more uniform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 201. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, so as to provide increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors

following natural disasters; to provide for certain contractual requirements; to provide for notice language; to amend Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, so as to prohibit the assignment of benefits in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 241. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Mallow of the 2nd, Robertson of the 29th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to provide for the organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies; to amend Titles 10, 31, and 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, health, and local government, respectively, so as to require a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a dead human body or fetus; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolutions of the Senate:

SR 8. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Brandon Cunningham and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

SR 231. By Senators Albers of the 56th, McLaurin of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Jeremy Labonte and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 4. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to the fundamental roles of local boards of education and local school superintendents; to provide for requirements for the model code of ethics for local boards of education to be promulgated by the State Board of Education; to provide for public complaints alleging ethics code violations by members of local boards of education; to provide for required and prohibited topics in training programs for local board of education members; to provide for a sanction for noncompliance; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 9. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 36. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for statutory interpretation; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 63. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to provide for notice requirements; to prohibit additional qualifications; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 91. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 1st, Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to prohibit the Board of Community Health from entering into, executing, or renewing a contract or contracts with any pharmacy benefits manager that owns or has an ownership interest in any retail pharmacy or any legal entity that contracts with or uses such pharmacy benefits manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 110. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Esteves of the 35th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise the definition of neglect and to provide for new definitions; to amend Code Section 16-5-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless conduct causing harm to or endangering the bodily safety of another and conduct by HIV infected persons, so as to provide for an exception to certain offenses of reckless conduct for legal custodians permitting children to participate in independent activities under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

SB 112. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to extend certain protections for consumers relative to warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide required information for warranty and product registration cards and forms; to provide an effective date for certain warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 124. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State School Superintendent and the Department of Education to take all steps reasonably necessary to implement guidance documents from a federal agency, including, but not limited to, directives related to expanding educational freedom and opportunities for families; to authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules; to provide for definitions; to make promise scholarship accounts available to all students whose parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia, regardless of the school attendance zone in which such students reside; to provide for continued eligibility; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 126. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2096.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 144. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability for use of fertilizers, plant growth regulators, or pesticides, so as to clarify that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with respect to pesticides; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 154. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to revise or remove references to the United States Department of Education from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to replace a reference to student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 160. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-390.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless stunt driving, so as to replace the forfeiture penalty of a motor vehicle involved in a second offense of reckless stunt driving with authority to order the installation of a device which limits the speed of such vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures and conditions upon issuance of such orders; to provide for notification to the Department of Revenue; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 177. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide for transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; to require agents of hostile foreign principals and foreign supported political organizations to register with the State Ethics Commission; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for civil penalties; to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions or criminal investigations for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

SB 180. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the High Demand Apprenticeship Program, so as to provide opportunities for apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for completion awards to apprenticeship sponsors for the successful completion of such contracts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 193. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hatchett of the 50th, Harbison of the 15th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 199. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide that the State Ethics Commission shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to revise provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders; to provide that the commission shall not publicly release home address information in its possession; to revise lobbyist reporting requirements to make the reporting dates for such requirements more uniform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 201. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, so as to provide increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; to provide for certain contractual requirements; to provide for notice language; to amend Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, so as to prohibit the assignment of benefits in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 241. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Mallow of the 2nd, Robertson of the 29th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to provide for the organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies; to amend Titles 10, 31, and 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, health, and local government, respectively, so as to require a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a dead

human body or fetus; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SR 8. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Brandon Cunningham and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 231. By Senators Albers of the 56th, McLaurin of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Jeremy Labonte and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Schofield of the 63rd et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Bell of the 75th et al., and Cheokas of the 151st.

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 10	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 35	Do Pass
HB 57	Do Pass	HB 285	Do Pass
HB 384	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 464	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 675	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 532. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-6A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant when state owns property and calculations, so as to revise provisions related to certain counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Chapter 14 of Title 48, relating to grants and special revenue disbursements; to amend Code Section 48-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant to counties with 20,000 or more acres of unimproved real estate owned by Department of Natural Resources, so as to revise provisions related to counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Code Section 12-6A-12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 12-6A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant when state owns property and calculations, so as to revise provisions related to certain counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Chapter 14 of Title 48, relating to grants and special revenue disbursements; to amend Code Section 48-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant to counties with 20,000 or more acres of unimproved real estate owned by Department of Natural Resources, so as to revise provisions related to counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 12-6A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant when state owns property and calculations, is amended by revising said Code section as follows:

"12-6A-12.

(a) Each county in which is located 20,000 acres or more of unimproved real property belonging to the state and under the custody or control of the department, in which such state-owned property exceeds 10 percent of the taxable real property in the county, and in which such property represents 10 percent or more of the assessed tax digest of the county may receive from the department an annual grant as provided in this Code section.

(b) For each county eligible to receive a grant pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the department shall calculate the approximate value of public services which the county provides the department each year; provided, however, that such sum shall not exceed the amount the county would charge any other landowner for such services. The department shall request funds in its annual operating budget each year to reimburse all eligible counties for the provision of such services. In the event the amount appropriated in any year is less than the amount requested, each eligible county shall receive a pro rata share based on the estimated value of services provided.

(c) The department is directed to make an annual calculation of the amount of unimproved state-owned real property under its custody or control and determine which counties are eligible for a grant pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. The first such determination shall be completed not later than December 31, 2020, and each subsequent determination shall be made not later than December 31 of each year. The department is further directed to calculate the approximate value of public services provided by each eligible county as provided in ~~subsection (a) of~~ this Code section.

(d) Only land acquired with Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund moneys shall be used in the calculation of this grant.

(e) No more than 10 percent of Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund moneys shall be allocated to grants to offset local taxes during any fiscal year.

~~(f) No county shall be authorized to receive a grant of funds pursuant to both this Code section and Code Section 48-14-1.~~"

SECTION 2.

Code Section 48-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant to counties with 20,000 or more acres of unimproved real estate owned by Department of Natural Resources, is amended by revising said Code section as follows:

"48-14-4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'department' means the Department of Natural Resources.

(b) Each county in which is located 20,000 acres or more of unimproved real property belonging to the state and under the custody or control of the department, in which such state owned property exceeds 10 percent of the taxable real property in the county, and in which such property represents 10 percent or more of the assessed tax digest of the county may receive from the department an annual grant as provided in this Code section.

(c) For each county eligible to receive a grant pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the department shall calculate the approximate value of public services which the county provides the department each year; provided, however, that such sum shall

not exceed the amount the county would charge any other landowner for such services. The department shall request funds in its annual operating budget each year to reimburse all eligible counties for the provision of such services. In the event the amount appropriated in any year is less than the amount requested, each eligible county shall receive a pro rata share based on the estimated value of services provided.

(d) The department is directed to make an annual calculation of the amount of unimproved state owned real property under its custody or control and determine which counties are eligible for a grant pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. The first such determination shall be completed not later than December 31, 1993, and each subsequent determination shall be made not later than December 31 of each year. The department is further directed to calculate the approximate value of public services provided by each eligible county as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section.

~~(e) No county shall be authorized to receive a grant of funds pursuant to both this Code section and Code Section 48-14-1.~~"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 52. By Representatives Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Reeves of the 99th, Cannon of the 172nd and Bonner of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veteran, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, persons eligible without application, and retroactive award, so as to extend a homestead exemption for unremarried surviving spouses or minor children of a disabled veteran to include any future homestead; to clarify language; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	E Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	N Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	N Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

House of Representatives

State Capitol, Room 132
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I inadvertently voted No on House Bill 52 and I seek to correct the record to show that I am in support of the legislation and would like the record to reflect my support and my desire to vote Yes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stan Gunter
State Representative, District 8

House of Representatives

State Capitol, Room 417-A
Atlanta, Georgia 303354

Mr. Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Mr. Clerk,

On the Floor vote for House Bill 52 on March 6, 2025, my machine recorded a "NO," as I engaged the machine while standing and making a parliamentary inquiry.

I supported this measure in subcommittee, committee and in the Rules Committee and would ask my support be reflected in the House Journal as a "YES" vote.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Service,

/s/ Chuck Martin

HB 425. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th, Hatchett of the 155th, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to provide for a tax credit for the purchase of an emergency power generator and related components to convenience stores and grocery stores; to provide for taxpayer certification of tax credits; to provide for sunsets of the tax credit and carry-forward period; to provide for applicability; to provide for pursuit of remedies; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to provide for a tax credit for the purchase of an emergency power generator and related components to certain convenience stores and skilled nursing facilities; to provide terms, conditions, and procedures; to limit the tax credit and carry-forward period; to provide for an aggregate cap; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credit, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.27.

(a)(1) The General Assembly finds and determines that Hurricane Helene had a catastrophic impact on the citizens and the economy of Georgia.

(2) The General Assembly further finds and declares that it is appropriate and advisable to ensure the state is better prepared for future weather events by incentivizing the purchase and installation of generators in certain critical businesses such that the entire region will be able to recover faster.

(b) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Convenience store' means a retail establishment which offers for sale packaged or unprepared food and grocery items for consumption off the premises and may sell fuel products, household items, or tobacco products and has less than 10,000 square feet of retail floor space.

(2) 'Emergency power generator and related components' means an alternate backup power source that provides electricity during utility power outages. Such term shall refer to any one or more of the following:

(A) A generator itself, whether fixed or mobile;

(B) Any transfer switch or switches; or

(C) The lines, fuel tanks, or other mechanisms needed to provide power to a generator using diesel, natural gas, propane, or any other fuel source.

(3) 'Skilled nursing facility' means an institution or a distinct part of such institution which is primarily engaged in providing inpatient skilled nursing care and related services for patients who require medical or nursing care or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons.

(c)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed under this article for expenditures made between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, for the purchase and installation of emergency power generators and related components, provided that any such purchase is not for the purpose of resale.

(2) The tax credit allowed under this Code section shall only be applied over a period of five taxable years and shall not exceed $5,000.00 for any taxable year, and no amount shall be allowed or carried forward after such years.

(3) A taxpayer shall only be eligible for the tax credit allowed under this Code section once per convenience store or skilled nursing facility owned or operated by such taxpayer. No taxpayer shall be eligible for the tax credit allowed under this Code section for more than five convenience stores.

(d) To claim a tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section, a taxpayer shall attach to such taxpayer's state tax return certification from the taxpayer that the requirements of this Code section have been met and any other information required by the commissioner.

(e)(1) Any tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be claimed on the taxpayer's 2026 tax return.

(2) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed $5 million.

(3) In no event shall the total amount of any tax credit allowed under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, no amount of the tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability.

(f) A taxpayer seeking to claim a tax credit pursuant to this Code section shall submit an application to the department for preapproval of such tax credit, in the manner specified by the department. The department shall preapprove the tax credits within 30 days based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(g) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section.

(h) This Code section shall stand repealed on December 31, 2031."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barrett	E Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 111. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the rate of the tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
E Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 110, nays 60.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 112. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2023 and 2024 taxable years; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 175, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 17. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require local school systems to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 105. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teletriage under certain circumstances; to authorize licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine under certain circumstances; to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 159. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, Camp of the 135th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related

matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, is amended in Code Section 50-26-10, relating to obligations not subject to "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," payment of operating costs, authority's revenue, bond anticipation notes, terms of bond, replacement of bond, validation, and interest rates, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i)(1) The authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for its single-family residential housing program in an aggregate amount exceeding ~~$3 billion~~ $6 billion, excluding bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.

(2) The authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for financing of enterprises, other than enterprises contained in a health facility and other than housing, exceeding $140 million and shall not issue any such bonds or notes after June 30, 1995; provided, however, that such limitations shall not apply with respect to bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.

(3) The authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for the financing of health care services exceeding $30 million; provided, however, that such limitations shall not apply with respect to bonds and notes issued to refinance outstanding bonds and notes.

(4) Any limitations with respect to interest rates or any maximum interest rate or rates found in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36, the 'Revenue Bond Law,' the usury laws of this state, or any other laws of this state do not apply to bonds of the authority."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Taylor, D
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Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 10.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute,

HB 185. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to provide for the licensure of dietitians and nutritionists; to provide for short titles; to provide for the purpose of the chapter; to provide definitions; to establish the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists; to provide for powers, members, officers, and meetings of such board; to provide for the grant of a license without examination; to provide for eligibility for licensure as a dietitian and nutritionist; to provide for provisional licenses; to authorize the board to obtain conviction data; to permit applications to be made under oath; to provide for notice of acceptance or rejection; to provide for examinations; to provide for requirements of licensees; to provide for refusal, suspension, or revocation of licenses; to provide for proceedings; to provide for protected titles; to provide for exceptions to licensure; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for scope of practice; to provide for a qualified supervisor over a supervised practice experience in the practices of dietetics and nutrition; to enter into an interstate compact; to authorize the board to administer such compact; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
Dietetics and Nutrition Practices Act
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing and reenacting Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act," as follows:

"CHAPTER 11A
ARTICLE 1

43-11A-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Dietetics and Nutrition Practices Act.'

43-11A-2.
The General Assembly acknowledges that the application of scientific knowledge relating to the practices of dietetics and nutrition is important in the treatment of diseases and medical conditions and in the attainment and maintenance of health. The General Assembly acknowledges further that the rendering of sound dietetic and nutrition services for the treatment and management of diseases and medical conditions in hospitals, nursing homes, school districts, health departments, private practice and consultation, and other settings requires trained and competent professionals. It is declared, therefore, to be the purpose of this chapter to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing for the licensure of individuals engaged in the practices of dietetics and nutrition, including the provision of medical nutrition therapy.

43-11A-3.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'ACEND' means the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization.
(2) 'Advertising' means, but is not limited to, issuing or causing to be distributed any card, sign, or other device; causing or permitting any sign or marking on or in any building or structure or in any newspaper, magazine, or directory; or causing or permitting any announcement on radio or any announcement or display on television, a computer network, or an electronic or telephonic medium.
(3) 'Applicant' means an individual seeking a license under this article.
(4) 'Board' means the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists established by this article.
(5) 'Degree' means a degree received from an accredited college or university or a validated foreign equivalent as recognized by the board by approval, policy, or rule.
(6) 'General nonmedical nutrition information' means information on:
(A) Principles of human nutrition and food preparation;
(B) Principles of self-care and a healthy relationship with food;
(C) Essential nutrients needed by the human body;
(D) General and nonindividualized recommended amounts of essential nutrients in the human body;

(E) Actions of nutrients in the human body;

(F) Nonindividualized effects of deficiencies or excesses of nutrients in the human body; or

(G) General education surrounding foods, herbs, and dietary supplements that are good sources of essential nutrients in the human body.

(7) 'Licensed dietitian' means an individual duly licensed under this chapter as meeting the requirements provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-11A-9 to engage in the practice of dietetics and the practice of nutrition, including the provision of medical nutrition therapy.

(8) 'Licensed nutritionist' means an individual duly licensed under this chapter as meeting the requirements provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 43-11A-9 to engage in the practice of nutrition, including the provision of medical nutrition therapy.

(9) 'Medical nutrition therapy' means the provision of any of the following nutrition care services for the treatment or management of a disease or medical condition: nutrition assessment, nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention, or nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

(10) 'Medical weight control' means medical nutrition therapy provided for the purpose of reducing, maintaining, or gaining weight.

(11) 'Nonmedical weight control' means nutrition care services provided for the purpose of reducing, maintaining, or gaining weight that do not constitute the treatment or management of a disease or medical condition. Such term includes weight control services for healthy population groups to achieve or maintain a healthy weight.

(12) 'Nutrition assessment' means the ongoing, dynamic, and systematic process of ordering, obtaining, verifying, and interpreting biochemical, anthropometric, physical, nutrigenomic, and dietary data to make decisions about the nature and cause of nutrition related problems relative to patient or community needs. Such term includes the initial data collection and evaluation and any reassessment and analysis of patient or community needs and provides the foundation for nutrition diagnosis and nutritional recommendations and orders. Such term may require ordering laboratory tests to check and track nutritional status. The collection of such data shall not, by itself, constitute nutrition assessment.

(13) 'Nutrition care process' means the systematic problem-solving method that licensed dietitians use to critically think and make decisions when providing medical nutrition therapy or to address nutrition related problems and provide safe, effective care. Such term consists of four distinct but interrelated steps: nutrition assessment, nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention, and nutrition monitoring and evaluation.

(14) 'Nutrition care services' means any part or all of the following services provided within a systematic process:

(A) Assessing and evaluating the nutritional needs of individuals and groups and determining resources and constraints in a practice setting, including ordering nutrition related laboratory tests to check and track nutrition status;

(B) Identifying nutrition problems and establishing priorities, goals, and objectives that meet nutritional needs and are consistent with available resources and constraints;

(C) Creating individualized dietary plans and issuing and implementing orders to meet the nutritional needs of healthy individuals and individuals with disease states or medical conditions, including ordering therapeutic diets, and monitoring the effectiveness of such dietary plans and orders;

(D) Determining and providing appropriate nutrition interventions in health and disease, including nutrition counseling on food and prescription drug interactions;

(E) Developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care processes; or

(F) Evaluating, making changes in, and maintaining appropriate standards of quality in food and nutrition services.

(15) 'Nutrition counseling' means a supportive process, characterized by a collaborative counselor-patient relationship with individuals or groups, to establish food and nutrition priorities, goals, individualized action plans, and general physical activity guidance that acknowledge and foster responsibility for self-care to promote health and wellness or to treat or manage an existing disease or medical condition.

(16) 'Nutrition diagnosis' means identifying and labeling nutritional problems managed and treated by a licensed dietitian but does not include a medical diagnosis of the health status of an individual.

(17) 'Nutrition intervention' means purposefully planned actions, including nutrition counseling, intended to positively change a nutrition related behavior, risk factor, environmental condition, or aspect of the health status of an individual, his or her family or caregivers, target groups, or a community at large. Such term includes approving, ordering, and monitoring therapeutic diets and providing counseling on food and prescription drug interactions.

(18) 'Nutrition monitoring and evaluation' means identifying patient outcomes relevant to a nutrition diagnosis, nutrition intervention plans, and nutrition goals; comparing those outcomes with a patient's previous health status, nutrition intervention plans, and nutrition goals or with a reference standard to determine the progress made in achieving desired outcomes of nutrition care services; and determining whether planned nutrition interventions should be continued, revised, or concluded.

(19) 'Patient' means an individual recipient of nutrition care services.

(20) 'Practice of dietetics' means the integration and application of scientific principles derived from the study of food, nutrition, biochemistry, metabolism, nutrigenomics, physiology, pharmacology, food systems, management, and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain optimal nutrition status of individuals and groups and includes the practice of nutrition. Such term means primarily the provision of nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy, in person or via telehealth, to prevent, manage, or treat acute or chronic diseases or medical conditions and to promote wellness in inpatient and outpatient settings. Consistent with the level of competence of the provider, such term includes developing and ordering therapeutic diets via oral, enteral, and parenteral routes and providing other advanced medical nutrition therapy and related support activities consistent with current competencies required of academic and supervised practice programs accredited by a programmatic accreditor and in accord with the scope and standards of practice published by the Commission on

Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization or as may be prescribed by the board.

(21) 'Practice of nutrition' means the integration and application of scientific principles derived from the study of nutrition science, cellular and systemic metabolism, biochemistry, physiology, and behavioral sciences to achieve and maintain health throughout the lifespan. Such term means primarily the provision of nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy, in person or via telehealth, to prevent, manage, or treat chronic diseases or medical conditions and to promote wellness in outpatient settings. Consistent with the level of competence of the provider, such term may include the ordering of oral therapeutic diets, the ordering of medical laboratory tests related to nutritional therapeutic treatments, and the provision of recommendations on vitamins, minerals, and other dietary supplements.

(22) 'Programmatic accreditor' means a nationally recognized organization that reviews specialized and professional programs and includes ACEND and such organizations as recognized by the board by approval, policy, or rule.

(23) 'Provisional license' means a temporary license issued by the board pursuant to Code Section 43-11A-10.

(24) 'Qualified supervisor' means an individual providing supervision who assumes full professional responsibility for the work of a supervisee by verifying, directing, and approving the provided nutrition care services, medical nutrition therapy, and other work being supervised, as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19.

(25) 'Registered dietitian' means an individual who is credentialed by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization as a registered dietitian or a registered dietitian nutritionist and is authorized to use such title and the designation 'RD' or 'RDN.'

(26) 'Supervisee' means a student, intern, or trainee providing nutrition care services, medical nutrition therapy, and other work under the supervision of a qualified supervisor, as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19.

(27) 'Telehealth' means the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to provide services under this chapter between a healthcare provider in one location and an individual in another location to support clinical healthcare, public health, patient health related education, and health administration.

(28) 'Therapeutic diet' means a diet intervention prescribed by a licensed physician or other authorized nonphysician practitioner that provides food or nutrients via oral, enteral, or parenteral routes as part of the treatment of a disease or medical condition to modify, eliminate, decrease, or increase identified micronutrients and macronutrients in a patient's diet, or to provide mechanically altered food when indicated.

(29) 'Unrestricted practice of medical nutrition therapy' means the provision of medical nutrition therapy by an individual who is responsible for his or her own practice or treatment procedures.

43-11A-4.

(a) The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians in existence prior to July 1, 2025, is continued in existence thereafter as the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists. Members of the board serving immediately prior to July 1, 2025, shall continue to serve out their respective terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The board shall consist of nine members representing the licensed professions and public at large as follows:

(1) Six board members shall be licensed dietitians, including a clinical dietitian, a community or public health dietitian, an educator specializing in dietetics and on the faculty of a college or university, and a private practice dietitian;

(2) One board member shall be a licensed nutritionist;

(3) One board member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of this title; and

(4) One board member shall represent the public at large.

(b) Members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor with the confirmation of the Senate. Members of the board shall take office on the first day of July immediately following the expired terms of that office and shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any individual appointed to the board when the Senate is not in session may serve on the board without Senate confirmation until the Senate acts on that appointment. No member shall serve on the board for more than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor subject to confirmation of the Senate.

(c) All members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

(d) All members of the board shall take the constitutional oath of office.

43-11A-5.

(a) Members of the board representing the licensed professions shall:

(1) Be citizens of the United States and residents of this state;

(2) Have engaged in the practice of dietetics or practice of nutrition for compensation for not less than five years; and

(3) Be licensed under this chapter.

(b) The member of the board representing the public at large shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state and shall have no connection whatsoever with the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition.

(c) The Governor may remove members of the board, after notice and opportunity for hearing, for incompetence, neglect of duty, unprofessional conduct, conviction of any felony, failure to meet the qualifications of this chapter, or committing any act prohibited by this chapter.

43-11A-6.

The board shall meet quarterly and shall elect from its members a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and any other officers as deemed necessary who shall hold office according

to the rules adopted by the board. Additional meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson of the board or at the written request of any three members of the board. Board meetings may be conducted by audio or video conference calls, and participation in such conference call shall constitute attendance at the meeting so conducted.

43-11A-7.

The board shall have the power to:

(1) Enforce the provisions of this chapter, and it shall be granted all of the necessary duties, powers, and authority to carry out this responsibility;

(2) Draft, adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules as it deems necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter in the protection of public health, safety, and welfare;

(3) License duly qualified applicants by examination, endorsement, or reinstatement;

(4) Implement a disciplinary process;

(5) Enforce qualifications for licensure;

(6) Set standards for competency of licensees continuing in or returning to practice;

(7) Issue orders when a license is surrendered to the board while a complaint, investigation, or disciplinary action against such license is pending;

(8) Adopt, revise, and enforce rules regarding advertising by licensees, including, but not limited to, rules to prohibit false, misleading, or deceptive practices;

(9) Adopt, publish in print or electronically, and enforce a code of ethics;

(10) Establish examination and licensing fees;

(11) Request and receive the assistance of state educational institutions or other state agencies;

(12) Prepare information of consumer interest describing the regulatory functions of the board and describing the procedures by which consumer complaints are filed with and resolved by the board. The board shall make such information available to the general public and appropriate state agencies;

(13) Establish continuing education requirements;

(14) Adopt a seal which shall be affixed only in such manner as prescribed by the board;

(15) Conduct criminal background investigations by the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Georgia Crime Information Center; provided, however, that reports from such background investigations shall not be shared with entities outside of the state; and

(16) Administer the Dietitian Licensure Compact contained in Article 2 of this chapter.

43-11A-8.

The board may, in its discretion, grant, upon application and payment of fees, a license without examination to an individual who, at the time of application, either:

(1) Holds a valid license or certification as a licensed or certified dietitian, dietitian nutritionist, or nutritionist issued by another state, political territory, or jurisdiction acceptable to the board if, in the board's opinion, the requirements for such license or

certification are substantially equal to or greater than licensure requirements provided for under this chapter and rules and regulations promulgated by the board; or

(2) Applies for licensure as a licensed dietitian and presents evidence satisfactory to the board that such individual is a registered dietitian.

43-11A-9.

(a) Each applicant for a license as a licensed dietitian shall be at least 18 years of age, submit a completed application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, pay any applicable fees, and be in compliance with the following requirements:

(1) Possession of a master's or doctoral degree and completion of a program of study accredited by a programmatic accreditor;

(2) Satisfactory completion of a documented, supervised experience in the practice of dietetics accredited by a programmatic accreditor, consisting of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised practice under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19; provided, however, that an applicant shall complete such experience within five years of earning the degree required under paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, further, that the board in its discretion may grant an extension for a limited time for extraordinary circumstances;

(3) Successful completion of the examination for registered dietitians administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization; provided, however, that, if such successful completion occurred more than five years before the license application, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board completion of 75 hours of continuing education for each five-year period post-examination; and

(4) Completion of such other requirements as may be prescribed by the board.

(b) All individuals who are licensed dietitians and who have submitted an application for licensure as a licensed dietitian prior to July 1, 2025, shall remain licensed so long as the licensee remains in good standing and maintains an active or inactive license.

(c) Each applicant for a license as a licensed nutritionist shall be at least 18 years of age, submit a completed application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, pay any applicable fees, and be in compliance with the following requirements:

(1) Possession of a master's or doctoral degree with a major course of study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, community nutrition, public health nutrition, nutrition education, nutrition science, clinical nutrition, applied clinical nutrition, nutrition counseling, nutrition and functional medicine, nutritional biochemistry, nutrition and integrative health, or a comparable major or in a field of clinical healthcare, provided that such applicant shall complete coursework leading to competence in medical nutrition therapy, including, but not limited to:

(A) Fifteen semester hours of courses in clinical or life sciences, including at least three semester hours in human anatomy and physiology or an equivalent subject; and

(B) Fifteen semester hours of courses in nutrition and metabolism, including at least six semester hours in biochemistry;

(2) Satisfactory completion of a documented, continuous supervised practice experience demonstrating competence in providing nutrition care services and medical nutrition therapy approved by the board and meeting the following requirements:

(A) An applicant shall complete a supervised practice experience under this paragraph within five years of earning the degree required under paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that the board in its discretion may grant an extension for a limited time for extraordinary circumstances; and

(B) A supervised practice experience under this paragraph shall:

(i) Involve at least 1,000 hours in the following practice areas, with a minimum of 200 hours in each practice area: nutrition assessment, nutrition intervention, and nutrition monitoring and evaluation;

(ii) Be under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-19; and

(iii) Prepare an applicant, as determined by the board, to provide nutrition care services to various populations of diverse cultures, genders, and ages, and to be able to competently formulate actionable medical nutrition therapies and nutrition interventions, nutrition education, nutrition counseling, and ongoing nutrition care services for the prevention, modulation, and management of a range of chronic diseases and medical conditions;

(3) Satisfaction of examination requirements by:

(A) Successful completion of the certified nutrition specialist examination administered by the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists of the American Nutrition Association or its successor organization, or passage of an equivalent examination on all aspects of the practice of nutrition that has been reviewed under a program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or its successor organization or a credentialing entity recognized by the board by approval, policy, or rule and that is approved by a two-thirds' vote of the board; provided, however, that, if such successful completion occurred more than five years before the license application, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board completion of 75 hours of continuing education for each five-year period post-examination; or

(B) Demonstration that the applicant holds a valid current certification from the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists of the American Nutrition Association or its successor organization that allows the applicant to use the title 'certified nutrition specialist'; and

(4) Completion of such other requirements as may be prescribed by the board.

43-11A-10.

(a) The board, in its discretion, may issue a provisional license for an individual to engage in the practice of dietetics and the practice of nutrition for one year under the supervision of a licensed dietitian upon the filing of an application with appropriate fees and submission of evidence of successful completion of the education and supervised

practice requirements for licensure provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 43-11A-9. Such provisional license shall be valid for one year and shall not be renewed.
(b) The board, in its discretion, may issue a provisional license for an individual to engage in the practice of nutrition for one year under the supervision of a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist upon the filing of an application with appropriate fees and submission of evidence of successful completion of the education and supervised practice requirements for licensure provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 43-11A-9. Such provisional license shall be valid for one year and shall not be renewed.

43-11A-11.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'conviction data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought, or a record of a sentencing to first offender treatment without an adjudication of guilt.
(b) In order to determine an applicant's suitability as a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist, the board shall require such applicant to furnish the board with a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.
(c) The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the board in writing of any derogatory finding, including, but not limited to, any conviction data from the criminal background investigation, or if there is no such finding. All conviction data received by the board shall be used by it for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter, shall not be a public record, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency.
(d) The board may require that all applications be made under oath.

43-11A-12.
After evaluation of an application and documents submitted, the board shall notify each applicant that the application and documents submitted are satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If the application and documents are unsatisfactory and rejected, the notice shall state the reasons for the rejection.

43-11A-13.
(a) Examinations to determine qualifications for licensure as provided for in Code Section 43-11A-9 shall be administered to qualified applicants at least twice each calendar year. The examinations may be administered by a national testing service.
(b) The board shall notify each examinee of the results of the examination.

43-11A-14.
(a) A license issued by the board is the property of the board and shall be surrendered on demand.
(b) The licensee shall display the license certificate in an appropriate and public manner.
(c) The licensee shall inform the board of any change of address.
(d) If a licensee is not in violation of this chapter at the time of application for renewal and if such licensee fulfills current requirements of continuing education as established by the board and pays any requisite fees, such license shall be renewed biennially.
(e) Each licensee is responsible for renewing his or her license before the expiration date.
(f) Under procedures and conditions established by the board, a licensee may request that his or her license be declared inactive; provided, however, that such licensee may apply for active status at any time and, upon meeting the conditions set by the board, shall be declared active.

43-11A-15.
The board may refuse to grant or renew a license to an applicant or licensee; administer a public or private reprimand, but a private reprimand shall not be disclosed to any individual except the licensee; suspend the license of any licensee for a definite period or for an indefinite period in connection with any condition which may be attached to the restoration of such license; limit or restrict the license of any licensee as the board deems necessary for the protection of the public; revoke any license; condition a penalty upon, or withhold formal disposition pending, the applicant's or licensee's submission to such care, counseling, or treatment as the board may direct; or impose a fine not to exceed $500.00 for each violation of a law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition upon a finding by a majority of the board that the applicant or licensee has:
(1) Failed to demonstrate the qualifications or standards for a license contained in this chapter or under the laws, rules, or regulations under which licensure is sought or held. It shall be incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that such applicant meets all the requirements for the issuance of a license, and, if the board is not satisfied as to the applicant's qualifications, it may deny a license without a prior hearing; provided, however, that the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the board if he or she so desires;
(2) Knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on any document connected therewith, or practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession, or made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;
(3) Been convicted of any felony or of any crime directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a dietitian or nutritionist in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or country or in the courts of the United States; as used in this paragraph and paragraph (4) of this Code section, the term 'felony' shall include any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony, without regard to its designation

elsewhere; and, as used in this paragraph, the term 'convicted' shall include a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought;

(4) Been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any felony, or any crime directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a dietitian or nutritionist where a plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge, first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted, or an adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge. The plea of nolo contendere or the order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;

(5) Had his or her license to practice a business or profession licensed under this title revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority other than the board; had other disciplinary action taken against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board; been denied a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings; or been refused the renewal of a license by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board, pursuant to disciplinary proceedings;

(6) Engaged in any unprofessional, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which conduct or practice materially affects the fitness of the licensee or applicant to engage in the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition, or of a nature likely to jeopardize the interest of the public, which conduct or practice need not have resulted in actual injury to any person or be directly related to the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition but shows that the licensee or applicant has committed any act or omission which is indicative of untrustworthiness; unprofessional conduct shall also include any departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of a business or profession licensed under this title;

(7) Knowingly performed any act which in any way aids, assists, procures, advises, or encourages any unlicensed individual or any licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked by a professional licensing board to practice a business or profession licensed under this title or to practice outside the scope of any disciplinary limitation placed upon the licensee by the board;

(8) Violated a statute, law, or rule or regulation of this state, any other state, the professional licensing board regulating the business or profession licensed under this title, the United States, or any other lawful authority, without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable, which statute, law, or rule or regulation relates to or in part regulates the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition, when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action is violative of such statute, law, or rule or regulation; or violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing, consent decree, or license reinstatement;

(9) Been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction within or outside of this state; any such adjudication shall automatically suspend the license of

any such individual and shall prevent the reissuance or renewal of any license so suspended for as long as the adjudication of incompetence is in effect; or

(10) Displayed an inability to practice a business or profession licensed under this title with reasonable skill and safety to the public or has become unable to practice the licensed business or profession with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material.

43-11A-16.

(a) Only a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist or a person authorized to engage in the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition under this chapter shall engage in the practice of dietetics or the practice of nutrition to the extent such services constitute medical nutrition therapy.

(b) No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a licensed dietitian; use or assume the title 'dietitian,' 'licensed dietitian,' 'dietitian nutritionist,' or 'dietician'; use or assume any other title indicating licensure; or append to or use in conjunction with that individual's name the designation 'LD' or 'LDN,' unless the individual is a licensed dietitian under this chapter.

(c) No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a licensed nutritionist, use or assume the title 'licensed nutritionist,' use or assume any other title indicating licensure, or append to or use in conjunction with that individual's name the designation 'LN,' unless the individual is a licensed nutritionist under this chapter. No individual shall designate or hold himself or herself out as a nutritionist unless the individual is licensed under this chapter or exempt as provided in Code Section 43-11A-18.

(d) Use of an earned, federally trademarked nutrition credential is not prohibited.

(e) Any individual violating the provisions of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

43-11A-17.

Proceedings under this chapter shall be governed by Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

43-11A-18.

Provided that the following individuals do not use titles protected under Code Section 43-11A-16 unless otherwise authorized under this Code section, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect:

(1) A supervisee who is practicing while being supervised by a qualified supervisor as part of a course of study or a documented, continuous supervised practice experience; provided, however, that such supervisee shall use a title that clearly indicates his or her status as a supervisee and shall not engage in the unrestricted practice of medical nutrition therapy;

(2) A dietitian or nutritionist serving in the armed forces of the United States or employed by any other federal agency who is using government issued titles and who

is engaging in the practice of medical nutrition therapy, provided that such title use and such practice are related to such individual's service or employment;

(3) An individual licensed to practice the profession of dentistry, medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, nursing, or pharmacy engaging in the practice of medical nutrition therapy when incidental to the practice of his or her profession;

(4) An employee of a department, agency, or division of state, county, or local government, or an individual contracting with any of the foregoing, who is providing nutrition care services for welfare and public assistance programs under the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children under the Department of Public Health and who is authorized to provide such services within the discharge of his or her official duties;

(5) An individual who assists in the provision of medical nutrition therapy, provided that such individual performs only support activities that are not discretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment for their performance and such individual is directly supervised by a licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or healthcare provider licensed in this state acting within the scope of such provider's license;

(6) An individual who provides medical weight control services for individuals with obesity as part of:

(A) An instructional program that has been approved in writing by a licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or healthcare provider licensed in this state whose authorized scope of practice includes medical nutrition therapy; or

(B) A plan of care that is overseen by a healthcare provider licensed in this state whose scope of practice otherwise authorizes such provider to provide and delegate medical nutrition therapy; provided, however, that the medical weight control services are not discretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment;

(7) An individual who disseminates nonindividualized, written, general nutrition information in connection with the marketing and distribution of dietary supplements, food, herbs, or food materials, including, but not limited to, explanations of their federally regulated label claims, any known drug-nutrient interactions, their role in various diets, or suggestions as how to best use and combine them; provided, however, that such information does not constitute medical nutrition therapy;

(8) An individual engaged in the practice of the tenets of any religion, sect, or denomination; provided, however, that such individual does not provide nor represent himself or herself as qualified to engage in medical nutrition therapy;

(9) An individual who provides individualized nutrition recommendations for general health and wellness and the prevention of chronic disease, health coaching, holistic and wellness education, guidance, motivation, behavior change management, services for nonmedical weight control, or other nutrition care services, provided that such services do not constitute medical nutrition therapy;

(10) An individual who is an operator or employee of a health food store or business that sells health products, including dietary supplements, food, herbs, or food materials, and who provides verbal general nonmedical nutrition information that does not constitute medical nutrition therapy; or

(11) A healthcare practitioner not located in this state who provides medical nutrition therapy via telehealth to a patient located in this state, provided that such practitioner is a healthcare practitioner licensed or certified in good standing with a scope of practice that includes the provision of medical nutrition therapy and has a practitioner-patient relationship with a patient who is temporarily located in this state; has a practitioner-patient relationship with a patient who is located in this state and such care is limited to temporary or short-term follow-up medical nutrition therapy to ensure continuity of care; or is in consultation with a healthcare practitioner who has a practitioner-patient relationship with the patient.

43-11A-19.

(a) A qualified supervisor shall:

(1) Only supervise a clinical activity or nutrition care service that the qualified supervisor is authorized to perform;

(2) Develop and carry out a program for advancing and optimizing the quality of care provided by the supervisee. A qualified supervisor and supervisee shall identify and document goals for such supervised practice experience, the assignment of clinical tasks as appropriate to such supervisee's evolving level of competence, such supervisee's relationship and the amount and type of access to the qualified supervisor, and a process for evaluating the supervisee's performance;

(3) Oversee the activities of and approve and accept responsibility for the nutrition care services rendered by the supervisee;

(4) At a minimum, be physically on-site and present where the supervisee is providing nutrition care services or be immediately and continuously available to such supervisee by means of two-way real-time audiovisual technology that allows for direct, contemporaneous interaction by sight and sound between the qualified supervisor and such supervisee; provided, however, that, if the qualified supervisor assigns to a supervisee a nutrition care service that is to be provided in a setting where the qualified supervisor is not routinely present, such qualified supervisor shall ensure that the means and methods of supervision are adequate to ensure appropriate patient care, which may include synchronous videoconferencing or another method of communication, and oversight that is appropriate to the care setting and the education and experience of the supervisee, as determined by the board by approval, policy, or rule;

(5) Review on a regular basis the charts, records, and clinical notes of any supervisee and maintain responsibility for such supervisee's clinical record keeping;

(6) Be available to render assistance during the provision of nutrition care services when requested by the patient; provided, however, that, if such qualified supervisor is not available, such qualified supervisor shall arrange for another qualified healthcare provider lawfully able to render nutrition care services to be available; and

(7) Limit the assignment of nutrition care services to those services that are within the training and experience of the supervisee and customary to the practice of the qualified supervisor.

(b) A qualified supervisor shall:

(1) Be licensed or certified in the state or territory where such supervised practice experience occurs as a dietitian, nutritionist, dietitian nutritionist, or healthcare provider whose scope of practice includes the provision of medical nutrition therapy;

(2) Meet such other criteria as the board may establish by rule or regulation when a state or territory does not provide for licensure or certification of dietitians, dietitian nutritionists, or nutritionists; or

(3) Be an employee of the federal government authorized within the discharge of his or her official duties to provide medical nutrition therapy and exempt from licensure as provided for in paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-11A-18.

ARTICLE 2

43-11A-30.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Dietitian Licensure Compact Act.'

43-11A-31.

The Dietitian Licensure Compact is enacted into law and entered into by the State of Georgia with any and all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

'DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Compact is to facilitate interstate Practice of Dietetics with the goal of improving public access to dietetics services. This Compact preserves the regulatory authority of States to protect public health and safety through the current system of State licensure, while also providing for licensure portability through a Compact Privilege granted to qualifying professionals.

This Compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

A. Increase public access to dietetics services;

B. Provide opportunities for interstate practice by Licensed Dietitians who meet uniform requirements;

C. Eliminate the necessity for Licenses in multiple States;

D. Reduce administrative burden on Member States and Licensees;

E. Enhance the States' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

F. Encourage the cooperation of Member States in regulating multistate practice of Licensed Dietitians;

G. Support relocating Active Military Members and their spouses;

H. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information among Member States; and

I. Vest all Member States with the authority to hold a Licensed Dietitian accountable for meeting all State practice laws in the State in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "ACEND" means the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics or its successor organization.

B. "Active Military Member" means any individual with full-time duty status in the active armed forces of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve.

C. "Adverse Action" means any administrative, civil, equitable or criminal action permitted by a State's laws which is imposed by a Licensing Authority or other authority against a Licensee, including actions against an individual's License or Compact Privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the Licensee, limitation on the Licensee's practice, or any other Encumbrance on licensure affecting a Licensee's authorization to practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action.

D. "Alternative Program" means a non-disciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a Licensing Authority.

E. "Charter Member State" means any Member State which enacted this Compact by law before the Effective Date specified in Section 12.

F. "Continuing Education" means a requirement, as a condition of License renewal, to provide evidence of participation in, and completion of, educational and professional activities relevant to practice or area of work.

G. "CDR" means the Commission on Dietetic Registration or its successor organization.

H. "Compact Commission" means the government agency whose membership consists of all States that have enacted this Compact, which is known as the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission, as described in Section 8, and which shall operate as an instrumentality of the Member States.

I. "Compact Privilege" means a legal authorization, which is equivalent to a License, permitting the Practice of Dietetics in a Remote State.

J. "Current Significant Investigative Information" means:

1. Investigative Information that a Licensing Authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the subject Licensee to respond, if required by State law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or

2. Investigative Information that indicates that the subject Licensee represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the subject Licensee has been notified and had an opportunity to respond.

K. "Data System" means a repository of information about Licensees, including, but not limited to, Continuing Education, examination, licensure, investigative, Compact Privilege and Adverse Action information.

L. "Encumbered License" means a License in which an Adverse Action restricts a Licensee's ability to practice dietetics.

M. "Encumbrance" means a revocation or suspension of, or any limitation on a Licensee's full and unrestricted Practice of Dietetics by a Licensing Authority.

N. "Executive Committee" means a group of delegates elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, this Compact, and the Compact Commission.

O. "Home State" means the Member State that is the Licensee's primary State of residence or that has been designated pursuant to Section 6.

P. "Investigative Information" means information, records, and documents received or generated by a Licensing Authority pursuant to an investigation.

Q. "Jurisprudence Requirement" means an assessment of an individual's knowledge of the State laws and regulations governing the Practice of Dietetics in such State.

R. "License" means an authorization from a Member State to either:

1. Engage in the Practice of Dietetics (including medical nutrition therapy); or

2. Use the title "dietitian," "licensed dietitian," "licensed dietitian nutritionist," "certified dietitian," or other title describing a substantially similar practitioner as the Compact Commission may further define by Rule.

S. "Licensee" or "Licensed Dietitian" means an individual who currently holds a License and who meets all of the requirements outlined in Section 4.

T. "Licensing Authority" means the board or agency of a State, or equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of the Practice of Dietetics.

U. "Member State" means a State that has enacted the Compact.

V. "Practice of Dietetics" means the synthesis and application of dietetics, primarily for the provision of nutrition care services, including medical nutrition therapy, in person or via telehealth, to prevent, manage, or treat diseases or medical conditions and promote wellness.

W. "Registered Dietitian" means a person who:

1. Has completed applicable education, experience, examination, and recertification requirements approved by CDR;

2. Is credentialed by CDR as a registered dietitian or a registered dietitian nutritionist; and

3. Is legally authorized to use the title registered dietitian or registered dietitian nutritionist and the corresponding abbreviations "RD" or "RDN."

X. "Remote State" means a Member State other than the Home State, where a Licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise a Compact Privilege.

Y. "Rule" means a regulation promulgated by the Compact Commission that has the force of law.

Z. "Single State License" means a License issued by a Member State within the issuing State and does not include a Compact Privilege in any other Member State.

AA. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America.

BB. "Unencumbered License" means a License that authorizes a Licensee to engage in the full and unrestricted Practice of Dietetics.

SECTION 3. STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPACT

A. To participate in the Compact, a State must currently:

1. License and regulate the Practice of Dietetics; and

2. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about Licensees.

B. A Member State shall:

1. Participate fully in the Compact Commission's Data System, including using the unique identifier as defined in Rules;

2. Notify the Compact Commission, in compliance with the terms of the Compact and Rules, of any Adverse Action or the availability of Current Significant Investigative Information regarding a Licensee;

3. Implement or utilize procedures for considering the criminal history record information of applicants for an initial Compact Privilege. These procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that State's criminal records;

a. A Member State must fully implement a criminal history record information requirement, within a time frame established by Rule, which includes receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search and shall use those results in determining Compact Privilege eligibility.

b. Communication between a Member State and the Compact Commission or among Member States regarding the verification of eligibility for a Compact Privilege shall not include any information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal criminal history record information check performed by a Member State.

4. Comply with and enforce the Rules of the Compact Commission;

5. Require an applicant for a Compact Privilege to obtain or retain a License in the Licensee's Home State and meet the Home State's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable State laws; and

6. Recognize a Compact Privilege granted to a Licensee who meets all of the requirements outlined in Section 4 in accordance with the terms of the Compact and Rules.

C. Member States may set and collect a fee for granting a Compact Privilege.

D. Individuals not residing in a Member State shall continue to be able to apply for a Member State's Single State License as provided under the laws of each Member State. However, the Single State License granted to these individuals shall not be recognized as

granting a Compact Privilege to engage in the Practice of Dietetics in any other Member State.

E. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single State License.

F. At no point shall the Compact Commission have the power to define the requirements for the issuance of a Single State License to practice dietetics. The Member States shall retain sole jurisdiction over the provision of these requirements.

SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE

A. To exercise the Compact Privilege under the terms and provisions of the Compact, the Licensee shall:

1. Satisfy one of the following:

a. Hold a valid current registration that gives the applicant the right to use the term Registered Dietitian; or

b. Complete all of the following:

i. An education program which is either:

a) A master's degree or doctoral degree that is programmatically accredited by (i) ACEND; or (ii) a dietetics accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, which the Compact Commission may by Rule determine, and from a college or university accredited at the time of graduation by the appropriate regional accrediting agency recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and the United States Department of Education.

b) An academic degree from a college or university in a foreign country equivalent to the degree described in subparagraph (a) that is programmatically accredited by (i) ACEND; or (ii) a dietetics accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, which the Compact Commission may by Rule determine.

ii. A planned, documented, supervised practice experience in dietetics that is programmatically accredited by (i) ACEND, or (ii) a dietetics accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education which the Compact Commission may by Rule determine and which involves at least 1000 hours of practice experience under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian or a Licensed Dietitian.

iii. Successful completion of either: (i) the Registration Examination for Dietitians administered by CDR, or (ii) a national credentialing examination for dietitians approved by the Compact Commission by Rule; such completion being no more than five years prior to the date of the Licensee's application for initial licensure and accompanied by a period of continuous licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the Rules of the Compact Commission.

2. Hold an Unencumbered License in the Home State;

3. Notify the Compact Commission that the Licensee is seeking a Compact Privilege within a Remote State(s);

4. Pay any applicable fees, including any State fee, for the Compact Privilege;

5. Meet any Jurisprudence Requirements established by the Remote State(s) in which the Licensee is seeking a Compact Privilege; and

6. Report to the Compact Commission any Adverse Action, Encumbrance, or restriction on a License taken by any non-Member State within 30 days from the date the action is taken.

B. The Compact Privilege is valid until the expiration date of the Home State License. To maintain a Compact Privilege, renewal of the Compact Privilege shall be congruent with the renewal of the Home State License as the Compact Commission may define by Rule. The Licensee must comply with the requirements of Section 4(A) to maintain the Compact Privilege in the Remote State(s).

C. A Licensee exercising a Compact Privilege shall adhere to the laws and regulations of the Remote State. Licensees shall be responsible for educating themselves on, and complying with, any and all State laws relating to the Practice of Dietetics in such Remote State.

D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in this Compact or State law, a Licensee exercising a Compact Privilege shall not be required to complete Continuing Education Requirements required by a Remote State. A Licensee exercising a Compact Privilege is only required to meet any Continuing Education Requirements as required by the Home State.

SECTION 5. OBTAINING A NEW HOME STATE LICENSE BASED ON A COMPACT PRIVILEGE

A. A Licensee may hold a Home State License, which allows for a Compact Privilege in other Member States, in only one Member State at a time.

B. If a Licensee changes Home State by moving between two Member States:

1. The Licensee shall file an application for obtaining a new Home State License based on a Compact Privilege, pay all applicable fees, and notify the current and new Home State in accordance with the Rules of the Compact Commission.

2. Upon receipt of an application for obtaining a new Home State License by virtue of a Compact Privilege, the new Home State shall verify that the Licensee meets the criteria in Section 4 via the Data System, and require that the Licensee complete the following:

a. Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint based criminal history record information check;

b. Any other criminal history record information required by the new Home State; and

c. Any Jurisprudence Requirements of the new Home State.

3. The former Home State shall convert the former Home State License into a Compact Privilege once the new Home State has activated the new Home State License in accordance with applicable Rules adopted by the Compact Commission.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Compact, if the Licensee cannot meet the criteria in Section 4, the new Home State may apply its requirements for issuing a new Single State License.

5. The Licensee shall pay all applicable fees to the new Home State in order to be issued a new Home State License.

C. If a Licensee changes their State of residence by moving from a Member State to a non-Member State, or from a non-Member State to a Member State, the State criteria shall apply for issuance of a Single State License in the new State.

D. Nothing in this Compact shall interfere with a Licensee's ability to hold a Single State License in multiple States; however, for the purposes of this Compact, a Licensee shall have only one Home State License.

E. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a Member State for the issuance of a Single State License.

SECTION 6. ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS OR THEIR SPOUSES

An Active Military Member, or their spouse, shall designate a Home State where the individual has a current License in good standing. The individual may retain the Home State designation during the period the service member is on active duty.

SECTION 7. ADVERSE ACTIONS

A. In addition to the other powers conferred by State law, a Remote State shall have the authority, in accordance with existing State due process law, to:

1. Take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Compact Privilege within that Member State; and

2. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a Licensing Authority in a Member State for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another Member State shall be enforced in the latter State by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before that court. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the State in which the witnesses or evidence are located.

B. Only the Home State shall have the power to take Adverse Action against a Licensee's Home State License.

C. For purposes of taking Adverse Action, the Home State shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a Member State as it would if the conduct had occurred within the Home State. In so doing, the Home State shall apply its own State laws to determine appropriate action.

D. The Home State shall complete any pending investigations of a Licensee who changes Home States during the course of the investigations. The Home State shall also have authority to take appropriate action(s) and shall promptly report the conclusions of the investigations to the administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the new Home State of any Adverse Actions.

E. A Member State, if otherwise permitted by State law, may recover from the affected Licensee the costs of investigations and dispositions of cases resulting from any Adverse Action taken against that Licensee.

F. A Member State may take Adverse Action based on the factual findings of another Remote State, provided that the Member State follows its own procedures for taking the Adverse Action.

G. Joint Investigations:

1. In addition to the authority granted to a Member State by its respective State law, any Member State may participate with other Member States in joint investigations of Licensees.

2. Member States shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint investigation initiated under the Compact.

H. If Adverse Action is taken by the Home State against a Licensee's Home State License resulting in an Encumbrance on the Home State License, the Licensee's Compact Privilege(s) in all other Member States shall be revoked until all Encumbrances have been removed from the Home State License. All Home State disciplinary orders that impose Adverse Action against a Licensee shall include a statement that the Licensee's Compact Privileges are revoked in all Member States during the pendency of the order.

I. Once an Encumbered License in the Home State is restored to an Unencumbered License (as certified by the Home State's Licensing Authority), the Licensee must meet the requirements of Section 4(A) and follow the administrative requirements to reapply to obtain a Compact Privilege in any Remote State.

J. If a Member State takes Adverse Action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the Data System. The administrator of the Data System shall promptly notify the other Member States State of any Adverse Actions.

K. Nothing in this Compact shall override a Member State's decision that participation in an Alternative Program may be used in lieu of Adverse Action.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION

A. The Compact Member States hereby create and establish a joint government agency whose membership consists of all Member States that have enacted the Compact known as the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission. The Compact Commission is an instrumentality of the Compact States acting jointly and not an instrumentality of any one State. The Compact Commission shall come into existence on or after the effective date of the Compact as set forth in Section 12.

B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

1. Each Member State shall have and be limited to one (1) delegate selected by that Member State's Licensing Authority.

2. The delegate shall be the primary administrator of the Licensing Authority or their designee.

3. The Compact Commission shall by Rule or bylaw establish a term of office for delegates and may by Rule or bylaw establish term limits.

4. The Compact Commission may recommend removal or suspension of any delegate from office.

5. A Member State's Licensing Authority shall fill any vacancy of its delegate occurring on the Compact Commission within 60 days of the vacancy.

6. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote on all matters before the Compact Commission requiring a vote by the delegates.

7. Delegates shall meet and vote by such means as set forth in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates to meet and vote in-person or by telecommunication, video conference, or other means of communication.

8. The Compact Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws. The Compact Commission may meet in person or by telecommunication, video conference, or other means of communication.

C. The Compact Commission shall have the following powers:

1. Establish the fiscal year of the Compact Commission;

2. Establish code of conduct and conflict of interest policies;

3. Establish and amend Rules and bylaws;

4. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

5. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact, the Compact Commission's Rules, and the bylaws;

6. Initiate and conclude legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Compact Commission, provided that the standing of any Licensing Authority to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

7. Maintain and certify records and information provided to a Member State as the authenticated business records of the Compact Commission, and designate an agent to do so on the Compact Commission's behalf;

8. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

9. Borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a Member State;

10. Conduct an annual financial review;

11. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the Compact, and establish the Compact Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

12. Assess and collect fees;

13. Accept any and all appropriate donations, grants of money, other sources of revenue, equipment, supplies, materials, services, and gifts, and receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the Compact Commission shall avoid any actual or appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

14. Lease, purchase, retain, own, hold, improve, or use any property, real, personal, or mixed, or any undivided interest therein;

15. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

16. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

17. Borrow money;

18. Appoint committees, including standing committees, composed of members, State regulators, State legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this Compact or the bylaws;

19. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

20. Establish and elect an Executive Committee, including a chair and a vice chair;

21. Determine whether a State's adopted language is materially different from the model compact language such that the State would not qualify for participation in the Compact; and

22. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact.

D. The Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Compact Commission according to the terms of this Compact. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Executive Committee shall include:

a. Oversee the day-to-day activities of the administration of the Compact including enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the Compact, its Rules and bylaws, and other such duties as deemed necessary;

b. Recommend to the Compact Commission changes to the Rules or bylaws, changes to this Compact legislation, fees charged to Compact Member States, fees charged to Licensees, and other fees;

c. Ensure Compact administration services are appropriately provided, including by contract;

d. Prepare and recommend the budget;

e. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Compact Commission;

f. Monitor Compact compliance of Member States and provide compliance reports to the Compact Commission;

g. Establish additional committees as necessary;

h. Exercise the powers and duties of the Compact Commission during the interim between Compact Commission meetings, except for adopting or amending Rules, adopting or amending bylaws, and exercising any other powers and duties expressly reserved to the Compact Commission by Rule or bylaw; and

i. Other duties as provided in the Rules or bylaws of the Compact Commission.

2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine members:

a. The chair and vice chair of the Compact Commission shall be voting members of the Executive Committee;

b. Five voting members from the current membership of the Compact Commission, elected by the Compact Commission;

c. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from a recognized professional association representing dietitians; and

d. One ex-officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national credentialing organization for dietitians.

3. The Compact Commission may remove any member of the Executive Committee as provided in the Compact Commission's bylaws.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually.

a. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the public, except that the Executive Committee may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in subsection (F)(2).

b. The Executive Committee shall give 30 days' notice of its meetings, posted on the website of the Compact Commission and as determined to provide notice to persons with an interest in the business of the Compact Commission.

c. The Executive Committee may hold a special meeting in accordance with subsection (F)(1)(b).

E. The Compact Commission shall adopt and provide to the Member States an annual report.

F. Meetings of the Compact Commission

1. All meetings shall be open to the public, except that the Compact Commission may meet in a closed, non-public meeting as provided in subsection (F)(2).

a. Public notice for all meetings of the full Compact Commission shall be given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in Section 10, except that the Compact Commission may hold a special meeting as provided in subsection (F)(1)(b).

b. The Compact Commission may hold a special meeting when it must meet to conduct emergency business by giving 24 hours' notice to all Member States, on the Compact Commission's website, and other means as provided in the Compact Commission's Rules. The Compact Commission's legal counsel shall certify that the Compact Commission's need to meet qualifies as an emergency.

2. The Compact Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the Compact Commission may convene in a closed, non-public meeting for the Compact Commission or Executive Committee or other committees of the Compact Commission to receive legal advice or to discuss:

a. Non-compliance of a Member State with its obligations under the Compact;

b. The employment, compensation, discipline, or other matters, practices, or procedures related to specific employees;

c. Current or threatened discipline of a Licensee by the Compact Commission or by a Member State's Licensing Authority;

d. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

e. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

f. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

g. Trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

h. Information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

i. Investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

j. Information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Compact Commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the Compact;

k. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or Member State law; or

l. Other matters as specified in the Rules of the Compact Commission.

3. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed, the presiding officer shall state that the meeting will be closed and reference each relevant exempting provision, and such reference shall be recorded in the minutes.

4. The Compact Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a majority vote of the Compact Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

G. Financing of the Compact Commission

1. The Compact Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.

2. The Compact Commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources as provided in subsection (C)(13).

3. The Compact Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each Member State and impose fees on Licensees of Member States to whom it grants a Compact Privilege to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Compact Commission and its staff, which must, in a total amount, be sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount for Member States shall be allocated based upon a formula that the Compact Commission shall promulgate by Rule.

4. The Compact Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Compact Commission pledge the credit of any of the Member States, except by and with the authority of the Member State.

5. The Compact Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Compact Commission shall be subject to the financial review and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Compact Commission shall be subject to an annual financial review by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the financial review shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Compact Commission.

H. Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification

1. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the Compact Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, both personally and in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or

omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person. The procurement of insurance of any type by the Compact Commission shall not in any way compromise or limit the immunity granted hereunder.

2. The Compact Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Compact Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or as determined by the Compact Commission that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining their own counsel at their own expense; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

3. The Compact Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, and representative of the Compact Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Compact Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

4. Nothing herein shall be construed as a limitation on the liability of any Licensee for professional malpractice or misconduct, which shall be governed solely by any other applicable State laws.

5. Nothing in this Compact shall be interpreted to waive or otherwise abrogate a Member State's state action immunity or state action affirmative defense with respect to antitrust claims under the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, or any other State or federal antitrust or anticompetitive law or regulation.

6. Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Member States or by the Compact Commission.

SECTION 9. DATA SYSTEM

A. The Compact Commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated Data System.

B. The Compact Commission shall assign each applicant for a Compact Privilege a unique identifier, as determined by the Rules.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the contrary, a Member State shall submit a uniform data set to the Data System on all individuals to whom this Compact is applicable as required by the Rules of the Compact Commission, including:

1. Identifying information;
2. Licensure data;
3. Adverse Actions against a License or Compact Privilege and information related thereto;
4. Non-confidential information related to Alternative Program participation, the beginning and ending dates of such participation, and other information related to such participation not made confidential under Member State law;
5. Any denial of application for licensure, and the reason(s) for such denial;
6. The presence of Current Significant Investigative Information; and
7. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact or the protection of the public, as determined by the Rules of the Compact Commission.

D. The records and information provided to a Member State pursuant to this Compact or through the Data System, when certified by the Compact Commission or an agent thereof, shall constitute the authenticated business records of the Compact Commission, and shall be entitled to any associated hearsay exception in any relevant judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative proceedings in a Member State.

E. Current Significant Investigative Information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will only be available to other Member States.

F. It is the responsibility of the Member States to report any Adverse Action against a Licensee and to monitor the Data System to determine whether any Adverse Action has been taken against a Licensee. Adverse Action information pertaining to a Licensee in any Member State will be available to any other Member State.

G. Member States contributing information to the Data System may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing State.

H. Any information submitted to the Data System that is subsequently expunged pursuant to federal law or the laws of the Member State contributing the information shall be removed from the Data System.

SECTION 10. RULEMAKING

A. The Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable Rules in order to effectively and efficiently implement and administer the purposes and provisions of the Compact. A Rule shall be invalid and have no force or effect only if a court of competent jurisdiction holds that the Rule is invalid because the Compact Commission exercised its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope and purposes of the Compact, or the powers granted hereunder, or based upon another applicable standard of review.

B. The Rules of the Compact Commission shall have the force of law in each Member State, provided however that where the Rules conflict with the laws or regulations of a Member State that relate to the procedures, actions, and processes a Licensed Dietitian is permitted to undertake in that State and the circumstances under which they may do so,

as held by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Rules of the Compact Commission shall be ineffective in that State to the extent of the conflict.

C. The Compact Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Section and the Rules adopted thereunder. Rules shall become binding on the day following adoption or as of the date specified in the Rule or amendment, whichever is later.

D. If a majority of the legislatures of the Member States rejects a Rule or portion of a Rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the Compact within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the Rule, then such Rule shall have no further force and effect in any Member State.

E. Rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Compact Commission.

F. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule, the Compact Commission shall hold a public hearing and allow persons to provide oral and written comments, data, facts, opinions, and arguments.

G. Prior to adoption of a proposed Rule by the Compact Commission, and at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting at which the Compact Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Rule, the Compact Commission shall provide a Notice of Proposed rulemaking:

1. On the website of the Compact Commission or other publicly accessible platform;

2. To persons who have requested notice of the Compact Commission's notices of proposed rulemaking; and

3. In such other way(s) as the Compact Commission may by Rule specify.

H. The Notice of Proposed rulemaking shall include:

1. The time, date, and location of the public hearing at which the Compact Commission will hear public comments on the proposed Rule and, if different, the time, date, and location of the meeting where the Compact Commission will consider and vote on the proposed Rule;

2. If the hearing is held via telecommunication, video conference, or other means of communication, the Compact Commission shall include the mechanism for access to the hearing in the Notice of Proposed rulemaking;

3. The text of the proposed Rule and the reason therefore;

4. A request for comments on the proposed Rule from any interested person; and

5. The manner in which interested persons may submit written comments.

I. All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording and all written comments and documents received by the Compact Commission in response to the proposed Rule shall be available to the public.

J. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each Rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the Compact Commission at hearings required by this Section.

K. The Compact Commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed Rule based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the Rule.

1. The Compact Commission may adopt changes to the proposed Rule provided the changes do not enlarge the original purpose of the proposed Rule.

2. The Compact Commission shall provide an explanation of the reasons for substantive changes made to the proposed Rule as well as reasons for substantive changes not made that were recommended by commenters.

3. The Compact Commission shall determine a reasonable effective date for the Rule. Except for an emergency as provided in Section 10(L), the effective date of the Rule shall be no sooner than 30 days after issuing the notice that it adopted or amended the Rule.

L. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Compact Commission may consider and adopt an emergency Rule with 24 hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the Compact and in this Section shall be retroactively applied to the Rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency Rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;

2. Prevent a loss of Compact Commission or Member State funds;

3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of a Rule that is established by federal law or rule; or

4. Protect public health and safety.

M. The Compact Commission or an authorized committee of the Compact Commission may direct revision to a previously adopted Rule for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revision shall be posted on the website of the Compact Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a Rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and delivered to the Compact Commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the Compact Commission.

N. No Member State's rulemaking requirements shall apply under this Compact.

SECTION 11. OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

1. The executive and judicial branches of State government in each Member State shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement this Compact.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this Compact, venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Compact Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Compact Commission is located. The Compact Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action against a Licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct, or any such similar matter.

3. The Compact Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the Compact and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide the Compact Commission service of process shall render a judgment or order void as to the Compact Commission, this Compact, or promulgated Rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance, and Termination

1. If the Compact Commission determines that a Member State has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated Rules, the Compact Commission shall provide written notice to the defaulting State. The notice of default shall describe the default, the proposed means of curing the default, and any other action that the Compact Commission may take and shall offer training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. The Compact Commission shall provide a copy of the notice of default to the other Member States.

C. If a State in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting State may be terminated from the Compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates of the Member States, and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred on that State by this Compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending State of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

D. Termination of membership in the Compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Compact Commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting State's legislature, the defaulting State's Licensing Authority, and each of the Member States' Licensing Authority.

E. A State that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

F. Upon the termination of a State's membership from this Compact, that State shall immediately provide notice to all Licensees within that State of such termination. The terminated State shall continue to recognize all Compact Privileges granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of six months after the date of said notice of termination.

G. The Compact Commission shall not bear any costs related to a State that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the Compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the Compact Commission and the defaulting State.

H. The defaulting State may appeal the action of the Compact Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Compact Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

I. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a Member State, the Compact Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among Member States and between Member and non-Member States.

2. The Compact Commission shall promulgate a Rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

J. Enforcement

1. By supermajority vote, the Compact Commission may initiate legal action against a Member State in default in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Compact Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the Compact Commission. The Compact Commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or the defaulting Member State's law.

2. A Member State may initiate legal action against the Compact Commission in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Compact Commission has its principal offices to enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact and its promulgated Rules. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. No party other than a Member State shall enforce this Compact against the Compact Commission.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT

A. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State.

1. On or after the effective date of the Compact, the Compact Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the first seven Member States ("Charter Member States") to determine if the statute enacted by each such Charter Member State is materially different than the model Compact statute.

a. A Charter Member State whose enactment is found to be materially different from the model Compact statute shall be entitled to the default process set forth in Section 11.

b. If any Member State is later found to be in default, or is terminated, or withdraws from the Compact, the Compact Commission shall remain in existence and the Compact shall remain in effect even if the number of Member States should be less than seven.

2. Member States enacting the Compact subsequent to the seven initial Charter Member States shall be subject to the process set forth in Section 8(C)(21) to determine if their enactments are materially different from the model Compact statute and whether they qualify for participation in the Compact.

3. All actions taken for the benefit of the Compact Commission or in furtherance of the purposes of the administration of the Compact prior to the effective date of the Compact or the Compact Commission coming into existence shall be considered to be

actions of the Compact Commission unless specifically repudiated by the Compact Commission.

4. Any State that joins the Compact subsequent to the Compact Commission's initial adoption of the Rules and bylaws shall be subject to the Rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which the Compact becomes law in that State. Any Rule that has been previously adopted by the Compact Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the Compact becomes law in that State.

B. Any Member State may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

1. A Member State's withdrawal shall not take effect until 180 days after enactment of the repealing statute.

2. Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing State's Licensing Authority to comply with the investigative and Adverse Action reporting requirements of this Compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

3. Upon the enactment of a statute withdrawing from this Compact, a State shall immediately provide notice of such withdrawal to all Licensees within that State. Notwithstanding any subsequent statutory enactment to the contrary, such withdrawing State shall continue to recognize all Compact Privileges granted pursuant to this Compact for a minimum of 180 days after the date of such notice of withdrawal.

C. Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a Member State and a non-Member State that does not conflict with the provisions of this Compact.

D. This Compact may be amended by the Member States. No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding upon any Member State until it is enacted into the laws of all Member States.

SECTION 13. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

A. This Compact and the Compact Commission's rulemaking authority shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes and the implementation and administration of the Compact. Provisions of the Compact expressly authorizing or requiring the promulgation of Rules shall not be construed to limit the Compact Commission's rulemaking authority solely for those purposes.

B. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this Compact is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State, a State seeking participation in the Compact, or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

C. Notwithstanding Section 13(B), the Compact Commission may deny a State's participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of Section 11(B), terminate a Member State's participation in the Compact, if it determines that a constitutional requirement of a Member State is a material departure from the Compact.

Otherwise, if this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any Member State, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining Member States and in full force and effect as to the Member State affected as to all severable matters.

SECTION 14. CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS

A. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a Member State that is not inconsistent with the Compact.

B. Any laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal requirements in a Member State in conflict with the Compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

C. All permissible agreements between the Compact Commission and the Member States are binding in accordance with their terms.'"

PART II

Conforming cross-references

SECTION 2-1.

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended in Code Section 9-11-9.1, relating to affidavit to accompany charge of professional malpractice, by revising paragraph (8) of subsection (g) as follows:

"(8) ~~Dietitians~~ Licensed dietitians or licensed nutritionists;"

SECTION 2-2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Code Section 31-7-351, relating to definitions relative to Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program, by revising paragraph (7) as follows:

"(7) 'Employee' means any individual who has direct access and who is hired by a facility through employment, or through a contract with such facility, including, but not limited to, housekeepers, maintenance personnel, ~~dieticians,~~ and any volunteer who has duties that are equivalent to the duties of an employee providing such services. Such term shall not include an individual who contracts with the facility, whether personally or through a company, to provide utility, construction, communications, accounting, quality assurance, human resource management, information technology, legal, or other services if the contracted services are not directly related to providing services to a patient, resident, or client of the facility. Such term shall not include any healthcare provider, including, but not limited to, physicians, dentists, nurses, ~~and~~ pharmacists, and dietitians who are licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the Georgia Board of Dentistry, the Georgia Board of Nursing, ~~or~~ the State Board of Pharmacy, or the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-8-192, relating to definitions relative to "health share" volunteers in medicine, by revising subparagraph (N) of paragraph (5) as follows:

"(N) A dietitian or nutritionist licensed under Chapter 11A of Title 43;"

SECTION 2-4.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-20A-3, relating to definitions relative to patient protection, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Healthcare provider' or 'provider' means any physician, dentist, podiatrist, pharmacist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or physician assistant."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-20E-2, relating to application to insurers and definitions relative to surprise billing consumer protection, by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(9) 'Healthcare provider' or 'provider' means any physician, other individual, or facility other than a hospital licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including, but not limited to, any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or physician assistant."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-24-59.27, relating to right to shop for insurance coverage, disclosure of pricing information, and notice, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) 'Healthcare provider' or 'provider' means any physician, dentist, podiatrist, pharmacist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, or physician assistant."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 33-39-3, relating to definitions relative to collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered by insurance institutions, by revising paragraph (16) as follows:

"(16) 'Medical professional' means any person licensed or certified to provide healthcare services to natural persons, including, but not limited to, a chiropractor, ~~clinical~~ licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, clinical psychologist, dentist, nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, podiatrist, psychiatric social worker, or speech therapist."

SECTION 2-8.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-1-28, relating to volunteers in healthcare specialties, by revising paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) 'Healthcare practitioner' means a chiropractor, registered professional nurse, podiatrist, optometrist, professional counselor, social worker, marriage and family therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, physician assistant, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, psychologist, ~~or~~ licensed dietitian, or licensed nutritionist.

(3) 'Healthcare specialty' means the practice of chiropractic, nursing, podiatry, optometry, professional counseling, social work, marriage and family therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistance, midwifery, pharmacy, speech-language pathology, audiology, psychology, ~~or~~ dietetics, or nutrition."

SECTION 2-9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-33, relating to advertisement, signage, and identifier requirements for healthcare practitioners, by revising subparagraph (c)(5)(D) as follows:

"(D) Dietitian or nutritionist licensed ~~or registered~~ pursuant to Chapter 11A of this title;"

SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-316, relating to exceptions relative to genetic counselor licensure, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) Any person using genetic data for purposes of nutritional counseling who is licensed as a dietitian or nutritionist under Chapter 11A of this title ~~or exempt from such licensure pursuant to paragraph (10) of Code Section 43-11A-18~~."

SECTION 2-11.

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in Code Section 51-2-5.1, relating to relationship between hospital and healthcare provider prerequisite to liability, notice regarding independent contractor status, and factors for consideration in determining status, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) 'Healthcare professional' means a professional licensed as an audiologist, chiropractor, clinical social worker, dentist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, medical doctor, marriage and family therapist, registered professional or licensed practical nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, osteopathic physician, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician assistant, professional counselor, podiatrist, psychologist, radiological technician, respiratory therapist, or speech-language pathologist."

SECTION 2-12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 51-16-1, relating to definitions relative to pandemic business safety, by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) 'Healthcare provider' means any physician or other person licensed or otherwise authorized in this state to furnish healthcare services, including, but not limited to, any dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, pharmacist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, massage therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-7, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, licensed dietitian, licensed nutritionist, physician assistant, cardiac technician, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or related parties."

PART III

Effective date and repealer

SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 485. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Efstration of the 104th, Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to repeal various provisions enacted prior to 2013 which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; to repeal and replace Code Sections 10-1-254, 40-13-60, 48-7-2, and 48-13-6, relating to prohibited acts in sale of octane or cetane fuels and burden of rebutting prima-facie case, disposition of traffic violations and jurisdiction of bureau, unlawful failure to pay income tax, file return, keep records, supply information, or exhibit books and penalty, and levy of occupation tax by counties and municipalities on businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations and hearing on tax increase, respectively, so as to correct unconstitutional provisions; to amend an Act revising the "Georgia Veterinary Practice Act," approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 615/HB 347), so as to repeal provisions which are contingent upon

funding and which remain unfunded; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to repeal various provisions enacted prior to 2013 which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; to revise various provisions to update outdated terminology or references; to repeal various Code sections or portions thereof held to be unconstitutional; to repeal and replace Code Sections 40-13-60, 48-7-2, and 48-13-6, relating to disposition of traffic violations and jurisdiction of bureau, unlawful failure to pay income tax, file return, keep records, supply information, or exhibit books and penalty, and levy of occupation tax by counties and municipalities on businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations and hearing on tax increase, respectively, so as to correct unconstitutional provisions; to provide for conforming changes; to amend an Act revising the "Georgia Veterinary Practice Act," approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 615/HB 347), so as to repeal provisions which are contingent upon funding and which remain unfunded; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
Contingency provisions
SECTION 1-1.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by repealing and reserving the following:
(1) Article 12 of Chapter 4 of Title 26, relating to prescription medication integrity.
(2) Chapter 30 of Title 31, relating to reports on veterans exposed to Agent Orange.
(3) Subsections (d) and (f) of Code Section 35-8-26, relating to TASER and electronic control weapons, requirements for use, establishment of policies, and training.
(4) Subsection (k) of Code Section 43-34-8, relating to authority of Georgia Composite Medical Board to refuse license, certificate, or permit or issue discipline, suspension, restoration, investigations, hearings on fitness, immunity, and publication of final disciplinary actions.

SECTION 1-2.
Said Code is further amended in Code Section 31-8-302, relating to procedures for donation and dispensing of unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs, by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i) The donation, brokering, or other facilitation of a donation of a drug pursuant to this program shall not be considered wholesale distribution ~~as defined in Code Section 26-4-201~~ and shall not be subject to or require licensure as a wholesale distributor pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26."

SECTION 1-3.

An Act revising the "Georgia Veterinary Practice Act," approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 615/HB 347), is amended by repealing Part II.

PART II

Terminology modernizations and various clean up

SECTION 2-1.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by revising Code Section 7-4-8, relating to commission to third person does not make lawful interest usurious, as follows:

"7-4-8.

~~Except as the application of this Code section is modified by Code Section 7-3-5, where~~ Where the lender neither takes nor contracts to take more than lawful interest, the loan is not rendered usurious by money paid or agreed to be paid others by the borrower in order to obtain the loan."

SECTION 2-2.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 12-7-6, relating to best management practices, compliance with federal law, and minimum requirements for rules, regulations, ordinances, or resolutions, by revising paragraph (16) of subsection (b) and subsection (c) as follows:

"(16) There is established a 50 foot buffer, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, along the banks of any state waters classified as ~~'trout streams' pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title~~ trout waters pursuant to Code Section 27-4-51 except where a roadway drainage structure must be constructed; provided, however, that small springs and streams classified as trout ~~streams~~ waters which discharge an average annual flow of 25 gallons per minute or less shall have a 25 foot buffer or they may be piped, at the discretion of the landowner, pursuant to the terms of a rule providing for a general variance promulgated by the board providing for notice to the division or local issuing authority of the location and extent of the piping and prescribed methodology for minimizing the impact of such piping and for measuring the volume of water discharged by the stream. Any such pipe ~~must~~ shall stop short of the downstream landowner's property, and the landowner ~~must~~ shall comply with the buffer requirement for any adjacent trout ~~streams~~ waters. The director may grant a variance from such buffer to allow land-disturbing activity, provided that adequate erosion control measures are incorporated in the project plans and specifications and are implemented. The following requirements shall apply to any such buffer:

(A) No land-disturbing activities shall be conducted within a buffer and a buffer shall remain in its natural, undisturbed state of vegetation until all land-disturbing activities on the construction site are completed. Once the final stabilization of the site is achieved, a buffer may be thinned or trimmed of vegetation as long as a protective vegetative cover remains to protect water quality and aquatic habitat and a natural canopy is left in sufficient quantity to keep shade on the stream bed; provided, however, that any person constructing a single-family residence, when such residence is constructed by or under contract with the owner for his or her own occupancy, may thin or trim vegetation in a buffer at any time as long as protective vegetative cover remains to protect water quality and aquatic habitat and a natural canopy is left in sufficient quantity to keep shade on the stream bed;

(B) On or before December 31, 2000, the board shall adopt rules which contain specific criteria for the grant or denial by the director of requests for variances. After such date, no variance shall be granted by the director which is not consistent with the criteria contained in such rules; provided, however, that, should the board fail to adopt rules which contain specific criteria for the grant or denial of requests for variances by the director on or before December 31, 2000, the authority of the director to issue such variances shall be suspended until the board adopts such rules; and

(C) The buffer shall not apply to the following land-disturbing activities, provided that they occur at an angle, as measured from the point of crossing, within 25 degrees of perpendicular to the stream; they cause a width of disturbance of not more than 50 feet within the buffer; and adequate erosion control measures are incorporated into the project plans and specifications and are implemented:

(i) Stream crossings for water lines; or

(ii) Stream crossings for sewer lines; and"

"(c) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent any local issuing authority from adopting rules and regulations, ordinances, or resolutions which contain ~~stream~~ buffer requirements that exceed the minimum requirements in subsection (b) of this Code section."

SECTION 2-3.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 12-7-12, relating to orders directed to violators and stop work order procedures, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) When a violation of this chapter in the form of taking action without a permit, failure to maintain ~~a stream~~ the required buffer, or significant amounts of sediment, as determined by the local issuing authority or by the director or his or her designee, have been or are being discharged into state waters and where best management practices have not been properly designed, installed, and maintained, a stop work order shall be issued by the local issuing authority or by the director or his or her designee. All such stop work orders shall be effective immediately upon issuance and shall be in effect until the necessary corrective action or mitigation has occurred. Such stop work orders shall apply to all land-disturbing activity on the site with the exception of the installation and maintenance of temporary or permanent erosion and sediment controls."

SECTION 2-4.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 12-7-17, relating to exemptions relative to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

"(4) The construction of single-family residences, when such construction disturbs less than one acre and is not a part of a larger common plan of development or sale with a planned disturbance of equal to or greater than one acre and not otherwise exempted under this paragraph; provided, however, that construction of any such residence shall conform to the minimum requirements as set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 12-7-6 and this paragraph. For single-family residence construction covered by the provisions of this paragraph, there shall be a buffer zone between the residence and any state waters classified as trout ~~streams pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 5 of this title~~ waters pursuant to Code Section 27-4-51. In any such buffer zone, no land-disturbing activity shall be constructed between the residence and the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action from the banks of the trout waters. For primary trout waters, the buffer zone shall be at least 50 horizontal feet, and no variance to a smaller buffer shall be granted. For secondary trout waters, the buffer zone shall be at least 50 horizontal feet, but the director may grant variances to no less than 25 feet. Regardless of whether ~~a trout stream is~~ trout waters are primary or secondary, for first order trout waters, which are streams into which no other streams flow except for springs, the buffer shall be at least 25 horizontal feet, and no variance to a smaller buffer shall be granted. The minimum requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 12-7-6 and the buffer zones provided by this paragraph shall be enforced by the issuing authority;"

SECTION 2-5.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 20-2-206, relating to alternative teacher certification program and creditable service, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Each local school system may provide an alternative teacher certification program upon approval by the Professional Standards Commission for a secondary school teacher candidate to teach a course or courses in a core academic subject who:

(A) Possesses a master's degree, doctoral degree, or Juris Doctor in each academic subject in which the candidate will teach;

(B) Receives high-quality professional development that is sustained, intensive, and classroom focused in order to have a positive and lasting impact on classroom instruction, before and while teaching;

(C) Participates in a program of intensive supervision that consists of structured guidance and regular ongoing support for teachers or a teacher mentoring program;

(D) Assumes functions as a teacher only for a specified period of time not to exceed three years; and

(E) Demonstrates satisfactory progress toward full certification as prescribed by the Professional Standards Commission.

(2) The Professional Standards Commission shall apply the least restrictive standards when approving a school system developed program under this subsection.

~~(3) Any teacher certified pursuant to this subsection shall be considered a highly qualified teacher for purposes of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (P.L. 107-110).~~"

SECTION 2-6.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 20-2-1160, relating to local boards to be tribunals to determine school law controversies, appeals, and special provisions for disabled children, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) The procedures provided in subsections (a) through (e) of this Code section shall not be applicable to disabled children when a hearing is necessary to decide a complaint made under the federal ~~Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975~~ Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The state board shall promulgate by rules and regulations an impartial due process procedure for hearing and determining any matter of local controversy in reference to the construction or administration of the school law with respect to disabled children as such term is defined by the state board. Any tribunal which the state board shall empower to hear such cases shall have the power to summon witnesses and take testimony as such tribunal deems it necessary. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the state board shall consult with local boards of education and other local school officials in order to establish procedures required by this subsection which will coordinate, to the extent practicable, with the administrative practices of such local boards."

SECTION 2-7.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2116, relating to amount of scholarship for special needs students and method of payments, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Scholarship students shall be counted in the enrollment of their resident school system; provided, however, that this count shall only be for purposes of determining the amount of the scholarship and the scholarship students shall not be included as enrolled for purposes of state or federal accountability requirements, including, but not limited to, the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the ~~No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)~~ federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. Section 6301. The funds needed to provide a scholarship shall be subtracted from the allotment payable to the resident school system."

SECTION 2-8.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2131, relating to enrollment of students in school to which not originally assigned, procedure, annual notification, and exception, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) This subsection shall not be construed to affect any student currently attending a school other than the school to which the student has been assigned by the local board of education pursuant to a transfer authorized under the federal ~~No Child Left Behind Act (P.L. 107-110)~~ Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. Section 6301."

SECTION 2-9.

Said Code is further amended by repealing Code Section 40-5-4.1, relating to authorized delay in compliance with federal Real ID Act.

SECTION 2-10.

Said Code is further amended by revising Code Section 40-6-56, relating to procedure for passing a bicyclist, as follows:

"40-6-56.

(a) The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a bicycle shall approach the bicycle with due caution and, when traveling in the same direction, shall proceed as follows:

(1) Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the bicycle if possible in the existing road and traffic conditions; or

(2) If a lane change under paragraph (1) of this subsection would be impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be at least ten miles per hour less than the posted speed limit or 25 miles per hour, whichever is more, and proceed around the bicycle with at least three feet between such vehicle and the bicycle at all times.

(b) Any violation of this Code section shall be a misdemeanor punished by a fine of not more than $250.00."

SECTION 2-11.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 43-15-13.1, relating to requirements for professional land surveyors engaged in design of storm-water management plans, facilities, water distribution lines, and sanitary sewer collection systems, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) Complete an additional three semester hours of coursework in hydrology, possess the requisite experience required by the board, and pass the hydrology exam. The licensing record for such individual as available to the public shall be marked as 'hydrology and design authorized.'"

SECTION 2-12.

Said Code is further amended by revising Code Section 43-20-11, relating to apprentice dispenser's permit and training permits, as follows:

"43-20-11.

(a) An apprentice dispenser's permit shall be issued by the division director on behalf of the board only when:

(1) Application has been made;

(2) A statement of supervision has been provided by a licensed dispenser;

(3) A statement has been made by the supervising dealer that the applicant is capable of making the tests and applying the techniques required to dispense hearing aids in accordance with this chapter;

(4) Proof of age has been made~~. Apprentice dispensers' permits are limited to one year in duration and shall not be renewed~~; and

(5) The applicant has passed the practical portion of the examination.

(b) Apprentice dispensers' permits are limited to one year in duration and shall not be renewed.

(c) Training permits shall be issued by the division director on behalf of the board only when application has been made and a statement of supervision has been provided by a licensed dispenser. The permit should authorize the person to dispense hearing aids only under direct supervision and immediate observation of the licensed dispenser who shall be responsible for the trainees' compliance with this chapter. Proof of age shall also be made. Training permits should be for a duration of six months and may be renewed as often as necessary for additional six-month time periods so long as the requirements of this Code section for issuance of permits are met for each renewal."

SECTION 2-13.

Said Code is further amended by revising Code Section 44-3-234, relating to application of article relative to property owners' associations, as follows:

"44-3-234.

The limitations provided in subsection (b) and paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of subsection (d) of Code Section 44-5-60 shall not apply to any covenants contained in any instrument created pursuant to or submitted pursuant to this article."

SECTION 2-14.

Said Code is further amended in Code Section 50-8-60, relating to definitions relative to conflicts of interest in contract administration by the Department of Community Affairs, by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

"(4) Reserved. ~~'Council member' means any member of the council of a regional commission established under Article 2 of this chapter.~~"

PART III

Unconstitutional provisions

SECTION 3-1.

Said Code is further amended by repealing Code Section 3-7-43, relating to issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses to private clubs by governing authorities of certain counties and municipalities, privileges conferred by licenses, rules and regulations, and sale by wholesalers to licensees.

SECTION 3-2.

Said Code is further amended by repealing and reserving the following:

(1) Paragraph (6) of Code Section 10-1-233, relating to acts of gasoline distributor violating article relative to gasoline marketing practices.

(2) Code Section 16-11-34, relating to preventing or disrupting lawful meetings, gatherings, or processions.
(3) Code Section 16-15-9, relating to commission of offense admissible as evidence of existence of criminal street gang.
(4) Code Section 20-2-1182, relating to persons other than students who insult or abuse school teachers in presence of pupils may be ordered to leave school premises.
(5) Code Section 36-1-16, relating to garbage, trash, waste, or refuse not to be transported across state or county boundaries for dumping without permission and exemption.
(6) Code Section 36-6-27, relating to execution against county treasurer for failure to pay over money.
(7) Code Section 40-1-4, relating to stickers, decals, or emblems upon motor vehicles containing profane or lewd words describing sexual acts, excretory functions, or parts of the human body.
(8) Code Section 40-2-111, relating to highway use permit required for certain unregistered motor trucks, application, fee, and identification tag to be displayed and permit to be carried in truck.
(9) Code Section 40-2-112, relating to additional fee for each round trip by an unregistered motor truck into state.
(10) Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-114, relating to unlawful acts and penalties.
(11) Subparagraph (B.1) of paragraph (3) of Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions relative to ad valorem taxation of property.

SECTION 3-3.

Said Code is further amended by revising Code Section 15-11-703, relating to use of disposition and evidence in juvenile courts, as follows:

"15-11-703.

Except as provided in subsection (d) of Code Section 24-6-609, the disposition of a child and evidence adduced in a hearing in the juvenile court shall not be used against such child in any proceeding in any court other than as provided in Code Section ~~16-15-9 or~~ 24-4-418 or for a proceeding for delinquency or a child in need of services, whether before or after reaching 18 years of age, except in the establishment of conditions of bail, plea negotiations, and sentencing in criminal offenses; and, in such excepted cases, such records of dispositions and evidence shall be available to prosecuting attorneys, superior or state court judges, and the accused and may be used in the same manner as adult records. Whenever such record of disposition is filed in a superior or state court or admitted into evidence in a superior or state court proceeding, it shall be filed under seal."

SECTION 3-4.

Said Code is further amended by repealing Code Section 40-13-60, relating to disposition of traffic violations and jurisdiction of bureau, and enacting a new Code Section 40-13-60 to read as follows:

"40-13-60.

Any traffic violation under the jurisdiction of the traffic violations bureau shall be characterized and classified as a traffic violation and shall not be considered as a misdemeanor. Whenever any traffic violation is transferred from another court to a court which has a traffic violations bureau, if such offense is classified as a traffic violation on the traffic violations bureau schedule of the receiving court, such violation shall be handled and disposed of by such traffic violations bureau. Where a defendant demands a trial on a traffic violation, it shall be transferred to a court in the jurisdiction which established the traffic violations bureau; provided, however, that such request for a trial shall not result in a loss of jurisdiction by the traffic violations bureau."

SECTION 3-5.

Said Code is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-7-2, relating to unlawful failure to pay income tax, file return, keep records, supply information, or exhibit books and penalty, and enacting a new Code Section 48-7-2 to read as follows:

"48-7-2.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is required under this chapter to pay any tax, make any return, keep any records, supply any information, or exhibit any books or records for the purpose of computation, assessment, or collection of any tax imposed by this chapter to fail to:

(1) Pay the tax;

(2) Make the return;

(3) Keep the records; or

(4) When requested to do so by the commissioner:

(A) Supply the information; or

(B) Exhibit the books or records.

(b) In addition to other penalties provided by law, any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that punishment for failure to pay tax owed shall be limited to a fine of not more than $1,000.000."

SECTION 3-6.

Said Code is further amended by repealing Code Section 48-13-6, relating to levy of occupation tax by counties and municipalities on businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations and hearing on tax increase, and enacting a new Code Section 48-13-6 to read as follows:

"48-13-6.

(a) Except as to those businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations excluded by subsection (a) of Code Section 48-13-16, those persons excluded by Code Section 43-12-1, and those persons engaged in the authorized practice of law, the governing authority of each county shall be authorized but not required to:

(1) Provide by local ordinance or resolution for the levy, assessment, and collection of occupation tax on those businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations

with one or more locations or offices in the unincorporated part of the county and to provide for the punishment of violation of such a local ordinance or resolution;

(2) Classify businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations and to assess different taxes on different classes of businesses and practitioners; and

(3) Provide by local ordinance or resolution for requiring information from businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations doing business in the unincorporated part of the county regarding the site of any location or office and payment of occupation taxes or regulatory fees to other local governments and to provide for the punishment for violation of such a local ordinance or resolution.

(b) Except as to those businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations excluded by subsection (a) of Code Section 48-13-16, those persons excluded by Code Section 43-12-1, and those persons engaged in the authorized practice of law, the governing authority of each municipal corporation shall be authorized but not required to:

(1) Provide by local ordinance or resolution for the levy, assessment, and collection of occupation tax on those businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations with one or more locations or offices within the corporate limits of the municipality and to provide for the punishment of violation of such a local ordinance or resolution;

(2) Classify businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations and to assess different taxes on different classes of businesses and practitioners; and

(3) Provide by local ordinance or resolution for requiring information from businesses and practitioners of professions and occupations doing business within the corporate limits of the municipality regarding the site of any location or office and payment of occupation taxes or regulatory fees to other local governments and to provide for the punishment for violation of such a local ordinance or resolution.

(c) After April 11, 1995, any local government shall conduct at least one public hearing prior to the adoption of any ordinance or resolution regarding an occupation tax authorized by this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall supercede any provision of local law or city charter that authorizes taxes upon professions set forth in this Code section."

PART IV

Repealer

SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
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Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 175, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 514. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bobby C. Pate; and for other purposes.

HR 515. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Larry Max Cox; and for other purposes.

HR 516. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION commending William L. "Bill" Lundy, Jr. for 40 Years of Distinguished Legal Service; and for other purposes.

HR 517. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Timothy P. Mahoney, and the Grand Marshal of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade, James G. (Jay) Burke III, on the upcoming occasion of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 518. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, McClain of the 109th, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th and Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Terrence J. Roberts; and for other purposes.

HR 519. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Okoye of the 102nd, Park of the 107th, McClain of the 109th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kinsley White; and for other purposes.

HR 520. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Smith of the 70th, Glaize of the 67th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the City of Chattahoochee Hills; and for other purposes.

HR 521. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Alethea Chapman for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

HR 522. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Crawford of the 89th, Flournoy of the 74th, Smith of the 41st, Myles of the 126th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Associate of St. Augustine Alumni-Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 523. By Representatives Willis of the 55th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION commending The Links, Incorporated and recognizing March 10, 2025, as the Georgia Links Day At The Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 524. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, DeLoach of the 167th, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Adeyina of the 110th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing "Kumbaya" as the Gullah Geechee Anthem; and for other purposes.

HR 525. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Community Supervision Officer John Crew, the Department of Community Supervision's 2024 Officer of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 526. By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jerry Jerome Buie upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 527. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing October 6-10, 2025, as Georgia Pre-K Week; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 579. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wiedower of the 121st, Prince of the 132nd, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to revise provisions relating to licensure to engage in the practice of a profession, business, or trade in this state; to amend Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services, so as to conform a cross-reference; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to revise provisions relating to licensure to engage in the practice of a profession, business, or trade in this state; to revise provisions relating to meetings of professional licensing boards; to revise provisions relating to the roster of licensees; to revise provisions relating to the duties of the division director; to provide for the review and granting of applications for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of licenses by the director of the professional licensing boards division; to revise provisions relating to the renewal of professional licenses; to revise provisions relating to the removal of members of a professional licensing board; to require that the rules and regulations promulgated by professional licensing boards be designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; to repeal and reenact provisions relating to auctioneers; to provide for the registration of auctioneers; to provide exceptions; to provide for application for such a registration; to provide for the refusal to grant such a registration; to provide for the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew such a registration; to provide for the temporary issuance of such a registration; to provide for bonding requirements; to prohibit certain conduct of auctioneers; to provide a civil penalty; to provide for the transfer of moneys held in the auctioneers education, research, and recovery fund; to provide a sunset date on the filing of claims against such fund; to provide a short title; to repeal provisions creating separate standards committees of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists; to repeal and reenact provisions relating to geologists; to provide for the registration of geologists; to provide

exceptions; to provide for application for such a registration; to provide for the refusal to grant such a registration; to provide for the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew such a registration; to provide for the temporary issuance of such a registration; to provide for the use of seals by geologists; to prohibit certain activities; to provide a civil penalty; to provide a short title; to repeal and reenact provisions relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers; to provide for the registration of hearing aid dealers; to provide exceptions; to provide for application for such a registration; to provide for the refusal to grant such a registration; to provide for the suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew such a registration; to provide for the temporary issuance of such a registration; to prohibit certain conduct of hearing aid dealers; to provide a civil penalty; to provide a short title; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to conform a cross-reference; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-2, relating to appointment and powers of division director, members and meetings of professional licenses board, examination standards, roster of licensees, and funding, as follows:

"43-1-2.

(a)(1) There is created within the office of the Secretary of State the professional licensing boards division as successor to the office of the joint-secretary of the state examining boards. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to appoint a director of the professional licensing boards division.

(2) Any action of the joint-secretary taken with regard to any state examining board prior to July 1, 2000, shall thereafter be deemed to be action taken by the director of the professional licensing boards division and that division director shall thereafter act in the stead of such joint-secretary and succeed to the powers and duties of the joint-secretary with regard to those state examining boards. The rights, privileges, entitlements, or duties of parties to contracts, leases, agreements, or other transactions entered into by the joint-secretary prior to July 1, 2000, shall continue to exist and shall not be impaired or diminished by reason of the succession of the division director to the powers and duties of the joint-secretary.

(b) The salary of the division director shall be fixed by the Secretary of State, and he or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Secretary of State.

(c) The Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, shall employ personnel as deemed necessary to carry out this chapter and to provide for all services required by each of the professional licensing boards and shall establish

within the guidelines provided by the laws and rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board the qualifications of such personnel.

(d) The division director, with the approval of the Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, shall enter into such contracts as are deemed necessary to carry out this chapter to provide for all services required by each of the professional licensing boards.

(e) The Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, shall have the power to employ and shall set the qualifications and salary for a deputy division director and shall appoint executive directors as required who shall act in the absence of the division director and who shall perform such other functions of the division director under this chapter as the division director may designate. The deputy division director and executive directors as appointed shall be in the unclassified service and shall be excluded from the classified service as defined in Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, each member of the various professional licensing boards may receive the expense allowance as provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 and the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car as that received by all other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier within the state. Any board member shall also be reimbursed for any conference or meeting registration fee incurred in the performance of his or her duties as a board member. For each day's service outside of the state as a board member, such member shall receive actual expenses as an expense allowance as well as the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car as that received by other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier or by rental motor vehicle. Expense vouchers submitted by members of the various professional licensing boards are subject to approval of the president or chairperson of the respective board and the division director.

(g) All meetings and hearings of the respective professional licensing boards shall be held ~~in the capitol,~~ at the site of the office of the respective board~~,~~ or at such other site as may be requested by the chairperson or president of a professional licensing board and approved by the division director.

(h) A majority of the appointed members of a professional licensing board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by that board.

(h.1) Members of a professional licensing board shall serve until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed and until their successors have been appointed and qualified unless otherwise specified under the provisions of this title.

(i) A schedule of all meetings and hearings of the various professional licensing boards shall be maintained at the office of the division director and be available for public review.

(j)(1) The division director may establish administrative standards for the examination of applicants for licensure by the various professional licensing boards, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary. These administrative standards may include

the setting of date, time, and location of examinations, subject to the approval of the respective professional licensing boards. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, examination criteria, examination grading procedures, examination fees, examination passing score requirements, and other matters pertaining to the examination of applicants for licensure may be adopted by rules of the respective professional licensing boards as necessary to implement such examination standards. Examination standards, including examination criteria, grading procedures, and passing score requirements, developed in agreement or in conjunction with a national association of state boards or other related national association for the administration of a nationally recognized uniform examination may be adopted in lieu of state standards by the respective professional licensing boards.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title to the contrary, whenever an applicant for the issuance of a license is required to obtain prior approval from a professional licensing board before such applicant is permitted to take an examination required in connection with such license, the division director shall be authorized to grant such approval on behalf of the applicable professional licensing board, provided that the division director is able to determine that the applicant has satisfied all other requirements that may be provided under this title for such applicant to take such examination.

(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a professional licensing board from granting or denying its approval for any applicant seeking the issuance of a license to take an examination required in connection with such license, and such grant or denial of approval from a professional licensing board with respect to a particular applicant shall not be contradicted by the division director acting under the authorization provided in this paragraph.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'license' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-1-3.1.

(k) The division director shall prepare and maintain a roster containing the names and addresses of all current licensees for each of the various professional licensing boards as well as all persons, other than any person who fails to renew his or her license for a period of 45 days or less, who have been issued a public cease and desist order by a professional licensing board pursuant to Code Section 43-1-20.1 for engaging in the practice of a business or profession without a license. A copy of this roster for each professional licensing board, except for home addresses of licensees, shall be made available on the public website of the secretary of state and shall include, in one location, the names of licensees and persons issued cease and desist orders. A copy of the roster, except for home addresses of licensees, shall also be made available to any person upon request at a fee prescribed by the division director sufficient to cover the cost of printing and distribution. The following shall be treated as confidential and need not be disclosed without the approval of the professional licensing board to which application is made:

(1) Applications and other personal information, including home addresses, submitted by applicants, except to the applicant, staff, and the board;

(2) Information, favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant, except to the staff and the board;

(3) Examination questions and other examination materials, except to the staff and the board; and

(4) The deliberations of the board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding, except as may be contained in official board minutes.

(l) Funding for the office of the division director and the various professional licensing boards served by such office shall be contained in a common budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act.'"

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-3, relating to duties of the division director and serving notice or process on boards through the division director, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) It shall be the duty of the division director:

(1) To bring together and keep all records relating to the professional licensing boards;

(2) To receive all applications for licenses;

(3) To review and grant applications for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of licenses in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 43-1-3.1;

(4) With the consent of the board concerned, to schedule the time and place for examinations;

~~(4)~~(5) To schedule the time and place for all hearings;

~~(5)~~(6) To issue certificates upon authority of the professional licensing board concerned; and

~~(6)~~(7) Except as otherwise provided by law, to collect all fees required by law in connection with the licensing of trades and professions under such boards and to remit the same to the state treasurer for deposit into the general fund of the state. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the division director is authorized to retain all funds received as collection fees for use in defraying the cost of collection of fees required under this chapter; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to allow the division director to retain any funds required by the Constitution of Georgia to be paid into the state treasury; and provided, further, that the division director shall comply with all provisions of Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act,' except Code Section 45-12-92, prior to expending any such funds."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-1-3.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'license' means any license, certificate, permit, registration, or other document that is issued by a professional licensing board and that is required under this title for a person to engage in the practice of a profession, business,

or trade in this state. Such term shall include, without limitation, any expedited license, temporary license, special license, or license by endorsement that is issued by a professional licensing board under this title.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, the division director shall be authorized to review each application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license and, upon determining that an application furnishes evidence that the applicant has achieved or satisfied all of the qualifications, attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a particular license under the provisions of this title, shall be authorized, on behalf of the applicable professional licensing board, to issue the license to or renew or reinstate the license of the applicant.

(2) Whenever the division director reviews any application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection and cannot determine, based on such application, that the applicant has achieved or satisfied all of the qualifications, attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of the license under the provisions of this title, the division director shall not take any action on the application and shall forward the application to the applicable professional licensing board who shall then review, consider, and either grant or deny the application in a timely manner.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall prevent a professional licensing board from reviewing applications for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license that is issued by such professional licensing board and granting or denying such application. Any such application which a professional licensing board has granted or denied shall not be reviewed or considered by the division director and, if the division director is in the process of reviewing or considering such application at the time the professional licensing board grants or denies such application, the division director shall cease his or her review of such application and shall not take any further action on the application.

(d) When it is necessary for the division director, in connection with his or her review of an application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license under subsection (b) of this Code section, to determine whether the applicant has satisfied any postsecondary education requirements required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of such license, the division director shall not be required to obtain official transcripts evidencing the satisfaction of such education requirements from the relevant postsecondary education institution, provided that the division director is able to obtain confirmation, through other reliable means, from the postsecondary education institution that such education requirements have been satisfied. Each postsecondary education institution in this state is encouraged to work with the division director to develop such alternative method of confirming the satisfaction of education requirements as provided in this title."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-4, relating to expiration, renewal, and penalty dates of licenses and certificates; duration of validity, and renewals, as follows:

"43-1-4.

(a) The division director shall determine the expiration, renewal, and penalty dates for each license and certificate issued by the professional licensing boards through the office of the division director which is subject to renewal. Before becoming effective, these expiration, renewal, and penalty dates must be approved by the respective professional licensing boards.

(b) ~~Each~~ Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, each license and certificate issued by the professional licensing boards through the office of the division director which are subject to renewal shall be valid for up to two years and shall be renewable biennially on the renewal date established by the division director, as approved by the respective professional licensing boards. Any such license or certificate shall be renewable for up to 45 days after the expiration of such license or certificate, provided that the licensee or the certificate holder has satisfied all requirements and paid all fees relating to the renewal of such license or certificate as provided in this title or in the rules and regulations of the applicable professional licensing board.

(c) The division director is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the biennial renewal of licenses and certificates in such manner as to ensure that the number of renewals is reasonably evenly distributed throughout each two-year period."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-17, relating to removal from office member of a professional licensing board, as follows:

"43-1-17.

The Governor~~, after notice and opportunity for hearing,~~ may remove from office any member of a professional licensing board for any of the following:

(1) Inability or neglect to perform the duties required of members;

(2) Incompetence; or

(3) Dishonest conduct."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-26, which is reserved, as follows:

"43-1-26.

Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, the power of each professional licensing board to promulgate rules and regulations as provided in this title shall be limited to the promulgation of rules and regulations that are designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public regarding the particular profession, business, or trade that is regulated by such professional licensing board ~~Reserved~~."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing in its entirety Chapter 6, relating to auctioneers, and enacting a new Chapter 6 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6

43-6-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Auctioneers Registration Act.'

43-6-2.
As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) 'Absolute auction' means that ownership and title of real or personal property offered at auction must be conveyed to the high bidder without reservation and without any competing bids of any type by the owner or an agent of the owner of such property.
(2) 'Auction with reserve' means that the seller reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.
(3) 'Auctioneer' means an individual who, for a fee, commission, or any other valuable consideration or with the intention or expectation of receiving the same by means of or by process of an auction or sale at auction, offers, negotiates, or attempts to negotiate a listing contract, sale, purchase, or exchange of goods, chattels, merchandise, real or personal property, or any other commodity which lawfully may be kept or offered for sale and has been duly licensed, as provided in this chapter.
(4) 'Auctioneering' or 'acting as an auctioneer' means the performing of any of the acts of an auctioneer, including bid calling for a fee, commission, or any other valuable consideration or with the intention or expectation of receiving the same by means of or by process of an auction or sale at auction or offering, negotiating, or attempting to negotiate a listing contract for the sale, purchase, or exchange of goods, chattels, merchandise, real or personal property, or any other commodity which lawfully may be kept or offered for sale.
(5) 'Goods' means any chattel, goods, merchandise, real or personal property, or commodities of any form or type which lawfully may be kept or offered for sale.
(6) 'Registration' means registration as an auctioneer pursuant to this chapter.
(7) 'Ringperson' means an individual employed directly by or working under the direct supervision of an auctioneer responsible for a sale who assists the auctioneer in the conducting of an auction, provided that such individual does not call or chant a bid or negotiate a listing contract.
(8) 'Secretary of State' means the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia or his or her designee.

(9) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

43-6-3.
By acting as an auctioneer in this state, a nonresident individual appoints the Secretary of State as the individual's agent for service of process in any civil action in this state related to the individual's auctioneering in this state.

43-6-4.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, an individual shall not engage in auctioneering in this state without holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.
(b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any individual:
(1) Acting as a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, administrator, executor, or any such individual acting under order of any court;
(2) Acting as an auctioneer in the auction of livestock, forest products, or farm products in an auction facility which is licensed and bonded under the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 4 or in an auction facility which is licensed under Code Section 10-4-101 or in any youth livestock auction that is sponsored by a 4-H Club or the Future Farmers of America;
(3) Conducting a public sale of personal property pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10-4-213; or
(4) Acting as a ringperson.

43-6-5.
An applicant for registration shall submit an application to the Secretary of State in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. An application filed under this Code section is a public record. The application shall be in the name of an individual and state or contain the following and any other information required by the Secretary of State:
(1) The name of the applicant and the address of the applicant's residence and principal place of business;
(2) The name of the applicant's business or employer, if applicable;
(3) Any business or occupation engaged in by the applicant for the five years next preceding the date of submission of the application;
(4) A description of the applicant's:
(A) Formal training as an auctioneer;
(B) Practical experience as an auctioneer; and
(C) Educational background relating to the applicant's activities as an auctioneer;
(5) Identification of an active escrow or trust account that will be used and maintained by the applicant while engaged in auctioneering in this state;
(6) The names and addresses of three individuals not related to the applicant who are willing to serve as references;

(7) The names and addresses of all persons who are:

(A) With respect to the auctioneer's business if it is not a corporation, the partners, members, officers, managers, associates, or profit sharers of the business; and

(B) With respect to a corporation employing the auctioneer, the officers, directors, and any shareholder of the corporation having an interest of 5 percent or greater;

(8) Whether the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (7) of this Code section has been convicted of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony, and identify the crime;

(9) Whether there has been any administrative or judicial determination that the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (7) of this Code section has made a false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation;

(10) Any sanction, suspension, or disciplinary action taken against the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (7) of this Code section arising out of occupational or professional conduct; and

(11) Whether there has been any denial of an application for, suspension or revocation of, or refusal to renew the registration or licensure of the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (7) of this Code section as an auctioneer in any state.

43-6-6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of registration to an individual who complies with Code Section 43-6-5.

(b) The Secretary of State may refuse to issue a certificate of registration if it is determined that the applicant has engaged in conduct that has a significant adverse effect on the applicant's fitness to act as an auctioneer. In making the determination, the Secretary of State may consider whether the applicant has:

(1) Been convicted of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony;

(2) Made a material false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation in the application or as an auctioneer;

(3) Engaged in conduct that would disqualify the applicant from serving in a fiduciary capacity;

(4) Engaged in conduct prohibited by this chapter;

(5) Had a registration or licensure as an auctioneer suspended, revoked, or denied or been refused renewal of registration or licensure as an auctioneer in any state; or

(6) Engaged in conduct that significantly adversely reflects on the applicant's credibility, honesty, or integrity.

(c) In making a determination under subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall consider:

(1) How recently the conduct occurred;

(2) The nature of the conduct and the context in which it occurred; and

(3) Any other relevant conduct of the applicant.

(d) The refusal to grant a registration as provided in this Code section shall not be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required in connection with such refusal. Notice of refusal to grant a registration shall be sent by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery or personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the refusal. The written notice shall be sent to the applicant's address of record with the Secretary of State, and the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the Secretary of State if the applicant requests to do so in writing.
(e) An auctioneer may apply to renew a registration by submitting an application for renewal in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. An application filed under this subsection is a public record.
(f) A certificate of registration or a renewal of a registration shall be valid for a period of up to two years.

43-6-7.
(a) The Secretary of State may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a registration or may discipline an individual registered under this chapter for conduct that would have justified denial of registration under Code Section 43-6-6.
(b) The Secretary of State may discipline, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a certificate of registration only after proper notice and an opportunity for a hearing.
(c) Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' shall be applicable to the provisions of this chapter and to the Secretary of State in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

43-6-8.
(a) An application for registration or renewal of registration shall be accompanied by such fee as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State and a renewal bond, if applicable. The fee shall be the same for all applicants regardless of previous or current registrations or licenses in other states or jurisdictions as an auctioneer.
(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 43-6-4, an individual who was licensed as an auctioneer in this state on June 30, 2026, shall be permitted to engage in auctioneering under such license until September 30, 2026, after which such individual shall be required to hold a certificate of registration issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to engage in such auctioneering; provided, however, that such individual shall not be required to pay an application fee in connection with his or her initial application for registration under this chapter if such individual submits such application on or before September 30, 2026.

43-6-9.
The Secretary of State may issue a temporary certificate of registration while an application for registration or renewal of registration is pending, upon receipt by the Secretary of State of a completed application for registration, surety bond, and fee and

after approval by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may in his or her discretion issue a temporary registration to the applicant, which registration shall have the same force and effect as a permanent registration for such period of time prescribed by the Secretary of State, after which the temporary registration shall become void. A temporary registration may be voided by the Secretary of State at any time.

43-6-10.

(a) An auctioneer shall deposit or have deposited with the Secretary of State, prior to the issuance of a registration or renewal of a registration, a surety bond in the penal sum of not less than $10,000.00, as established by the Secretary of State. Such surety bond shall be executed in the favor of the state with a surety company authorized to do business in this state and conditioned to pay damages in the amount of such bond to any person aggrieved by any act of the principal named in such bond, which act is in violation of Code Section 43-6-11 or would be grounds for revocation of a registration under this chapter.

(b) If any auctioneer fails to maintain such bond so as to comply with the provisions of this Code section, the registration issued to the auctioneer shall be suspended until such time as a new bond is obtained. An auctioneer whose registration is suspended pursuant to this Code section shall not engage in any auctioneering during the period of suspension.

43-6-11.

(a) An auctioneer shall not, in connection with any auctioneering:

(1) Make any substantial misrepresentation while describing any property, real or personal; use any false, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful advertising; or make any statements, either in person or through any form of advertising, which may create false or unjustified expectations of the services to be performed;

(2) Pursue a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation or make false promises through agents;

(3) Advertise an auction to be an absolute auction with intent to conduct it as an auction with reserve or otherwise; or

(4) Fail to account for or remit, within 30 days unless otherwise provided by contract, any money belonging to others that comes into his or her possession, commingle funds of others with his or her own, or fail to keep such funds of others in an escrow or trust account.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any auctioneer to act as an auctioneer in the sale of real property unless such auctioneer is also licensed as a real estate broker, associate broker, or salesperson under Chapter 40 of this title; provided, however, that any auctioneer who was licensed as such by this state prior to July 1, 1978, shall not be required to meet the provisions of this subsection, but such auctioneer shall not thereby be construed to be a real estate broker, associate broker, or salesperson under Chapter 40 of this title.

43-6-12.
The Secretary of State may assess a civil penalty against an auctioneer not to exceed $10,000.00 for a violation of this chapter.

43-6-13.
(a) Any and all moneys held in the auctioneers education, research, and recovery fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter as they existed on June 30, 2026, shall be transferred to the general fund of the state treasury and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, on or after July 1, 2026, no person shall have a claim against such moneys or be entitled to the payment of any sum from such fund.
(b) Any person who filed a claim against the auctioneers education, research, and recovery fund on or before June 30, 2026, may continue to pursue such claim in accordance with the provisions of this chapter as they existed on such date and, if any payment is awarded on any such claim, such payment shall be made from the general fund of the state treasury.

43-6-14.
Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawful regulation or licensing of auctioneers by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-10A-5, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, quorum, and meetings, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) ~~Unless specifically delegated to a standards committee pursuant to Code Section 43-10A-6, the~~ The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To adopt, amend, and repeal such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this article necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this article;

(2) To issue, renew, and reinstate the licenses of duly qualified applicants for licensure to practice a specialty in this state;

(3) To deny, suspend, revoke, or otherwise sanction licenses to practice a specialty in this state;

(4) To initiate investigations for the purpose of discovering violations of this article;

(5) To conduct hearings upon charges calling for the discipline of a licensee or on violations of this article;

(6) To issue to specialists licensed under this article certificates under the seal of the board evidencing such licensure and signed, either by hand or facsimile signature, by the chairperson of the board and the division director;

(7) To adopt a seal; and

(8) To do all other things necessary to administer and enforce this article and all rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant to this article."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 43-10A-6, relating to separate standards committees for professional counseling specialty, social work specialty, and marriage and family therapy specialty, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Chapter 19, relating to geologists, and enacting a new Chapter 19 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 19

43-19-1.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Geologists Registration Act.'

43-19-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Geologist' means a person engaged in the practice of geology.

(2) 'Geology' means that science which treats of the earth in general; investigation of the earth's crust and the rocks and other materials which compose it; and the applied science of utilizing knowledge of the earth and its constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases, and other materials for the benefit of mankind.

(3) 'Public practice of geology' means the performance of geological service or work such as consultation, investigation, surveys, evaluation, planning, mapping, and inspection of geological work in which the performance is related to public welfare or safeguarding of life, health, property, and the environment, except as specifically exempted by this chapter. A person shall be construed to practice publicly or offer to practice publicly geology, within the meaning and intent of this chapter, who practices any branch of the profession of geology; or who by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents themselves to be a geologist; or through the use of some other title implies that he or she is a geologist; or that he or she is registered under this chapter; or who holds themselves out as able to perform or who does perform any geological services or work recognized as geology.

(4) 'Registration' means registration as a geologist pursuant to this chapter.

(5) 'Responsible charge of work' means the independent control and direction, by the use of initiative, skill, and independent judgment, of geological work or the supervision of such work.

(6) 'Secretary of State' means the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia or his or her designee.

(7) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(8) 'Subordinate' means any person who assists a registered geologist or a registered engineer in the practice of geology without assuming the responsible charge of work.

43-19-3.
By engaging in the public practice of geology in this state, a nonresident individual appoints the Secretary of State as the individual's agent for service of process in any civil action in this state related to the individual's public practice of geology in this state.

43-19-4.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, an individual shall not engage in the public practice of geology in this state without holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.
(b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any individual who is:
(1) Engaged in the practice of any profession or trade for which a license is required under any other law of this state, including, without limitation, registered professional engineers lawfully practicing soil mechanics, foundation engineering, and other professional engineering as provided in this title; or licensed architects lawfully practicing architecture as provided in this title;
(2) Engaged solely in teaching the science of geology or engaged in nonpublic geologic research in this state;
(3) An officer or employee of the United States or this state practicing geology solely as such officer or employee; and
(4) A subordinate to a geologist registered under this chapter, insofar as he or she acts solely in such capacity. This exemption, however, does not permit any such subordinate to practice geology for others in his or her own right or use the title 'registered geologist.'

43-19-5.
An applicant for registration shall submit an application to the Secretary of State in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. An application filed under this Code section is a public record. The application shall be in the name of an individual and state or contain the following and any other information required by the Secretary of State:
(1) The name of the applicant and the address of the applicant's residence and principal place of business;
(2) The name of the applicant's business or employer, if applicable;
(3) Any business or occupation engaged in by the applicant for the five years next preceding the date of submission of the application;
(4) A description of the applicant's:
(A) Formal training as a geologist;
(B) Practical experience as a geologist; and
(C) Educational background relating to the applicant's activities as a geologist;
(5) The names and addresses of three individuals not related to the applicant who are willing to serve as references;

(6) The names and addresses of all persons who are:

(A) With respect to the geologist's business if it is not a corporation, the partners, members, officers, managers, associates, or profit sharers of the business; and

(B) With respect to a corporation employing the geologist, the officers, directors, and any shareholder of the corporation having an interest of 5 percent or greater;

(7) Whether the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section has been convicted of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony, and identify the crime;

(8) Whether there has been any administrative or judicial determination that the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section has made a false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation;

(9) Any sanction, suspension, or disciplinary action taken against the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section arising out of occupational or professional conduct; and

(10) Whether there has been any denial of an application for, suspension or revocation of, or refusal to renew the registration or licensure of the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section as a geologist in any state.

43-19-6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of registration to an individual who complies with Code Section 43-19-5.

(b) The Secretary of State may refuse to issue a certificate of registration if it is determined that the applicant has engaged in conduct that has a significant adverse effect on the applicant's fitness to engage in the public practice of geology. In making the determination, the Secretary of State may consider whether the applicant has:

(1) Been convicted of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony;

(2) Made a material false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation in the application or as a geologist;

(3) Engaged in conduct prohibited by this chapter;

(4) Had a registration or licensure as a geologist suspended, revoked, or denied or been refused renewal of registration or licensure as a geologist in any state; or

(5) Engaged in conduct that significantly adversely reflects on the applicant's credibility, honesty, or integrity.

(c) In making a determination under subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall consider:

(1) How recently the conduct occurred;

(2) The nature of the conduct and the context in which it occurred; and

(3) Any other relevant conduct of the applicant.

(d) The refusal to grant a registration as provided in this Code section shall not be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and notice and hearing within the meaning of

such chapter shall not be required in connection with such refusal. Notice of refusal to grant a registration shall be sent by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery or personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the refusal. The written notice shall be sent to the applicant's address of record with the Secretary of State, and the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the Secretary of State if the applicant requests to do so in writing.

(e) A geologist may apply to renew a registration by submitting an application for renewal in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. An application filed under this subsection is a public record.

(f) A certificate of registration or a renewal of a registration shall be valid for a period of up to two years.

43-19-7.

(a) The Secretary of State may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a registration or may discipline an individual registered under this chapter for conduct that would have justified denial of registration under Code Section 43-19-6.

(b) The Secretary of State may discipline, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a certificate of registration only after proper notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

(c) Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' shall be applicable to the provisions of this chapter and to the Secretary of State in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

43-19-8.

(a) An application for registration or renewal of registration shall be accompanied by such fee as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State. The fee shall be the same for all applicants regardless of previous or current registrations or licenses in other states or jurisdictions as a geologist.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 43-19-4, an individual who was registered as a geologist in this state on June 30, 2026, shall be permitted to engage in the public practice of geology under such registration until September 30, 2026, after which such individual shall be required to hold a certificate of registration issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to engage in such public practice of geology; provided, however, that such individual shall not be required to pay an application fee in connection with his or her initial application for registration under this chapter if such individual submits such application on or before September 30, 2026.

43-19-9.

The Secretary of State may issue a temporary certificate of registration while an application for registration or renewal of registration is pending, upon receipt by the Secretary of State of a completed application for registration and fee and after approval by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may in his or her discretion issue a temporary registration to the applicant, which registration shall have the same force and effect as a permanent registration for such period of time prescribed by the Secretary of

State, after which the temporary registration shall become void. A temporary registration may be voided by the Secretary of State at any time.

43-19-10.
Each registrant under this chapter, upon issuance of a certificate of registration, may use a seal of such design as is authorized by the Secretary of State, bearing the registrant's name and the legend 'Registered Geologist.' All drawings, reports, or other geologic papers or documents involving the public practice of geology which have been prepared or approved by such registrant or a subordinate employee under his or her direction for the use of or for delivery to any person or for public record within this state shall be signed by the registrant and impressed with the seal provided for in this Code section, which shall indicate his or her responsibility for them.

43-19-11.
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a geologist registered under this chapter or a subordinate under his or her direction prepare any geologic plans, reports, or documents in which the performance is related to the public welfare or safeguarding of life, health, property, or the environment.
(b) It shall be unlawful for anyone other than a geologist registered under this chapter to stamp or seal any plans, plats, reports, or other documents with the seal or stamp of a registered geologist or to use in any manner the title 'registered geologist' unless registered under this chapter.
(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to affix his or her signature or to stamp or seal any plans, plats, reports, or other documents after the certificate of registration of the registrant named thereon has expired or has been suspended or revoked unless the certificate has been renewed or reissued.

43-19-12.
The Secretary of State may assess a civil penalty against a geologist not to exceed $10,000.00 for a violation of this chapter.

43-19-13.
Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawful regulation or licensing of geologist by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Chapter 20, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers, and enacting a new Chapter 20 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 20

43-20-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers Registration Act.'

43-20-2.
As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) 'Hearing aid dealer' means an individual engaged in the practice of dispensing hearing aids in this state.
(2) 'Hearing aid device or instrument,' 'hearing aid,' or 'aid' means any wearable electronic instrument or device designed for or represented or offered for the purpose of compensating for defective human hearing, including parts, attachments, ear molds, and accessories, except batteries, cords, replacement tubing, and minor service limited to the removal of battery corrosion.
(3) 'Practice of dispensing hearing aids' means the providing of a hearing aid to a consumer by sale, rental, lease, or otherwise and the conducting of tests and other procedures to determine suitability for use of a hearing aid, to determine hearing aid characteristics which properly compensate for the hearing condition, to select suitable aids, to fit aids to the consumer, and to counsel and instruct in the use thereof.
(4) 'Registration' means registration as a hearing aid dealer pursuant to this chapter.
(5) 'Secretary of State' means the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia or his or her designee.
(6) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

43-20-3.
By acting as a hearing aid dealer in this state, a nonresident individual appoints the Secretary of State as the individual's agent for service of process in any civil action in this state related to the individual's practice of dispensing hearing aids.

43-20-4.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, an individual shall not engage in the practice of dispensing hearing aids in this state without holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.
(b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any individual:
(1) Who is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or who is licensed as an audiologist under Chapter 44 of this title;
(2) Who is licensed under any other law of this state and operating within the scope of such license, provided that such individual does not engage in the sale, rental, or lease of hearing aids;

(3) Working as an employee of a federal, state, county, or municipal agency or a duly chartered educational institution or a training center, provided that such individual does not engage in the sale, rental, or lease of hearing aids; or

(4) Who is working under the direct supervision of a hearing aid dealer who holds a certificate of registration.

43-20-5.

An applicant for registration shall submit an application to the Secretary of State in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. An application filed under this Code section is a public record. The application shall be in the name of an individual and state or contain the following and any other information required by the Secretary of State:

(1) The name of the applicant and the address of the applicant's residence and principal place of business;

(2) The name of the applicant's business or employer, if applicable;

(3) Any business or occupation engaged in by the applicant for the five years next preceding the date of submission of the application;

(4) A description of the applicant's:

(A) Formal training as a hearing aid dealer;

(B) Practical experience as a hearing aid dealer; and

(C) Educational background relating to the applicant's activities as a hearing aid dealer;

(5) The names and addresses of three individuals not related to the applicant who are willing to serve as references;

(6) The names and addresses of all persons who are:

(A) With respect to the hearing aid dealer's business if it is not a corporation, the partners, members, officers, managers, associates, or profit sharers of the business; and

(B) With respect to a corporation employing the hearing aid dealer, the officers, directors, and any shareholder of the corporation having an interest of 5 percent or greater;

(7) Whether the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section has been convicted of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony, and identify the crime;

(8) Whether there has been any administrative or judicial determination that the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section has made a false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation;

(9) Any sanction, suspension, or disciplinary action taken against the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section arising out of occupational or professional conduct; and

(10) Whether there has been any denial of an application for, suspension or revocation of, or refusal to renew the registration or licensure of the applicant or any person named pursuant to paragraph (6) of this Code section as a hearing aid dealer in any state.

43-20-6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of registration to an individual who complies with Code Section 43-20-5.

(b) The Secretary of State may refuse to issue a certificate of registration if it is determined that the applicant has engaged in conduct that has a significant adverse effect on the applicant's fitness to act as a hearing aid dealer. In making the determination, the Secretary of State may consider whether the applicant has:

(1) Been convicted of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony;

(2) Made a material false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation in the application or as a hearing aid dealer;

(3) Engaged in conduct prohibited by this chapter;

(4) Had a registration or licensure as a hearing aid dealer suspended, revoked, or denied or been refused renewal of registration or licensure as a hearing aid dealer in any state; or

(5) Engaged in conduct that significantly adversely reflects on the applicant's credibility, honesty, or integrity.

(c) In making a determination under subsection (b) of this Code section, the Secretary of State shall consider:

(1) How recently the conduct occurred;

(2) The nature of the conduct and the context in which it occurred; and

(3) Any other relevant conduct of the applicant.

(d) The refusal to grant a registration as provided in this Code section shall not be considered to be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and notice and hearing within the meaning of such chapter shall not be required in connection with such refusal. Notice of refusal to grant a registration shall be sent by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery or personal service setting forth the particular reasons for the refusal. The written notice shall be sent to the applicant's address of record with the Secretary of State, and the applicant shall be allowed to appear before the Secretary of State if the applicant requests to do so in writing.

(e) A hearing aid dealer may apply to renew a registration by submitting an application for renewal in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. An application filed under this subsection is a public record.

(f) A certificate of registration or a renewal of a registration shall be valid for a period of up to two years.

43-20-7.

(a) The Secretary of State may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a registration or may discipline an individual registered under this chapter for conduct that would have justified denial of registration under Code Section 43-20-6.

(b) The Secretary of State may discipline, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a certificate of registration only after proper notice and an opportunity for a hearing.
(c) Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' shall be applicable to the provisions of this chapter and to the Secretary of State in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

43-20-8.
(a) An application for registration or renewal of registration shall be accompanied by such fee as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State. The fee shall be the same for all applicants regardless of previous or current registrations or licenses in other states or jurisdictions as a hearing aid dealer.
(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 43-20-4, an individual who was licensed as a hearing aid dealer in this state on June 30, 2026, shall be permitted to engage in the practice of dispensing hearing aids under such license until September 30, 2026, after which such individual shall be required to hold a certificate of registration issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to engage in such practice of dispensing hearing aids; provided, however, that such individual shall not be required to pay an application fee in connection with his or her initial application for registration under this chapter if such individual submits such application on or before September 30, 2026.

43-20-9.
The Secretary of State may issue a temporary certificate of registration while an application for registration or renewal of registration is pending, upon receipt by the Secretary of State of a completed application for registration and fee and after approval by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may in his or her discretion issue a temporary registration to the applicant, which registration shall have the same force and effect as a permanent registration for such period of time prescribed by the Secretary of State, after which the temporary registration shall become void. A temporary registration may be voided by the Secretary of State at any time.

43-20-10.
A hearing aid dealer shall not, in connection with the practice of dispensing hearing aids:
(1) Engage in fraud or make any substantial misrepresentation;
(2) Use, or cause or promote the use of, any advertising material, promotional literature, testimonial, guarantee, warranty, label, brand, insignia, or any other representation, however disseminated or published, which is misleading, deceptive, or untruthful;
(3) Advertise a particular model or type of hearing aid for sale when purchasers or prospective purchasers responding to the advertisement cannot purchase the advertised model or type and where it is determined that the purchase of the advertisement is to obtain prospects for the sale of a different model or type than that advertised; or
(4) Represent that the services or advice of a licensed physician or an audiologist will be used or made available in the selection, adjustment, maintenance, or repair of hearing aids when that is not true or use the words 'hearing center,' 'doctor,' 'ear specialist,'

'clinic,' 'clinical audiologists,' 'state licensed clinic,' 'state registered,' 'state certified,' 'state approved,' or any other term, abbreviation, or symbol when it would falsely give the impression that one is being treated medically or that the hearing aid dealer's services have been recommended by the state.

(5) Represent or imply that a hearing aid device or instrument is or will be 'custom made,' 'made to order,' 'prescription made,' or in any other sense specially fabricated for an individual person when such is not the case;

(6) Represent that a recommendation for a specific brand or model aid or source of product or service has resulted from an unbiased or impartial process when such is not the case;

(7) Advertise a manufacturer's product or use a manufacturer's name or trademark which implies a relationship with the manufacturer that does not exist;

(8) Give or receive, directly or indirectly, or offer to give or receive money or anything of value to any person who advises another in a professional capacity as an inducement to influence or have such person influence others to purchase or contract to purchase any product sold or offered for sale by the hearing aid dealer or to influence persons to refrain from dealing in the products of competitors; or

(9) Select or fit a hearing aid for a person who has not been given the appropriate tests utilizing procedures and instrumentation as specified by this chapter or by the rules and regulations of the Secretary of State.

43-20-11.

The Secretary of State may assess a civil penalty against a hearing aid dealer not to exceed $10,000.00 for a violation of this chapter.

43-20-12.

Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any lawful regulation or licensing of hearing aid dealers by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 43 of the Office Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in Code Section 43-47-10, relating to investigations of licensees by board, suspension or revocation of license, and other sanctions, by revising division (iii) of subparagraph (P) of paragraph (1) as follows:

"(iii) A violation of this subparagraph shall also be grounds for suspension or censure of a ~~license under Code Section 43-6-18~~ certificate of registration issued under Chapter 6 of this title, and any auction violating this subparagraph may be required by the board to surrender its master tag;"

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to revise provisions relating to licensure to engage in the practice of a profession, business, or trade in this state; to revise provisions relating to meetings of professional licensing boards; to revise provisions relating to the roster of licensees; to revise provisions relating to the duties of the division director; to provide for the review and granting of applications for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of licenses by the director of the professional licensing boards division; to revise provisions relating to the renewal of professional licenses; to revise provisions relating to the removal of members of a professional licensing board; to require that the rules and regulations promulgated by professional licensing boards be designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; to repeal provisions creating separate standards committees of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-2, relating to appointment and powers of division director, members and meetings of professional licenses board, examination standards, roster of licensees, and funding, as follows:

"43-1-2.

(a)(1) There is created within the office of the Secretary of State the professional licensing boards division as successor to the office of the joint-secretary of the state examining boards. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to appoint a director of the professional licensing boards division.

(2) Any action of the joint-secretary taken with regard to any state examining board prior to July 1, 2000, shall thereafter be deemed to be action taken by the director of the professional licensing boards division and that division director shall thereafter act in the stead of such joint-secretary and succeed to the powers and duties of the joint-

secretary with regard to those state examining boards. The rights, privileges, entitlements, or duties of parties to contracts, leases, agreements, or other transactions entered into by the joint-secretary prior to July 1, 2000, shall continue to exist and shall not be impaired or diminished by reason of the succession of the division director to the powers and duties of the joint-secretary.

(b) The salary of the division director shall be fixed by the Secretary of State, and he or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Secretary of State.

(c) The Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, shall employ personnel as deemed necessary to carry out this chapter and to provide for all services required by each of the professional licensing boards and shall establish within the guidelines provided by the laws and rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board the qualifications of such personnel.

(d) The division director, with the approval of the Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, shall enter into such contracts as are deemed necessary to carry out this chapter to provide for all services required by each of the professional licensing boards.

(e) The Secretary of State, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, shall have the power to employ and shall set the qualifications and salary for a deputy division director and shall appoint executive directors as required who shall act in the absence of the division director and who shall perform such other functions of the division director under this chapter as the division director may designate. The deputy division director and executive directors as appointed shall be in the unclassified service and shall be excluded from the classified service as defined in Article 1 of Chapter 20 of Title 45.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, each member of the various professional licensing boards may receive the expense allowance as provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 and the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car as that received by all other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier within the state. Any board member shall also be reimbursed for any conference or meeting registration fee incurred in the performance of his or her duties as a board member. For each day's service outside of the state as a board member, such member shall receive actual expenses as an expense allowance as well as the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car as that received by other state officials and employees or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier or by rental motor vehicle. Expense vouchers submitted by members of the various professional licensing boards are subject to approval of the president or chairperson of the respective board and the division director.

(g) All meetings and hearings of the respective professional licensing boards shall be held ~~in the capitol,~~ at the site of the office of the respective board~~,~~ or at such other site as may be requested by the chairperson or president of a professional licensing board and approved by the division director.

(h) A majority of the appointed members of a professional licensing board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by that board.

(h.1) Members of a professional licensing board shall serve until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed and until their successors have been appointed and qualified unless otherwise specified under the provisions of this title.

(i) A schedule of all meetings and hearings of the various professional licensing boards shall be maintained at the office of the division director and be available for public review.

(j)(1) The division director may establish administrative standards for the examination of applicants for licensure by the various professional licensing boards, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary. These administrative standards may include the setting of date, time, and location of examinations, subject to the approval of the respective professional licensing boards. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, examination criteria, examination grading procedures, examination fees, examination passing score requirements, and other matters pertaining to the examination of applicants for licensure may be adopted by rules of the respective professional licensing boards as necessary to implement such examination standards. Examination standards, including examination criteria, grading procedures, and passing score requirements, developed in agreement or in conjunction with a national association of state boards or other related national association for the administration of a nationally recognized uniform examination may be adopted in lieu of state standards by the respective professional licensing boards.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title to the contrary, whenever an applicant for the issuance of a license is required to obtain prior approval from a professional licensing board before such applicant is permitted to take an examination required in connection with such license, the division director shall be authorized to grant such approval on behalf of the applicable professional licensing board, provided that the division director is able to determine that the applicant has satisfied all other requirements that may be provided in this title or in the rules and regulations of the professional licensing board for such applicant to take such examination.

(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a professional licensing board from granting or denying its approval for any applicant seeking the issuance of a license to take an examination required in connection with such license, and such grant or denial of approval from a professional licensing board with respect to a particular applicant shall not be contradicted by the division director acting under the authorization provided in this paragraph.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'license' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-1-3.1.

(k) The division director shall prepare and maintain a roster containing the names and addresses of all current licensees for each of the various professional licensing boards as well as all persons, other than any person who fails to renew his or her license for a period of 45 days or less, who have been issued a public cease and desist order by a professional licensing board pursuant to Code Section 43-1-20.1 for engaging in the practice of a

business or profession without a license. A copy of ~~this~~ such roster for each professional licensing board, except for home addresses of licensees, shall be made available on the public website of the secretary of state and shall include, in one location, the names of licensees and persons issued cease and desist orders. A copy of the roster, except for home addresses of licensees, shall also be made available to any person upon request at a fee prescribed by the division director sufficient to cover the cost of printing and distribution. The following shall be treated as confidential and need not be disclosed without the approval of the professional licensing board to which application is made:

(1) Applications and other personal information, including home addresses, submitted by applicants, except to the applicant, staff, and the board;

(2) Information, favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant, except to the staff and the board;

(3) Examination questions and other examination materials, except to the staff and the board; and

(4) The deliberations of the board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding, except as may be contained in official board minutes.

(l) Funding for the office of the division director and the various professional licensing boards served by such office shall be contained in a common budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act.'"

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-1-3, relating to duties of the division director and serving notice or process on boards through the division director, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) It shall be the duty of the division director:

(1) To bring together and keep all records relating to the professional licensing boards;

(2) To receive all applications for licenses;

(3) To review and grant applications for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of licenses in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 43-1-3.1;

(4) With the consent of the board concerned, to schedule the time and place for examinations;

~~(4)~~(5) To schedule the time and place for all hearings;

~~(5)~~(6) To issue certificates upon authority of the professional licensing board concerned; and

~~(6)~~(7) Except as otherwise provided by law, to collect all fees required by law in connection with the licensing of trades and professions under such boards and to remit the same to the state treasurer for deposit into the general fund of the state. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the division director is authorized to retain all funds received as collection fees for use in defraying the cost of collection of fees required under this chapter; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to allow the division director to retain any funds required by the Constitution of Georgia to be paid into the state treasury; and provided, further, that the

division director shall comply with all provisions of Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act,' except Code Section 45-12-92, prior to expending any such funds."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-1-3.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'license' means any license, certificate, permit, registration, or other document that is issued by a professional licensing board and that is required under this title for a person to engage in the practice of a profession, business, or trade in this state. Such term shall include, without limitation, any expedited license, temporary license, special license, or license by endorsement that is issued by a professional licensing board under this title.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, the division director shall be authorized to review each application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license and, upon determining that an application furnishes evidence that the applicant has achieved or satisfied all of the qualifications, attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a particular license under the provisions of this title or under the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, shall be authorized, on behalf of the applicable professional licensing board, to issue the license to or renew or reinstate the license of the applicant.

(2) Whenever the division director reviews any application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection and cannot determine, based on such application, that the applicant has achieved or satisfied all of the qualifications, attainments, and other conditions required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of the license under the provisions of this title or under the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, the division director shall not take any action on the application and shall forward the application to the applicable professional licensing board who shall then review, consider, and either grant or deny the application in a timely manner.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall prevent a professional licensing board from reviewing applications for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license that is issued by such professional licensing board and granting or denying such applications. Any such application which a professional licensing board has granted or denied shall not be reviewed or considered by the division director and, if the division director is in the process of reviewing or considering such application at the time the professional licensing board grants or denies such application, the division director shall cease his or her review of such application and shall not take any further action on the application.

(d) When it is necessary for the division director, in connection with his or her review of an application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a license under subsection (b) of this Code section, to determine whether the applicant has satisfied any postsecondary education requirements required for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of such license, the division director shall not be required to obtain official

transcripts evidencing the satisfaction of such education requirements from the relevant postsecondary education institution, provided that the division director is able to obtain confirmation, through other reliable means, from the postsecondary education institution that such education requirements have been satisfied. Each postsecondary education institution in this state is encouraged to work with the division director to develop such alternative method of confirming the satisfaction of education requirements as provided in this title."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-4, relating to expiration, renewal, and penalty dates of licenses and certificates; duration of validity, and renewals, as follows:

"43-1-4.

(a) The division director shall determine the expiration, renewal, and penalty dates for each license and certificate issued by the professional licensing boards through the office of the division director which is subject to renewal. Before becoming effective, these expiration, renewal, and penalty dates must be approved by the respective professional licensing boards.

(b) ~~Each~~ Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, each license and certificate issued by the professional licensing boards through the office of the division director which are subject to renewal shall be valid for up to two years and shall be renewable biennially on the renewal date established by the division director, as approved by the respective professional licensing boards. Any such license or certificate shall be renewable for up to 45 days after the expiration of such license or certificate, provided that the licensee or the certificate holder has satisfied all requirements and paid all fees relating to the renewal of such license or certificate as provided in this title or in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title.

(c) The division director is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement the biennial renewal of licenses and certificates in such manner as to ensure that the number of renewals is reasonably evenly distributed throughout each two-year period."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-17, relating to removal from office member of a professional licensing board, as follows:

"43-1-17.

The Governor~~, after notice and opportunity for hearing,~~ may remove from office any member of a professional licensing board for any of the following:

(1) Inability or neglect to perform the duties required of members;

(2) Incompetence; or

(3) Dishonest conduct."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-1-26, which is reserved, as follows:

"43-1-26.

Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the contrary, the power of each professional licensing board to promulgate rules and regulations as provided in this title shall be limited to the promulgation of rules and regulations that are designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public regarding the particular profession, business, or trade that is regulated by such professional licensing board ~~Reserved~~."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 43-10A-6, relating to separate standards committees for professional counseling specialty, social work specialty, and marriage and family therapy specialty, and designating said Code section as reserved.

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 549. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, McDonald III of the 26th, McCollum of the 30th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-8-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reimbursement of training expenses by subsequent employer of peace officer, collection procedure, and required documentation, so as to extend the time frame for which reimbursement of total training expenses by a subsequent employer of a peace officer may be sought; to provide for types of training eligible for reimbursement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 150. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Gaines of the 120th, Barrett of the 24th, Scoggins of the 14th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from individuals or entities related to China; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from foreign countries, entities, or individuals of concern; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Combating Threats from Foreign Countries of Concern Act of 2025 - Higher Education."

SECTION 2.

Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-84, which is reserved, as follows:

"20-3-84.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Foreign country of concern' means a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4 in effect on February 4, 2025.

(2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means any organization, institution of higher education, association, corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern or a subsidiary of any such entity.

(3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any official of a foreign country of concern or any individual who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

(4) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange in an amount greater than $50,000.00.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the university system shall provide on the first day of each calendar quarter to the Governor, the chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education, and the chairperson of the Senate Higher Education Committee a report detailing all funding received by the university system from a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during the prior calendar quarter. Such report shall include:

(1) The amount of funding received;

(2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange;

(3) A detailed description of the government, entity, or individual providing the funding, including the name and address of such government, entity, or individual;

(4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding; and

(5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was a one-time event or part of a series of funding events.

(c) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or attending a university system program, class, or course of study. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis

N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 145, nays 22.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 288. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Chapter 4 of Title 9, Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15, and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appellate practice, declaratory judgments, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal trials, respectively, so as to provide for declaratory judgments in instances involving accusations made by a prosecuting attorney regarding the credibility of a peace officer; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for review by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of accusations of peace officer impairment as a witness; to provide for definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to grand juries, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prosecuting attorneys, so as to require notice by prosecuting attorneys that intend to question the credibility of a peace officer and place the name of such officer on a Giglio list; to authorize requests for reconsideration of such action; to provide for the development of policies and procedures by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to provide for immunity; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for review by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of placement of the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list; to provide for notice; to provide standards for determination of credibility of such placement; to restrict the use of information relating to a Giglio list for employment purposes in certain instances; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so as to exempt records relative

to Giglio lists from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prosecuting attorneys, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-18-33.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affected peace officer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

(2) 'Giglio list' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

(b) Upon the placement of the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list by a prosecuting attorney, such prosecuting attorney shall send written notice of the intent to place the name of a peace officer on such list by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the last known address of the employer of the affected peace officer and the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Such notice shall include:

(1) The factual basis for the prosecuting attorney's decision to place the name of the peace officer on a Giglio list:

(2) A statement informing the affected peace officer and his or her employing agency of the right to request relevant materials from the prosecuting attorney;

(3) A statement informing the affected peace officer and his or her employing agency of the right to provide supplemental information to the prosecuting attorney; and

(4) A statement informing the affected peace officer and his or her employing agency of the right to request reconsideration by the prosecuting attorney of the placement of such peace officer on a Giglio list.

(c) An affected peace officer or his or her employing agency shall be authorized to submit a request for reconsideration on the decision to place the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list no later than 30 days after receipt of notice by such peace officer's employing agency pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Upon receipt of a request for reconsideration pursuant to this subsection, the prosecuting attorney shall promptly review such request and either remove the name of the affected peace officer from the Giglio list or deny the request for reconsideration and keep the name of the affected peace officer on the Giglio list. Any such denial shall be in writing and include the specific reasons for such decision. If no request for reconsideration pursuant to this subsection is submitted by an affected peace officer or his or her employing agency, the name of the affected peace officer shall remain on the Giglio list unless and until the prosecuting attorney removes such name from the Giglio list due to receipt of material information that was unknown or unavailable at the time of the initial decision or when any investigation warrants removal in the opinion of the prosecuting attorney.

(d) When a prosecuting attorney makes a determination to remove an affected peace officer's name from a Giglio list, such prosecuting attorney shall provide notice of such

removal to the employing agency of the affected peace officer and the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council within 14 days of the removal in the same manner as provided by subsection (b) of this Code section.

(e) The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia shall develop policies and procedures for the purposes of this Code section, which shall include placement and removal of the name of an affected peace officer on a Giglio list, the reconsideration process, and notice requirements. Any prosecuting attorney's office that maintains a Giglio list shall adopt the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subsection.

(f) A prosecuting attorney shall be authorized to use an affected peace officer's inclusion on a Giglio list when making charging decisions related to a case and shall disclose to defense counsel or a defendant in any criminal case as required by law the fact of and basis for inclusion of an affected officer on such list including any notice or relevant materials as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(g) A prosecuting attorney shall be immune from civil liability that might otherwise incur or be imposed for placement of the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list unless the affected peace officer demonstrates that his or her inclusion on such a list was done with actual malice or with actual intent to cause injury to the affected peace officer.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to modify federal law or binding court precedent relating to disclosure duties of a prosecuting attorney in criminal prosecutions."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, is amended in Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions, by adding two new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(.1) 'Affected peace officer' means a peace officer whose name is listed on a Giglio list."

"(5.01) 'Giglio list' means a list of names compiled and maintained by a prosecuting attorney for purposes of compliance with the United States Constitution or ethical standards relative to witness credibility and required disclosure of certain evidence to defense counsel."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 35-8-7, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council generally, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(14.1) Upon notice from a prosecuting attorney, to review the factual basis for the inclusion of any affected peace officer on a Giglio list;"

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 35-8-7.1, relating to authority of council to refuse certificate to applicant or to discipline council certified officer or exempt officer, grounds, restoration of certificate, emergency suspension of certification, notice of

investigation, and retention of records, by revising subsections (e) through (g) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e)(1) Upon receipt of notice from a prosecuting attorney that the name of a peace officer has been placed on a Giglio list, the council shall initiate a review of the factual basis provided in such notice and notify the affected peace officer and the head of the law enforcement agency that employs such affected peace officer of such review. It shall be sufficient to identify the affected peace officer, state that review of the affected peace officer's name on a Giglio list has been initiated, and identify the prosecuting attorney who sent such notice.

(2) In reviewing the inclusion of the name of an affected peace officer on a Giglio list pursuant to this subsection, the council shall consider:

(A) Any bias or injury against a specific defendant alleged by the prosecuting attorney to have occurred when the prosecuting attorney's notice relates to a specific criminal prosecution;

(B) Allegations or instances of previous misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent statements made by the affected peace officer to the prosecuting attorney or while serving as a witness for the prosecuting attorney;

(C) Whether the affected peace officer has pleaded guilty or been convicted, by final judgment and when all appeals have been exhausted, of an offense punishable as false swearing within the meaning of Code Section 16-10-71 or an offense of perjury pursuant to Code Section 16-10-70; and

(D) Any allegations of acts or omissions which would otherwise subject the affected peace officer to discipline pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section.

(3) Upon completion of review pursuant to this subsection, the council shall notify the affected peace officer and the employing agency of the affected peace officer of its determination concerning the factual basis asserted by the prosecuting attorney. If the council determines from its review that discipline of the affected peace officer is warranted, notice sent pursuant to this paragraph shall include such information. If the council determines that discipline of the affected peace officer is not warranted, such matter shall be administratively dismissed, the affected peace officer's public status shall not reflect the occurrence of such investigation, and notice of such action shall be delivered to the head of the employing agency, the affected peace officer, and the prosecuting attorney who placed the affected peace officer on a Giglio list. No peace officer shall be suspended, revoked, or otherwise sanctioned solely based upon the placement of his or her name on a Giglio list.

(f) Upon initiating an investigation of ~~an~~ a peace officer for possible disciplinary action or upon disciplining ~~an~~ a peace officer pursuant to this Code section, the council shall notify the head of the law enforcement agency that employs such peace officer of the investigation or disciplinary action. ~~In the case of an investigation, it~~ It shall be sufficient for such notice to identify the peace officer and state that a disciplinary investigation has been opened. ~~Notice of the initiation of an investigation shall be sent by priority mail.~~ If the investigation is completed without any further action, notice of the termination of such investigation shall also be provided to the head of the employing agency. In the

case of disciplinary action, the notice shall identify the officer and state the nature of the disciplinary action taken. The notice of disposition shall be sent only after the action of the council is deemed final. ~~Such notice shall be sent by priority mail.~~

~~(f)~~(g) If the certification of ~~an~~ a peace officer is suspended or revoked by either the executive director or council pursuant to this Code section, ~~then~~ the council shall notify the head of the law enforcement agency that employs the peace officer; the district attorney of the judicial circuit in which such law enforcement agency is located; and the solicitor of the state court, if any, of the county in which such law enforcement agency is located. It shall be sufficient for this notice to identify the peace officer and state the length of time, if known, that the peace officer will not have powers of arrest. ~~Such notice shall be sent by priority mail.~~

(h) Any notice required by this Code section shall be sent by certified mail or certificate of mailing. As used in this subsection, the term 'certificate of mailing' means a delivery method utilized by the United States Postal Service which provides evidence that an item has been sent and the date such item was accepted.

~~(g)~~(i) Notwithstanding Article 5 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, records of an investigation of ~~an~~ a peace officer by the council, including, but not limited to, records used to investigate complaints against ~~an~~ a peace officer and polygraph case files containing official polygraph reports, shall be retained for 30 years following the date that such investigation is deemed concluded by the council and then such records may be destroyed; provided, however, that the council shall have the authority to destroy such records prior to such 30 years where such peace officer is deceased and no action upon the complaint was taken by the council beyond the council's initial intake of such complaint."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 35-8-7.2, relating to administrative procedure, hearings, and review, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, proceedings of the council in the exercise of its authority to issue any certificate, conduct a review of the inclusion of an affected peace officer on a Giglio list, or discipline any peace officer under the terms of this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' In all such proceedings the council shall have authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any book, writing, or document upon the issuance of a subpoena therefor. In any hearing in which the fitness of a peace officer or applicant is in question, the council may exclude all persons from its deliberation of the appropriate action and may, when it deems necessary, speak to the peace officer or applicant in private. All final determinations, findings, and conclusions of the council under this chapter are final and conclusive decisions of the matters involved."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance

at basic training course and "employment related information" defined, and by redesignating the current provisions of subsection (c) of said Code section as a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-8-8.

(a) Any person employed or certified as a peace officer shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age;

(2) Be a citizen of the United States;

(3) Have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;

(4) Not have been convicted by any state or by the federal government of any crime the punishment for which could have been imprisonment in the federal or state prison or institution nor have been convicted of sufficient misdemeanors to establish a pattern of disregard for the law, provided that, for the purposes of this paragraph, violations of traffic laws and other offenses involving the operation of motor vehicles when the applicant has received a pardon shall not be considered;

(5) Be fingerprinted for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint based search at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the existence of any criminal record;

(6) Possess good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the council and fully cooperate during the course of such investigation;

(7) Be found, after examination by a licensed physician or surgeon, to be free from any physical, emotional, or mental conditions which might adversely affect his or her exercise of the powers or duties of a peace officer; and

(8) Successfully complete a job related academy entrance examination provided for and administered by the council in conformity with state and federal law. Such examination shall be administered prior to entrance to the basic course provided for in Code Sections 35-8-9 and 35-8-11. The council may change or modify such examination and shall establish the criteria for determining satisfactory performance on such examination. The provisions of this paragraph establish only the minimum requirements of academy entrance examinations for peace officer candidates in this state; each law enforcement ~~unit~~ agency is encouraged to provide such additional requirements and any preemployment examination as it deems necessary and appropriate. Any person with a degree from a postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this paragraph.

(b) Any person authorized to attend the basic training course prior to employment as a peace officer shall meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

35-8-8.1.

~~(c)(1) For purposes of this subsection~~ (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'employment related information' means written information contained in a prior employer's records or personnel files that relates to an applicant's, candidate's, or peace officer's performance or behavior while employed by such prior employer, including performance evaluations, records of disciplinary actions, and eligibility for rehire. Such

term shall not include information prohibited from disclosure by federal law or any document not in the possession of the employer at the time a request for such information is received.

(b)(1)~~(2)~~ Where an investigation is conducted for the purpose of hiring, certifying, or continuing the certification of a peace officer, an employer shall disclose employment related information to the investigating law enforcement agency upon receiving a written request from such agency. Disclosure shall only be required under this subsection if the law enforcement agency's request is accompanied by a copy of a signed, notarized statement from the applicant, candidate, or peace officer releasing and holding harmless such employer from any and all liability for disclosing complete and accurate information to the law enforcement agency.

~~(3)~~(2) An employer may charge a reasonable fee to cover actual costs incurred in copying and furnishing documents pursuant to this subsection to a requesting law enforcement agency, including retrieving and redacting costs, provided such amount shall not exceed $25.00 or 25¢ per page, whichever is greater. No employer shall be required to prepare or create any document not already in the employer's possession at the time a request for employment related information is received. Any employment related information provided pursuant to this subsection that is not subject to public disclosure while in the possession of a prior employer shall continue to be privileged and protected from public disclosure as a record of the requesting law enforcement agency.

~~(4)~~(3) No employer or law enforcement agency shall be subject to any civil liability for any cause of action by virtue of disclosing complete and accurate information to a law enforcement agency in good faith and without malice pursuant to this subsection. In any such cause of action, malice or bad faith shall only be demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence. Nothing ~~contained~~ in this subsection shall be construed so as to affect or limit rights or remedies provided by federal law.

~~(5)~~(4) Before taking final action on an application for employment based, in whole or in part, on any unfavorable employment related information received from a previous employer, a law enforcement agency shall inform the applicant, candidate, or peace officer that it has received such employment related information and that the applicant, candidate, or peace officer may inspect and respond in writing to such information. Upon the applicant's, candidate's, or peace officer's request, the law enforcement agency shall allow him or her to inspect the employment related information and to submit a written response to such information. The request for inspection shall be made within five business days from the date that the applicant, candidate, or peace officer is notified of the law enforcement agency's receipt of such employment related information. The inspection shall occur not later than ten business days after said notification. Any response to the employment related information shall be made by the applicant, candidate, or peace officer not later than three business days after his or her inspection.

~~(6)~~(5) Nothing ~~contained~~ in this ~~Code section~~ subsection shall be construed so as to require any person to provide self-incriminating information or otherwise to compel any person to act in violation of his or her right guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of

the United States Constitution and Article I, Section I, Paragraph XVI of the Georgia Constitution. It shall not be a violation of this ~~Code section~~ subsection for a person to fail to provide requested information based on a claim that such information is self-incriminating provided that notice of such claim is served in lieu of the requested information. An action against such person to require disclosure on the grounds that the claim of self-incrimination is not substantiated may be brought in the superior court of the county of such party's residence or where such information is located.

(c) A law enforcement agency that receives notice from a prosecuting attorney that the name of an affected peace officer has been placed on a Giglio list shall forward a copy of such notice to the council within 30 days of receipt for review pursuant to Code Section 35-8-7.1."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 35-8-14, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

"35-8-14.

(a) Upon receipt of notice from a prosecuting attorney that a peace officer employed by the law enforcement agency has been placed on a Giglio list, such agency shall provide a copy of such notice to the affected peace officer in as timely manner as possible, not to exceed three days from the date of receipt. If the affected peace officer is no longer employed by the law enforcement agency that receives such notice, the law enforcement agency shall forward such notice to be served in person or delivered by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the affected peace officer.

(b) A law enforcement agency that employs an affected peace officer shall not demote, suspend, discharge, impose discipline, or take adverse employment action upon an affected peace officer solely based upon the placement of such peace officer's name on a Giglio list.

(c) A law enforcement agency that employs an affected peace officer shall be authorized to demote, suspend, discharge, impose discipline, or take adverse employment action upon an affected peace officer when:

(1) An internal investigation establishes, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that a factual basis exists for the reason provided by the prosecuting attorney for placement of the affected peace officer on a Giglio list; or

(2) The council has imposed discipline upon the affected peace officer for the conduct identified by the prosecuting attorney which was the basis for placement of such officer on the Giglio list ~~Reserved~~."

SECTION 8.

Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(4.1) Records relating to Giglio lists, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-2;"

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Smith, M
N Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 146, nays 20.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 583. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of two free license plates for veterans who are totally disabled or disabled; to provide for application; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-69, relating to license plates for veterans qualifying as totally disabled, as follows:

"40-2-69.

(a) ~~Any disabled veteran who is a citizen and resident of this state shall, upon application therefor, be issued a free motor vehicle license plate.~~ As used in this Code section, the term ~~'disabled veteran' shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in~~ 'totally disabled veteran' means an individual who qualifies as a disabled veteran pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-48.

(b) Any totally disabled veteran shall, upon proper application therefor, be issued ~~a~~ free motor vehicle license ~~plate~~ plates for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter in his or her name upon presentation of proof that he or she qualifies as a totally disabled veteran. A totally disabled veteran ~~who claims that his or her disability is permanent~~ applying for license plates pursuant to this Code section shall furnish proof of such ~~permanent~~ disability through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(c)(1) Once a totally disabled veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle license plates ~~as a result of being permanently disabled~~ pursuant to this Code section, he or she shall be entitled to receive free license plates or free

revalidation decals in succeeding years ~~on any automobile, private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of three-quarter tons or less~~ for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse or minor child own or acquire in the future.

~~(2) Once a disabled veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle license plates but his or her disability has not been determined to be a permanent disability, he or she shall be entitled to receive free plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years upon furnishing, on an annual basis, proof of his or her status as a disabled veteran through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Such free plates or free revalidation decals shall apply to any automobile, private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of three-quarter tons or less that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse or minor child own or acquire in the future.~~

~~(3)~~(2)(A) Up to four ~~Two~~ license plates or revalidation decals each year shall be furnished for motor vehicles other than motorcycles to totally disabled veterans qualifying under this Code section unless the originals are lost. Such license plates shall be fastened to both the front and the rear of the motor vehicle.

(B) Up to two license plates or revalidation decals ~~One license plate or revalidation decal~~ each year shall be furnished for motorcycles to totally disabled veterans qualifying under this Code section unless the original is lost. Such license plate shall be fastened to the rear of the vehicle.

~~(4)~~(3) In the event of the death of the person who received the special license plates pursuant to this Code section, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, his or her unremarried surviving spouse or minor child may continue to receive the free special license plates authorized by this Code section and revalidation decals until the remarriage of the surviving spouse or death of the surviving spouse or minor child."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-70, relating to license plates for veterans not qualifying as totally disabled, as follows:

"40-2-70.

(a) Any citizen and resident of ~~the State of Georgia~~ this state who has been discharged from the armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable or who is currently serving in the armed forces, who is disabled ~~to any degree specified and enumerated in Code Section 40-2-69, and who is the owner of a private passenger motor vehicle, but who cannot qualify under~~ but does not qualify as totally disabled pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-48 for purposes of qualification for a license plate issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-69, shall be entitled to ~~a~~ special and distinctive ~~automobile license plate~~ license plates for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter in his or her name. Such license ~~plate~~ plates shall be transferred to another vehicle acquired by such veteran or jointly by such

veteran and his or her spouse as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. Such veteran shall be entitled to ~~such plate~~ license plates issued pursuant to this Code section regardless of whether he or she is suffering from a service connected or nonservice connected disability.

(b) Upon proper application and ~~Such veteran must apply for such license plate and, upon~~ compliance with the state motor vehicle laws for licensing of motor vehicles and without payment of the regular license fee for plates as prescribed under Article 7 of this chapter, ~~such veteran~~ a disabled veteran who does not qualify for license plates pursuant to Code Section 40-2-69 shall be issued similar license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-71 for ~~private passenger cars~~ up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use. ~~There shall be no charge for the additional plate issued such veteran under this Code section.~~ There shall be no charge for revalidation decals for ~~such plates~~ license plates issued pursuant to this Code section.

(c) For purposes of applying for license plates issued pursuant to this Code section, ~~If~~ a veteran who has not been certified as disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs~~, such veteran~~ may submit to the Department of Veterans Service such veteran's discharge papers and a certified statement from a physician, licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, certifying that, in the opinion of such physician, such veteran is disabled ~~to a degree enumerated in Code Section 40-2-69~~. If the certificate from the physician indicates the qualifying disabilities ~~which~~ meet the standards of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the commissioner of veterans service shall submit a letter to the state revenue commissioner indicating that the veteran meets the requirements of this Code section and qualifies for ~~a~~ special license ~~plate~~ plates as provided in this Code section.

(d) Once a disabled veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this Code section but his or her disability has not been determined to be a permanent disability, he or she shall be entitled to receive free license plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years upon furnishing, on an annual basis, proof of his or her status as a disabled veteran through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Such free license plates or free revalidation decals shall be for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse or minor child own or acquire in the future."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-71, relating to design of disabled veteran license plates and restrictions on issuance and transfer, as follows:

"40-2-71.

(a) The commissioner is directed to furnish the license plates provided for in Code Sections 40-2-69 and 40-2-70. Such plates shall be printed in three colors: red, white, and blue. The commissioner is authorized and directed to design the license plate. Each license plate shall contain, in bold characters, the name of the state, or abbreviation thereof, the year, the serial number, either the words 'Disabled Veteran' or 'Disabled Vet,'

and an image of the International Symbol of Access which is at least one inch in height and is white on a blue background.

(b) ~~Such license plates so issued shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.~~

~~(c)~~ No disabled veteran shall be entitled to own or operate more than ~~one vehicle~~ two vehicles with the free license plates provided by Code Sections 40-2-69, 40-2-70, and this Code section."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Prince of the 132nd was excused from voting on HB 583.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 484. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Efstration of the 104th, Scoggins of the 14th, Anderson of the 10th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to provide for the digitization and electronic publication of the Georgia Laws; to provide for assistance and oversight by the Georgia Code Revision Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R

Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 173, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 33. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 11th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 61. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to delinquency, so as to provide for additional offenses over which superior courts are authorized to exercise exclusive original jurisdiction for the trials of children 13 to 17 years of age to include the offenses of certain terroristic threats or acts involving public and private schools and attempt or

criminal conspiracy to commit certain offenses; to provide for which such cases shall be subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602 upon transfer to a juvenile court; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 179. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided by such student's previous school to the receiving school within five days; to reduce the number of days by which a parent or guardian of a transferring student shall receive copies of such records; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 254. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide milligram limits on delta-9-THC in consumable hemp products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 259. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to provide for certain procedures to be followed when there is a determination of suspected child abuse or neglect; to provide for a physician holding temporary physical custody of a child based on a suspicion of child abuse or neglect to provide certain information to a parent or legal guardian and to the Division of Family and Children Services; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 276. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a healthcare item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to an inquiry from the Department of Community Health regarding a healthcare claim within 60 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 529. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Holcomb of the 101st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and continuous service offers; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to revise exceptions; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and continuous service offers; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to

provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, is amended by revising Chapter 12, relating to automatic renewal provisions, as follows:

"CHAPTER 12

13-12-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Automatic renewal provision' means a provision under which a service contract is renewed for a specified period of one month or more ~~than one month if the renewal causes the service contract to be in effect more than six months after the day of the initiation of the service contract. Such renewal is effective unless the consumer gives notice to the seller of the consumer's intention to terminate the service contract~~.

(2) 'Consumer' means a natural person or a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 receiving service, maintenance, or repair benefits under a service contract. Such ~~The~~ term does not include a natural person engaged in business or employed by or otherwise acting on behalf of a governmental entity if the person enters into the service contract as part of or ancillary to the person's business activities or on behalf of the business or governmental entity.

(3) 'Seller' means any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in commerce that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract.

(4) 'Service contract' means a written contract for the performance of services for a specified period of time.

13-12-2.

(a) No ~~Any~~ seller ~~that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to~~ shall enter into a service contract with a consumer that has an automatic renewal provision unless such seller first:

(1) Discloses ~~shall disclose~~ the automatic renewal provision clearly and conspicuously in the contract or contract offer; and

(2) Gives such consumer the option of having the service contract terminate after its specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision.

(b) Any option to have a service contract terminate after its specified period rather than being subject to an automatic renewal provision given by a seller pursuant to paragraph

(2) of subsection (a) of this Code section that is exercised by a consumer shall, at the seller's sole cost and expense, be incorporated into the service contract or otherwise memorialized in a writing that is signed by both the seller and consumer and shall render any automatic renewal provision in the service contract void and unenforceable.

13-12-3.

(a) Any seller that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract ~~for a specified period of 12 months or more and~~ that automatically renews for a specified period of one month or more ~~than one month~~, unless the consumer cancels the contract, shall provide the consumer with written or electronic notification of the automatic renewal provision. Notification shall be provided to the consumer no less than 30 days or no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic renewal provision. Such notification shall disclose clearly and conspicuously:

(1) That unless the consumer cancels the contract, the contract will automatically renew; and

(2) The methods by which the consumer may obtain details of the automatic renewal provision and cancellation procedure, including contacting the seller at a specified telephone number or address, referring to the contract, or any other method.

(b) For any contract for service to a consumer that either (1) automatically renews for a specified period of one month or more and also includes, as part of such renewal, an increase in any charge, fee, or other sum payable by the consumer for such service or (2) automatically renews for a specified period of 12 months or more ~~than 24 months~~, the seller shall, in addition to providing the notification required under subsection (a) of this Code section, obtain the following for the automatic renewal provision of such contract to be enforceable:

(1) Written or electronic acknowledgment from the consumer of receipt of the notification required under subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) An affirmative written or electronic response that the consumer does not intend to terminate the service contract.

13-12-4.

This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) A financial institution as provided in Chapter 1 or 2 of Title 7 or any depository institution as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(c)(2);

(2) A foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under the laws of any state of the United States;

(3) Any subsidiary or affiliate of an entity provided in paragraph (1) or (2) of this Code section;

(4) Any ~~electric utility as provided in Chapter 3 of Title 46~~ entity regulated by the Public Service Commission, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, the Federal Communications Commission, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

(5) Any entity regulated pursuant to Chapter 45 of Title 43; ~~or~~
(6) Any entity doing business as a franchise issued by a political subdivision of the state; or
(7) Any county, municipal corporation, authority, or local government or governing body.

13-12-5.
A violation of any provision of this chapter ~~renders the~~ shall render any automatic renewal provision ~~of~~ in a service contract void and unenforceable."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by revising Part 8 of Article 15 of Chapter 1, the "Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act," as follows:

"Part 8

10-1-439.5.
This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act.'

10-1-439.6.
(a) The purpose of this part shall be to stop the practice of creating unnecessary barriers for customers who wish to cancel automatic renewal or continuous service subscriptions online, particularly when such subscriptions are offered online. It is the intent of the General Assembly that such practice be swiftly stopped, and this part shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes and policies.
(b) It is the further intent of the General Assembly that this part be interpreted and construed consistently with interpretations given by the Federal Trade Commission in the federal courts pursuant to Section 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. Section 45(a)(1)), as from time to time amended.

10-1-439.7.
As used in this part, the term:
(1) 'Automatic renewal' means a plan or arrangement in which an online paid subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the end of a definite term of one month or more ~~than 31 days~~ for a subsequent definite term of one month or more ~~than 31 days~~.
(2) 'Consumer' means a natural person residing in this state who enters into a transaction primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

(3) 'Continuous service' means a plan or arrangement for a paid definite term of one month or more ~~than 31 days~~ renewing for a subsequent definite term of one month or more ~~than 31 days~~ in which an online subscription or purchasing agreement continues until the consumer cancels such service.

(4) 'Offer terms' means the following clear and conspicuous disclosures to the consumer:

(A) The description of the cancellation policy as applicable to the automatic renewal offer or arrangement;

(B) The recurring charges to be charged to the consumer's credit or debit card or payment account with a third-party ~~payment account~~ as part of the online automatic renewal plan or arrangement, and that the amount of such charge may change, and the amount to which such charge will change, if known;

(C) The length of the automatic renewal term or an indication that the service is continuous, unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer; and

(D) The minimum purchase obligation, if any.

10-1-439.8.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal or continuous service online. The business shall provide a method of cancellation that is available online, which ~~may~~ shall include:

(1) A clear and conspicuous link to a public website or other online cancellation service; ~~or~~ and

(2) A cancellation email formatted and provided by the business that a consumer can send to the business without additional information.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, a business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online may require a consumer to enter account information or otherwise authenticate their account online before online cancellation of the automatic renewal or continuous service if the consumer has an account with the business. A consumer who is unwilling or unable to enter account information or otherwise authenticate online before online cancellation of the automatic renewal or continuous service shall not be precluded from cancelling the automatic renewal or continuous service offline using an alternate method pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(c) A business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall provide a toll-free telephone number, email address, postal address if the seller directly bills the consumer, or another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation that shall be described in an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel.

(d) The requirements of this Code section apply to the automatic renewal terms and continuous service terms of the contract entered into online, and the remaining provisions of the contract shall continue to be governed by all applicable laws and regulations.

10-1-439.9.

(a) It shall be unlawful in this state for any business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online to:

(1) Fail to present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual proximity, or in the case of an offer conveyed by voice, in temporal proximity, to the request for consumer consent to the offer;

(2) Charge the consumer's credit or debit card, or the consumer's third-party payment account for an automatic renewal or continuous service without first obtaining the consumer's consent to the agreement containing such automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms;

(3) Fail to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms. Such acknowledgment may be from the business's own public website or it may be provided via a link to a separate resource that provides instructions for unique platforms and services or other means that provide such offer terms in a manner easily retained by the consumer; or

(4) Fail to provide a consumer with notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) A business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall provide the consumer with a notice prior to or within three days after charging the consumer's credit or debit card or payment account with a third party, provided that the consumer has not opted out of receiving such notice. Such notice shall clearly and conspicuously state:

(1) That the automatic renewal or continuous service shall automatically renew unless it is canceled by the consumer;

(2) The length and any additional terms of the renewal period;

(3) If sent electronically, the notice shall include either a link or another reasonably accessible electronic method that directs the consumer to the cancellation process; and

(4) Contact information for the business.

(c) In the case of a material change in the terms of the online automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer that has been accepted by a consumer in this state, a business shall provide the consumer with a clear and conspicuous notice of the material change and shall provide information to the consumer regarding how to cancel such automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer in a manner that is easily retained by the consumer.

10-1-439.10.

When a business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online sends any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to a consumer under an automatic renewal of purchase or a continuous service agreement, without first obtaining the consumer's consent pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-439.9, such goods, wares, merchandise, or products shall for all purposes be deemed an unconditional gift to the consumer, who may use or dispose of such goods,

wares, merchandise, and products in any manner he or she sees fit without obligation to the business, including, but not limited to, bearing the cost of or responsibility for shipping any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to the business.

10-1-439.11.

The requirements of this part shall apply only prior to the completion of the initial order for the online automatic renewal or continuous service; provided, however, that an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel, and the notice required pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-439.9 may be fulfilled after the completion of the initial order.

10-1-439.12.

The following are exempt from the requirements of this part:

(1) Any service provided by a business or its affiliate when either the business or its affiliate is doing business as a franchise issued by a political subdivision of this state;

(2) Any service provided by a business or its affiliate when either the business or its affiliate is regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, the Federal Communications Commission, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

(3) Any entity regulated by the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner;

(4) Any financial institution as defined in Code Section 7-1-4 or any subsidiary or affiliate of such institution, or any bank holding company as defined in Code Section 7-1-605; and

(5) Any foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under federal law or under the laws of any state of the United States.

10-1-439.13.

(a) The Attorney General shall be authorized to bring an action under this part to obtain a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting the use of any method, act, or practice in violation of this part and to obtain restitution for consumers who are residents of this state and who incurred a loss of money or property as the direct result of a violation of this part.

(b) If a business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online complies with the provisions of this part in good faith, it shall not be subject to civil penalty or damages.

(c) There shall be no private right of action for a violation of this part, nor shall a violation of this part serve as the basis for a private right of action under any other provision of law.

(d) If any provision of this part or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this part that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this part are severable.

10-1-439.14.
Nothing in this part shall be construed as impairing the application of the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 13 to service contracts, as such term is defined in Code Section 13-12-1. To the extent any provision of this part is incompatible, inconsistent, or otherwise in conflict with the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 13, the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 13 shall supersede any such incompatible, inconsistent, or otherwise conflicting provisions of this part."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on December 31, 2025, and shall apply to contracts entered into on or after such date.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that HB 529 be recommitted to the Committee on Rules.

The motion prevailed.

HB 530. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, so as to provide for authorization for the electronic filing of pleadings in probate court; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for access to pleadings for certain staff and litigants; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 174, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 460. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Holcomb of the 101st, Neal of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 24-5-501 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain communications privileged, so as to exclude from evidence certain communications made between attorney and client when the client is in a penal institution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 24-5-501 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain communications privileged, so as to exclude from evidence certain communications made between attorney and client when the client is in a penal institution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 24-5-501 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain communications privileged, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) Communications between attorney and client, including any telephonic or electronic communications made with such client when he or she is held in a penal institution as defined in Code Section 16-10-56, subject to the following:

(A) Each penal institution shall provide access to a nonrecording telephonic or electronic device for a client held in custody to communicate with his or her attorney;

(B) The contents of any wire, oral, or electronic communication intercepted pursuant to this chapter, or any evidence derived therefrom, shall not be received in evidence or otherwise disclosed in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding in state court unless each party, not less than ten days before the trial, hearing, or proceeding, has been furnished with a copy of the court order, and accompanying application, under which the interception was authorized or approved;

(C) Any aggrieved person in any trial, hearing, or proceeding in or before any court, department, officer, agency, regulatory body, or the state, or a political subdivision thereof may move to suppress the contents of any wire, oral, or electronic communication intercepted pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, or any evidence derived therefrom, on the grounds that:

(i) The communication was unlawfully intercepted;

(ii) The order of authorization or approval under which it was intercepted is insufficient on its face; or

(iii) The interception was not made in conformity with the order of authorization or approval; and

(D) Such motion shall be made before the trial, hearing, or proceeding commences unless there was no opportunity to make such motion or the person was not aware of the grounds of the motion. If the motion is granted, the contents of the intercepted wire, oral, or electronic communication, or any evidence derived therefrom, shall be treated as having been obtained in violation of this Code section. The judge, upon the filing of such motion by the aggrieved person, may in his or her discretion make available to such person's counsel for inspection such portions of the intercepted communication or evidence derived therefrom as the judge determines to be in the interests of justice;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 647. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
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Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 98, nays 76.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 3:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 370. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, so as to require the property tax bill for any school district that opts out of the state-wide base year homestead exemption to state the total amount of the school district's reserve funds; to require a statement on the property tax bill regarding certain political subdivisions that do not have in effect a base year homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-5-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, so as to require the property tax bill for certain school districts that opt out of the state-wide base year homestead exemption to state the total amount of the school district's reserve funds and the amount of such funds per enrolled student; to require a statement on the property tax bill regarding certain political subdivisions that do not have in effect certain homestead exemptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-5-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, is amended by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(c) With respect to each school district that elects to opt out of the state-wide base year homestead exemption as provided for in Code Section 48-5-44.2 and that does not have

in effect a base year value or adjusted base year value homestead exemption that is generally applicable to all residents or a homestead exemption that is generally applicable to all seniors in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead, the ad valorem property tax bill shall state in bold print the total amount of the school district's reserve funds and the amount of the school district's reserve funds per enrolled student as of January 1 of the tax year.

(d) With respect to each governing authority of a county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district that elects to opt out of the homestead exemption provided for in Code Section 48-5-44.2 and that does not have in effect a base year value or adjusted base year value homestead exemption that is generally applicable to all residents or a homestead exemption that is generally applicable to all seniors in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead, the ad valorem property tax bill for the tax year for which such opt out was effective and the following four years shall state in bold print:

'[Name of the political subdivision] chose to opt out of property tax relief for homeowners by a vote of [name of the governing authority of the political subdivision] on [the date of opt out vote]. If you have concerns about that decision, please call [the main telephone number for the levying or recommending authority of the political subdivision].'"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M

N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	N Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
N Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 96, nays 77.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 360. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 25th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to authorize the credit to be claimed in the taxable year the year a certificate of occupancy is obtained for certain preapproved rehabilitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to authorize the credit to be

claimed in certain taxable years for certain preapproved rehabilitations provided that a certificate of occupancy is obtained; to provide for a territory applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended in Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b.1)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section, any taxpayer that was preapproved by the commissioner to claim tax credits pursuant to this Code section for certified structures other than historic homes for tax year 2027, 2028, or 2029 shall be authorized to claim the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section for a certified rehabilitation in the authorized tax year or in tax year 2026, provided that such taxpayer obtains a certificate of occupancy for such certified structure on or before December 31, 2026.

(2) This subsection shall only apply to properties located within a ten-mile radius of the Cabbagetown Historic District created by a local constitutional amendment for purposes of exempting certain capital improvements of the Cabbagetown Historic District economic reuse establishment and certain additions thereto from all City of Atlanta and Fulton County ad valorem property taxes, set out at Ga. L. 1982, p. 2509."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
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Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 494. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Heffner of the 130th, Okoye of the 102nd, Alexander of the 66th and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mopeds, so as to require mopeds to be covered by a form of minimum financial responsibility for accident damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	E Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	N Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	N Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 528. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Shivern L. Jeter; and for other purposes.

HR 529. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Constance Levett Abbott; and for other purposes.

HR 530. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Schofield of the 63rd, Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Maurice Davis, owner of J.M.R. Tires, Southeast Atlanta, for his outstanding contributions to the community; and for other purposes.

HR 531. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Reeves of the 99th, Beckles of the 96th, Romman of the 97th and Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Larry Campbell and Corners Outreach; and for other purposes.

HR 532. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Santos of the 117th, Cannon of the 58th, Lupton of the 83rd and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Johanna Caicedo; and for other purposes.

HR 533. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Santos of the 117th, Cannon of the 58th, Lupton of the 83rd and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Araceli Barrientos; and for other purposes.

HR 534. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Title I Parent Centers of the Meadowcreek Cluster and the Parent Instructional Coordinators and Parent Outreach Liaisons at Ferguson Elementary School, Graves Elementary School, Lilburn Elementary School, Meadowcreek Elementary School, Nesbit Elementary School, Rockbridge Elementary School, Lilburn Middle School, Radloff Middle School, McClure Health Science High School, and Meadowcreek High School; and for other purposes.

HR 535. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Reeves of the 99th, Au of the 50th, Beckles of the 96th and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION commending Four Corners Primary Care Centers; and for other purposes.

HR 536. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Santos of the 117th, Cannon of the 58th, Beckles of the 96th and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the contributions of Leslie Palomino; and for other purposes.

HR 537. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Beckles of the 96th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Jung Ha Kim and the Community Resource Corporation; and for other purposes.

HR 538. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Adeyina of the 110th, Hugley of the 141st, Jackson of the 165th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Catherine Hardrick for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 54 Health; advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; authorize (Substitute)(Hth-Clark-100th)

HB 56 Education; grants to spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; provide (Substitute)(HEd-Petrea-166th)

HB 161 Georgia Bureau of Investigation; authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain cyber enabled threats to life and property; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Crowe-118th)

HB 224 Highways, bridges, and ferries; construction or maintenance of roads upon military bases or installations paid for by the United States Department of Defense or other entities; authorize (Trans-Bonner-73rd)

HB 250 Better Small Business Employee Benefits Act; enact (Substitute) (SBD-Taylor-173rd)

HB 331 Animals; prohibit transfer of certain domestic animals at certain locations (Substitute)(A&CA-Camp-135th)

HB 433 Human Services, Department of; authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight in certain circumstances; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Ballinger-23rd)

HB 439 Revenue and taxation; revise deductions allowed to dealers (Substitute)(B&B-Yearta-152nd)

HB 447 Crimes and offenses; crimes of gift card theft, gift card forgery, and gift card fraud; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Gullett-19th)

HB 451 Quality Basic Education Act; local boards shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; provide (Substitute)(GF&P-Cannon-172nd)

HB 466 State symbols; marsh tacky horse as official Georgia heritage horse breed; designate (SRules-Cameron-1st)

HB 491 Game and fish; remove an exception for use of air guns to hunt wildlife (Substitute)(GF&P-Chastain-7th)

HB 513 Local government; criteria for service delivery strategy; revise provisions (GAff-LaHood-175th)

HB 521 Local government; deannexation of certain properties; revise procedures (Substitute)(GAff-Anderson-10th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 3531S)

HB 535 Penal institutions; credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing; provide (JudyNC-Smith-18th)

HB 571 Professions and businesses; licensing of radiologist assistants; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Hawkins-27th)

HB 593 Baker County; probate judge; provide nonpartisan elections (IGC-Greene-154th)

HB 614 Local government; prohibit use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain facilities housing equines; authorize (A&CA-Jones-47th)

HB 618 Property; require any seller of real property to make certain disclosures regarding flood damage to such real property (Judy-Campbell-171st)

HB 627 Courts; juvenile proceedings; use of a deadly weapon; revise a provision (Substitute)(JudyNC-Persinger-119th)

HB 638 MARTA; prohibit stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta (Substitute)(Trans-Silcox-53rd)

HB 718 Women's Golf Week; first week of April each year; provide (SRules-Jones-60th)

HR 7 George C. Trulock, Jr. Memorial Highway; Grady County; dedicate (Substitute)(Trans-Campbell-171st)

Structured Rule

HB 248 Income tax; tax credit for certain expenses incurred by taxpayers for certain geothermal machinery installations at residential dwellings; provide (Substitute)(W&M-Jasperse-11th)

HB 429 Ad valorem tax; exempt vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued before March 1, 2013 (Substitute)(W&M-Wilkerson-38th)

HB 445 Ad valorem tax; language required to be included in notices of current assessment; revise (W&M-Martin-49th)

HB 511 Insurance; deductions from taxable income for contributions by taxpayers to catastrophe savings accounts and interest earned on such accounts; provide (Substitute)(W&M-Lumsden-12th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 614. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Thomas of the 21st and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, so as to authorize local governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain facilities housing equines; to provide for special event permits; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	E Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 513. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to revise provisions related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services be borne by unincorporated residents; to provide for annual reports thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 250. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cheokas of the 151st, Jones of the 25th, Williams of the 148th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and labor and industrial relations, respectively, so as to provide for the registration and regulation of professional employer organizations; to provide for certain regulatory powers, duties, and authority of the Commissioner of Insurance over professional employer organizations;

to exempt such organizations from certain licensing requirements; to provide for the applicability of Chapter 8 of Title 34, the "Employment Security Law"; to provide for rules and regulations; to repeal obsolete provisions; to provide for the posting of a surety bond; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 33 and 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and labor and industrial relations, respectively, so as to provide for the registration and regulation of professional employer organizations; to provide for certain regulatory powers, duties, and authority of the Commissioner of Insurance over professional employer organizations; to exempt such organizations from certain licensing requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for the registration of such organizations; to provide for certain fees; to provide for the restriction of the use of certain terms; to provide for complaints; to provide for coordination with the Commissioner of Labor; to provide for a co-employment relationship; to provide for no effect on existing collective bargaining agreements or other contracts; to provide for legislative construction; to clarify rights, duties, and obligations of clients and professional employer organizations; to clarify employer and employee statuses; to clarify tax duties, obligations, and credits; to provide for disciplinary actions; to provide for the applicability of Chapter 8 of Title 34, the "Employment Security Law"; to provide for rules and regulations; to repeal obsolete provisions; to provide for the posting of a surety bond; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

SECTION 1-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 33-23-1, relating to definitions relative to agents, agencies, subagents, counselors, and adjusters, as follows:

"(b) The definitions of agent, subagent, and counselor in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be deemed to include:

(1) An attorney at law admitted to practice in this state, when handling the collections of premiums or advising clients as to insurance as a function incidental to the practice of law or who adjusts losses which are incidental to the practice of his or her profession;

(2) Any representative of ocean marine insurers;

(3) Any representative of farmers' mutual fire insurance companies as defined in Chapter 16 of this title;

(4) A salaried employee of a credit or character reporting firm or agency not engaged in the insurance business who may, however, report to an insurer;

(5) A person acting for or as a collection agency;

(6) A person who makes the salary deductions of premiums for employees or, under a group insurance plan, a person who serves the master policyholder of group insurance in administering the details of such insurance for the employees or debtors of the master policyholder or of a firm or corporation by which the person is employed and who does not receive insurance commissions for such service; provided, further, that an administration fee not exceeding 5 percent of the premiums collected paid by the insurer to the administration office shall not be construed to be an insurance commission;

(7) Persons exempted from licensure as provided in subsection (h) of Code Section 33-23-4; ~~or~~

(8) An individual who collects claim information from, or furnishes claim information to, insureds or claimants, who conducts data entry, and who enters data into an automated claims adjudication system, provided that the individual is an employee of a licensed independent adjuster or its affiliate where no more than 25 such persons are under the supervision of one licensed independent adjustor or licensed agent; or

(9) A professional employer organization providing professional employer services to a client or covered employee pursuant to a professional employer agreement, as such terms are defined in Code Section 34-11-1, to the extent that such organization collects information from a client or covered employee; obtains, offers, or provides life, accident and sickness, disability income, and other types of insurance coverage for a client or covered employee; establishes a retirement plan for a client or covered employee; and has or obtains, offers, or provides other types of employee benefits and discusses such benefits with a client or covered employee.

(c) In addition to paragraphs (2) through ~~(8)~~ (9) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the definitions of public adjuster, independent adjuster, and adjuster in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be deemed to include an attorney admitted to practice law in this state."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 33-23-100, relating to definitions, exemptions, and applicability of Code Section 33-24-59.5 and 33-24-59.14, by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (12), replacing the period at the end of paragraph (13) with "; or", and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(14) A professional employer organization to the extent that such organization administers insurance or certain claims pursuant to a professional employer agreement, as such terms are defined in Code Section 34-11-1."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Better Small Business Employee Benefits Act."

SECTION 2-2.

Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, is amended by revising Chapter 11, which is reserved, as follows:

"CHAPTER 11

34-11-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Client' means any person who enters into a professional employer agreement with a professional employer organization.

(2) 'Co-employer' means either a professional employer organization or a client.

(3) 'Co-employment relationship' means an arrangement wherein the rights, duties, and obligations of an employer which arise out of an employment arrangement are allocated between the parties to such arrangement.

(4) 'Commissioner' means the Commissioner of Insurance.

(5) 'Covered employee' means an individual working under a co-employment relationship between a PEO and a client pursuant to a professional employer agreement subject to this chapter.

(6) 'Department' means the Department of Insurance.

(7) 'Limited registrant' means a PEO that:

(A) Is domiciled and registered or licensed in another state;

(B) Has 50 or fewer covered employees; and

(C) Maintains no principal place of business in this state.

(8) 'PEO group' means two or more PEO entities that are majority owned or commonly controlled by the same entity or parent company.

(9) 'Person' means any individual, corporation, company, association, partnership, limited liability company, or other form of legally recognized entity.

(10) 'Professional employer agreement' means a written contract between a client and a PEO that provides:

(A) For the co-employment of covered employees;

(B) An express allocation of employer rights and obligations regarding covered employees between the client and the PEO; and

(C) That the PEO and the client assume the responsibilities required by this chapter.

(11) 'Professional employer organization' or 'PEO' means any person engaged in the business of providing professional employer services. Such term is not required to be in the title of the business. Such term shall include a staff leasing company, registered staff leasing company, employee leasing company, administrative employer, or any other similar name, provided that the person is engaged in the business of providing professional employer services. Such term shall not include:

(A) A person, whose principal business activity is not entering into professional employer agreements and which does not hold itself out as a PEO, that shares employees with a commonly controlled corporation, trade, or business within the meaning of Section 414(b) and (c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

(B) A person in an independent contractor arrangement by which such person assumes responsibility for the goods produced or services performed by such person or such person's agents and retains and exercises primary direction and control over the work performed by the individuals whose goods or services are supplied under such arrangement; or

(C) A temporary help contracting firm as defined in Code Section 34-8-46.

(12) 'Professional employer services' means the service of entering into co-employment relationships in which all or a majority of the employees providing services to a client are covered employees pursuant to a professional employer agreement.

(13) 'Registrant' means a PEO registered with the department pursuant to Code Section 34-11-2.

34-11-2.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2027, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall provide, advertise, or otherwise hold itself out as providing professional employer services in this state, unless such person is registered with the department in accordance with this chapter. The department shall begin accepting applications for registration no later than January 2, 2026.

(b) Each applicant for registration shall provide the department with the following:

(1) The name or names under which the PEO conducts business;

(2) The address of the principal place of business of the PEO;

(3) The address of each office, if any, it maintains in this state;

(4) The PEO's taxpayer or employer identification number;

(5) A list by jurisdiction of each name under which the PEO has operated in the preceding two years;

(6) A statement of ownership, which shall include the name and address of any person that, individually or in a business relationship with one or more other persons, owns or controls at least 25 percent of the equity interests of the PEO;

(7) A statement of management, which shall include the name of any person who serves as chief executive officer, president, or secretary or otherwise has been empowered with the authority to act as an officer of the PEO; and

(8) A financial statement, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles by an independent, certified public accountant licensed to practice in the jurisdiction in which such accountant is located. A PEO group may submit combined or consolidated financial statements to meet the requirements of this paragraph. A PEO that has not had sufficient operating history to be able to provide such records shall meet the financial requirements set forth in this Code section and present financial statements as requested by the department.

(c) In the event a PEO not registered in this state becomes knowledgeable that a client has covered employees in this state:

(1) The PEO shall notify the department within 30 days of such knowledge and file a limited registrant application under subsection (f) of this Code section; or

(2) If the number of covered employees exceeds 50, the department may allow for a temporary registration while registration applications are being prepared and evaluated. In its evaluation for such temporary registration, the department may consider whether the PEO is currently registered or licensed in another state and if temporary registration is in the best interests of the covered employees in this state.

(d) A registrant shall renew its registration annually by making a filing in a form determined by the department, which shall provide for the registrants to notify the department of any material changes in the information provided in its most recent registration filing. A registrant's existing registration shall remain in effect while such renewal application is under review.

(e) A PEO group applying for renewal may satisfy the registration and financial reporting requirements of this chapter by filing combined or consolidated filings, provided that each member of the PEO group attests to being responsible for meeting the requirements set forth in this chapter.

(f) A PEO shall be eligible to be a limited registrant if such PEO submits a request for limited registration on a form provided by the department and the department finds that such PEO is domiciled outside this state and is licensed or registered as a professional employer organization in another state. A limited registrant shall not maintain an office in this state or have more than 50 covered employees employed or domiciled in this state at any time. Limited registrants shall be registered for a maximum period of one year and may be considered for renewal as a limited registrant as set forth by the department.

(g) The department shall maintain a directory of professional employer organizations registered under this chapter and shall make such directory readily available on the department's public website and by any other means deemed appropriate by the department.

(h) The department shall, to the extent practicable, accept electronic filings, including, but not limited to, applications, documents, reports, and other filings required under this chapter. The department may provide for the acceptance of electronic filings and other assurance by an independent and qualified assurance organization approved by the department that provides satisfactory assurance of compliance and security. The department may authorize a PEO to agree that such an approved assurance organization may act on the PEO's behalf in complying with the registration requirements of this chapter.

(i) All records, reports, and other information obtained from or on behalf of a PEO, except to the minimum extent necessary for the proper administration by the department or to comply with the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records, shall be confidential and shall not be published or open to public inspection other than to public employees in the performance of their official duties.

34-11-3.

(a) The Commissioner is authorized to assess and collect in advance, and persons so assessed shall pay in advance to the Commissioner, fees for the initial and renewal registration of a PEO, initial and renewal registration of a PEO group, and limited and temporary registration of a PEO or a PEO group.

(b) The amount of the fees provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be limited as follows:

(1) The initial registration fee of a PEO shall not exceed $500.00, and the renewal registration fee of a PEO shall not exceed $250.00;

(2) The initial registration fee of a PEO group shall not exceed $500.00 per group member, and the renewal registration fee of a PEO group shall not exceed $250.00 per group member;

(3) The limited registration fee of a PEO shall not exceed $250.00, and the limited registration fee of a PEO group shall not exceed $250.00 per group member;

(4) The temporary registration fee of a PEO shall not exceed $250.00, and the temporary registration fee of a PEO group shall not exceed $250.00 per group member; and

(5) Such fees shall not exceed the amount reasonably necessary for the registration and regulation of professional employer organizations.

34-11-4.

Any applicant, either for an initial registration or a renewal, shall submit financial statements, in accordance with paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of Code Section 34-11-2, that prove that the applicant has positive working capital.

34-11-5.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use the term 'PEO,' 'professional employer organization,' 'staff leasing,' 'staff leasing company,' 'registered staff leasing company,' 'employee leasing,' 'employee leasing company,' 'administrative employer,' or any other title deemed by the department to be representative of professional employer services and to provide professional employer services without being registered as a PEO with the department.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly provide false or otherwise fraudulent information to the department in support of any application for registration or renewal or in any report required under this chapter.

(c) Any complaints regarding a professional employer organization shall be filed with the department, and any complaints filed with the Department of Labor shall be forwarded to the department; provided, however, that the department and the Department of Labor shall cooperate in the documentation, investigation, and resolution of any complaints received and in any disciplinary actions.

34-11-6.

(a) In a co-employment relationship:

(1) The client is entitled to enforce the rights and obligated to provide and perform the employer obligations allocated to such client by the professional employer agreement and this chapter;

(2) The client is entitled to enforce any right and obligated to perform any obligation of an employer not specifically allocated to the PEO in the professional employer agreement or this chapter;

(3) The rights, duties, and obligations of the PEO as co-employer with respect to any covered employee shall be limited to those arising pursuant to the professional employer agreement and this chapter during the term of the co-employment relationship with the PEO of such covered employee;

(4) Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the PEO and the client in a professional employer agreement, the client retains the exclusive right to direct and control covered employees as is necessary to conduct the client's business, to discharge any of the client's fiduciary responsibilities, or to comply with any licensure, regulatory, or statutory requirements applicable to the client or covered employees; and

(5) For purposes of any law of this state where employer coverage and employee eligibility is determined based on the number of covered employees employed by the employer, the client as an employer shall be required to count only the covered employees of the client, and not the employees of other clients of the PEO or of the PEO itself.

(b) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, the co-employment relationship between the client and the PEO, and between each co-employer and each covered employee, shall be governed by a professional employer agreement. Each professional employer agreement shall provide for the following:

(1) The allocation of rights, duties, and obligations of each co-employer for each covered employee;

(2) The allocation of rights, duties, and obligations to the PEO regarding payment of wages. The PEO shall pay wages to covered employees; shall withhold, collect, and remit payroll and unemployment taxes; and may make payments for employee benefits. Such payment of wages shall not be interpreted as to include any obligation between a client and a covered employee for payments beyond or in addition to the covered employee's salary, draw, or regular rate of pay, including, but not limited to, severance pay, deferred compensation, profit sharing, or vacation, sick, or other paid time off pay, unless the PEO has expressly agreed to assume liability for such payments in the professional employer agreement; and

(3) A right to hire, discipline, and terminate a covered employee shall be allocated to both the client and the PEO; provided, however, that the PEO's right shall be limited to such employment decisions as may be necessary to fulfill the PEO's responsibilities under this chapter and a valid professional employer agreement.

(c) A PEO shall provide written notice to each covered employee whose co-employment relationship is made effective by a professional employer agreement of the general nature of the co-employment relationship between and among the PEO, the client, and such covered employee.

(d) Except to the extent otherwise provided by the professional employer agreement:

(1) A client shall be solely responsible for:

(A) The quality, adequacy, or safety of the goods produced or sold or services performed in the client's business; and

(B) Directing, supervising, training, and controlling the work of covered employees with respect to the client's business activities, and the acts, errors, or omissions of such covered employees with regard to such activities;

(2) A client shall not be liable for the acts, errors, or omissions of a PEO or of a covered employee when such covered employee is acting under the express direction and control of the PEO;

(3) A PEO shall not be liable for the acts, errors, or omissions of a client or of a covered employee when such covered employee is acting under the express direction and control of the client;

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall serve to limit any contractual liability or obligation specifically provided in the professional employer agreement; and

(5) A covered employee is not an employee of the PEO for purposes of general liability insurance, fidelity bonds, surety bonds, employer's liability, or liquor liability insurance carried by the PEO solely as the result of being a covered employee of a PEO unless covered employees are included by specific reference in the professional employer agreement and applicable prearranged employment contract, insurance contract, or bond.

(e) A PEO registered with the department and in compliance with this chapter shall not be required to obtain:

(1) A license as an agent, subagent, or counselor, provided that such PEO is not selling, soliciting, or negotiating insurance outside of a professional employer agreement as excluded in paragraph (9) of subsection (b) of Code Section 33-23-1;

(2) A license as an administrator, provided that such PEO is not administering insurance outside of a professional employer agreement as excluded in paragraph (14) of subsection (b) of Code Section 33-23-100; or

(3) A certificate of authority to transact insurance, provided that such PEO is not selling, soliciting, negotiating, administering, inducing, or effectuating insurance outside of a professional employer agreement.

(f) For purposes of any tax collected by the state or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision thereof:

(1) A covered employee whose goods or services are subject to sales tax shall be deemed the employee of a client for purposes of collecting and levying sales tax on the goods produced or services performed by the covered employee. Nothing contained in this chapter shall relieve a client of any sales tax liability with respect to its goods or services;

(2) Any tax or assessment imposed upon professional employer services or any business license or other fee which is based upon gross receipts shall allow a deduction from the gross income or receipts of the business derived from performing professional employer services that is equal to that portion of the fee charged to a client that

represents the actual cost of wages and salaries, benefits, payroll taxes, withholding, or other assessments paid to or on behalf of a covered employee by the PEO under a professional employer agreement;

(3) Any tax assessed or assessment or mandated expenditure on a per capita or per employee basis shall be assessed against the client for covered employees and against the professional employer organization for its employees who are not covered employees of a client. Benefits or monetary consideration meeting the requirements of mandates imposed on a client that are received by covered employees through the PEO either through payroll or through benefit plans sponsored by the PEO shall be credited against the client's obligation to fulfill such mandates; and

(4) In the case of a tax or an assessment imposed or calculated upon the basis of total payroll, the professional employer organization shall be eligible to apply any small business allowance or exemption available to the client for the covered employees for the purpose of computing such tax or assessment.

34-11-7.

(a) A professional employer agreement shall have no effect on existing collective bargaining agreements. Nothing in this chapter shall alter the rights or obligations of any client, professional employer organization, or worksite employee under the federal National Labor Relations Act or any state law.

(b) Nothing in this chapter or in any professional employer agreement shall:

(1) Diminish, abolish, or remove rights of a covered employee to a client or obligations of such client to a covered employee existing prior to the effective date of a professional employer agreement;

(2) Affect, modify, or amend any contractual relationship or restrictive covenant between a covered employee and any client in effect at the time a professional employer agreement becomes effective;

(3) Prohibit or amend any contractual relationship or restrictive covenant that is entered into subsequently between a client and a covered employee, provided that a PEO shall bear no liability arising from any such contractual relationship or restrictive covenant unless the PEO and the client have each expressly agreed to such an exception, which shall become an addendum to the professional employment agreement; or

(4) Create any new or additional enforceable right of a covered employee against a PEO that is not expressly provided by the professional employer agreement or this chapter.

(c) Nothing contained in this chapter or any professional employer agreement shall affect, modify, or amend any state, local, or federal licensing, registration, or certification requirement applicable to any client or covered employee or affect, modify, or amend a client's or covered employee's duties and obligations with respect to workplace safety.

(d) A covered employee of a client who is required by law or rule or regulation promulgated thereunder to be licensed, registered, or certified shall be deemed to be solely an employee of the client for purposes of such license, registration, or certification requirement.

(e) A PEO shall not be deemed to engage in any occupation, trade, profession, or other activity that is subject to licensing, registration, or certification requirements, or is otherwise regulated by a governmental entity, solely by entering into and maintaining a co-employment relationship with a covered employee who is subject to such requirements or regulation.

(f) A client shall have the sole right of direction and control of the professional or licensed activities of covered employees and the client's business. Such covered employees and clients shall remain subject to regulation by the regulatory or governmental entity responsible for licensing, registration, or certification of such covered employees or clients.

(g) For purposes of determination of tax credits and other economic incentives provided by the state or any other governmental entity and based on employment, covered employees shall be deemed employees solely of the client. A client shall be entitled to the benefit of any tax credit, economic incentive, or other benefit arising as the result of the employment of covered employees of such client. Notwithstanding that the PEO shall be the W-2 reporting employer, the client shall continue to qualify for any such benefit, incentive, or credit. If the grant or amount of any such incentive is based on number of employees, then each client shall be treated as employing only those covered employees. Covered employees working for other clients of the PEO shall not be counted. Each PEO shall provide, upon request by a client or state agency, employment information reasonably required by the state agency responsible for the administration of any such tax credit or economic incentive and necessary to support any request, claim, application, or other action by a client seeking any such tax credit or economic incentive.

(h) With respect to a bid, contract, purchase order, or agreement entered into with the state or a political subdivision of the state, a client's status as a small business certified as a minority business enterprise, women owned business, or veteran owned business or as a historically underutilized business shall not be affected because such client has a professional employment agreement with a PEO or otherwise transacts business with a PEO.

34-11-8.

(a) A client and a PEO operating under a professional employer agreement shall each be deemed an employer for the purposes of sponsoring retirement and welfare benefit plans for its covered employees.

(b) A fully insured welfare benefit plan offered to the covered employees of a PEO shall be treated as a single employer welfare benefit plan. A plan shall be considered fully insured only if all benefits payable are guaranteed under a contract or policy of insurance issued by an insurer licensed or otherwise authorized to transact the business of insurance in this state pursuant to Title 33.

(c) For purposes of Chapter 60 of Title 33, the 'Small Business Employee Choice of Benefits Health Insurance Plan Act,' a PEO shall be considered the employer of all of its covered employees, and all covered employees of one or more clients who are

participating in any health benefit plan sponsored by such PEO shall be considered employees of that PEO.

34-11-9.

(a) Upon finding that a PEO, an owner or manager of a PEO, or a person offering professional employer services has committed a violation of a provision of Title 33; Code Section 34-11-2, 34-11-3, 34-11-4, or 34-11-5; or the rules and regulations or an order of the Commissioner, in addition to all other penalties provided for under Title 33, the Commissioner shall have the authority to:

(1) Deny an application for registration or refuse to renew a registration;

(2) Place any registration on probation for any time period and subject to conditions;

(3) Suspend, revoke, or restrict a registration;

(4) Impose an administrative penalty in an amount not to exceed $2,000.00 for each and every violation; and

(5) Issue an order to cease and desist as provided for in Code Section 33-2-24.

(b) Except as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, the Commissioner of Labor is authorized to take action against any person in violation of this title or any rule or regulation promulgated under this title.

(c) The hearing and any administrative review thereof regarding an action taken pursuant to this Code section shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

34-11-10.

Nothing contained in this chapter shall affect the rights and obligations established under Chapter 8 of Title 34, the 'Employment Security Law,' or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to such chapter.

34-11-11.

This chapter shall not be applicable to:

(1) Arrangements wherein a person, whose principal business activity is not entering into professional employer agreements and which does not hold itself out as a PEO, shares employees with a commonly owned corporation, trade, or business within the meaning of Section 414(b) and (c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

(2) Temporary help contracting firms as defined in Code Section 34-8-46.

34-11-12.

The Commissioner and the Commissioner of Labor shall adopt such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter. ~~Reserved.~~"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 34-7-6, relating to professional employer organizations and rights, powers, and responsibility, as follows:

"34-7-6.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'professional employer organization' means an employee leasing company as defined in Code Section 34-8-32 that has established a coemployment relationship with another employer, pays the wages of the employees of the coemployer, reserves a right of direction and control over the employees of the coemployer, and assumes responsibility for the withholding and payment of payroll taxes of the coemployer.~~

~~(b) A professional employer organization may collect information to evaluate costs; may obtain life, accident and sickness, disability income, workers' compensation, and other types of insurance coverage; may establish retirement plans; may have other types of employee benefits; and may discuss such benefits with prospective coemployers and their employees.~~

~~(c) A coemployer of a professional employer organization shall retain sufficient direction and control over the employees involved in a coemployment relationship as is necessary to conduct its business operations and fulfill its obligations to such employees. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, such coemployer shall be considered to be the sole employer of such employees for licensing purposes, provided that nothing contained in this Code section shall be deemed to prohibit a professional employer organization and its coemployer from agreeing that the professional employer organization shall be considered to be an employer for licensing purposes. The professional employer organization shall give written notice of such an agreement to the appropriate licensing agency and to the employees involved.~~

~~(d) It is the intent of this Code section that professional employer organizations shall be considered to be employers under this title and are required to comply with the provisions of Code Sections 34-8-32, 34-8-34, and 34-8-172. Professional employer organizations and their coemployer clients are entitled to exclusive remedy under Code Section 34-9-11.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 34-8-32, relating to employee leasing company, as follows:

"34-8-32.

~~(a) As used in this chapter, the term 'employee leasing company' means an independently established business entity which engages in the business of providing leased employees to any other employing unit under the following conditions:~~

~~(1) Negotiates with clients or customers for such matters as time, place, type of work, working conditions, quality, and price of service;~~

~~(2) Determines assignments of individuals to its clients or customers, even if the individuals retain the right to refuse specific assignments;~~

~~(3) Sets the rate of pay of the individuals, whether or not through negotiation;~~

~~(4) Pays the individuals from its accounts; and~~

~~(5) Hires and terminates individuals who perform services for the clients or customers.~~
~~(b) Individuals performing services for an employee leasing company shall be considered employees of the employee leasing company. The employee leasing company shall file required reports in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commissioner and pay contributions on wages paid to such employees.~~
~~(c) Individuals who perform services for temporary help contracting firms as that term is defined in Code Section 34-8-46 shall not be considered employees of an employee leasing company.~~ Reserved."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 34-8-34, relating to employing unit, as follows:

"34-8-34.

As used in this chapter, the term 'employing unit' means any individual, the legal representative of a deceased individual, or any type of organization, including any partnership, association, trust, estate, joint-stock company, insurance company, or corporation, whether domestic or foreign, ~~employee leasing company~~ professional employer organization as defined in Code Section 34-11-1, common paymaster, or the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, trustee, or successor thereof which has or had in its employ one or more individuals performing services for it within this state. Each individual performing services within this state for any employing unit which maintains two or more separate establishments within this state shall be deemed to be employed by a single employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter. Each individual employed to perform or to assist in performing the work of any agent or employee of an employing unit shall be deemed to be employed by such employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter, whether such individual was hired or paid directly by such employing unit or by such agent or employee, provided the employing unit had actual or constructive knowledge of such work."

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 34-8-172, relating to surety bond required of employee leasing company, as follows:

"34-8-172.

The Commissioner shall require any ~~employee leasing company, as defined in Code Section 34-8-32,~~ professional employer organization or PEO group, as such terms are defined in Code Section 34-11-1, to post a surety bond or such equivalent financial securities as approved by the Commissioner in such an amount as needed to cover the total of any potential tax liability which may reasonably be expected to be incurred by such employer. In the event ~~an employee leasing company~~ a professional employer organization or PEO group is unable to procure such bond or security, ~~the employee leasing company~~ the professional employer organization or PEO group may report such employees as being in the employment of its client employers~~, notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 34-8-32 to the contrary~~."

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 34-8-195, relating to determination of eligibility for unemployment benefits generally, eligibility while in training, and deductions and withholdings from compensation, as follows:

"(c) An individual shall not be deemed to be unemployed in any week such individual refuses an intermittent or temporary assignment without good cause when the assignment offered is comparable to previous work or assignments performed by the individual or meets the conditions of employment previously agreed to between the individual and the employer. Such individual may be considered unemployed with respect to any week an assignment or work is not offered by the employer; provided, however, that an employee of a temporary help contracting firm~~, an employee leasing company,~~ or a professional employer organization as defined in Code Section ~~34-7-6~~ 34-11-1 will be presumed to have voluntarily left employment without good cause if the employee does not contact the temporary help contracting firm~~, employee leasing company,~~ or professional employer organization for reassignment upon completion of an assignment; provided, further, that such failure to contact the temporary help contracting firm~~, employee leasing company,~~ or professional employer organization will not be considered a voluntary departure from employment unless the employee has been advised in writing of the obligation to contact such employer upon completion of assignments and has been advised in writing that unemployment benefits may be denied for failure to do so."

SECTION 3-6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 34-9-11, relating to exclusivity of rights and remedies granted to employee under chapter and immunity granted to construction design professionals, as follows:

"(c) The immunity provided by this subsection shall apply and extend to the businesses using the services of a temporary help contracting firm, as such term is defined in Code Section 34-8-46, or ~~an employee leasing company~~ a professional employer organization, as such term is defined in Code Section ~~34-8-32~~ 34-11-1, when the benefits required by this chapter are provided by either the temporary help contracting firm or the ~~employee leasing company~~ professional employer organization or the business using the services of either such firm or ~~company~~ organization. A temporary help contracting firm or ~~an employee leasing company~~ a professional employer organization shall be deemed to be a statutory employer for the purposes of this chapter."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	N Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 224. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 138th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize the construction or maintenance of roads upon military bases or installations by the Department of Transportation when done so through agreement with and when paid for by the United States Department of Defense or other federal entity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

House of Representatives

GOVERNOR'S FLOOR LEADER

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To Clerk of the House Bill Reilly,

Please consider this statement my formal vote of YES for House Bill 224 on the House Floor as of March 6th, 2025.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Wade
Representative Will Wade
District 9

HB 161. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to provide for authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property; to provide for punishment for failure to obey certain subpoenas; to amend Title 16 and Code Sections 20-3-10, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, and definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to repeal the definition of 'domestic terrorism'; to establish the crime of domestic terrorism; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to provide for authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property; to provide for punishment for failure to obey certain subpoenas; to prohibit disclosure of the issuance of certain subpoenas during the pendency of an investigation; to amend Title 16 and Code Sections 20-3-10, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, and definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to repeal the definition of 'domestic terrorism'; to establish the crime of domestic terrorism; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by revising Code Section 35-3-4.1, relating to subpoena for production of electronic communication service records for computer or electronic device used in furtherance of certain offenses against minors, as follows:

"35-3-4.1.

(a)(1) ~~In any investigation of a violation of Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, or 16-12-100.2 involving the use of a computer or an electronic device in furtherance of an act related to a minor, or any investigation of a violation of Article 8 of Chapter 9 of Title 16, the~~ The director, assistant director of the bureau, or deputy director for investigations of the bureau shall be authorized to issue a subpoena, with the consent of the Attorney General, to compel the production of electronic communication service or remote ~~communication~~ computing service records or other information pertaining to a subscriber or customer of such service, exclusive of contents of communications, in any investigation of a violation of:

(A) Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, or 16-12-100.2 involving the use of a computer or an electronic device in furtherance of an act related to a minor;

(B) Article 8 of Chapter 9 of Title 16; or

(C) Code Section 16-9-93, 16-10-28, 16-11-37, 16-11-39.1, or 16-11-221.

(2) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall disclose to the bureau the following as relative to the subscriber or customer of such service:

(A) Name;

(B) Address;

(C) Local and long distance telephone connection records, or records of session times and durations;

(D) Length of service, including the start date, and types of service utilized;

(E) Telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address; and

(F) Means and source of payment for such service, including any credit card or bank account number ~~of a subscriber to or customer of such service~~.

(3) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall not provide notification of the subpoena issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to the subscriber or customer of such service.

(b) Upon failure of a person without lawful excuse to obey a subpoena, the director, assistant director of the bureau, or the deputy director for investigations of the bureau, through the Attorney General or district attorney, may apply to a superior court having jurisdiction for an order compelling compliance. Such person may object to the subpoena on grounds that it fails to comply with this Code section or upon any constitutional or other legal right or privilege of such person. The court may issue an order modifying or setting aside such subpoena or directing compliance with the original subpoena. Failure to obey a subpoena issued under this Code section may be punished by the court as contempt of court.

(c) The Attorney General may request that a natural person who refuses to produce relevant matter included in a subpoena issued pursuant to this Code section on the ground that the production of such records may incriminate such person be ordered by the court to provide such records. With the exception of a prosecution for perjury, a natural person who complies with the court order to provide such records asserting a privilege against self-incrimination to which he or she is entitled by law shall not be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he or she may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise.

(d)(1) The issuance of a subpoena pursuant to this Code section shall not be made public during any pending investigation or prosecution of criminal or unlawful activity beyond the extent necessary for the issuance and compliance of the subpoena and compliance with Chapter 16 of Title 17.

(2) Information obtained pursuant to a subpoena enforced by this Code section shall not be made public or, except as authorized in paragraph ~~(2)~~(3) of this subsection, disclosed by the director of the bureau, assistant director, deputy director for investigations of the bureau, or the director's employees beyond the extent necessary for the enforcement of this Code section.

~~(2)~~(3) The director, assistant director of the bureau, deputy director for investigations of the bureau, or the director's employees shall be authorized to provide to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency any information acquired under this Code section in furtherance of a criminal investigation ~~in violation of Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, or 16-12-100.2~~.

(e) As used in this Code section, the terms 'electronic communication service' and 'remote computing service' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-9-92."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Code Section 16-11-220, relating to definitions relative to domestic terrorism, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) ~~'Domestic terrorism' means any felony violation of, or attempt to commit a felony violation of the laws of this state which, as part of a single unlawful act or a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics, is intended to cause serious bodily harm, kill any individual or group of individuals, or disable or destroy critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system when such disability or destruction results in major economic loss, and is intended to:~~

~~(A) Intimidate the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;~~
~~(B) Alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or~~
~~(C) Affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping~~ Reserved."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-221, relating to penalties for domestic terrorism, as follows:

"16-11-221.

(a) A person commits the crime of domestic terrorism when he or she:

(1) Commits or attempts to commit a felony violation of the laws of this state as a single unlawful act or part of a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics;

(2) Intends to:

(A) Cause serious bodily harm;

(B) Kill any individual or group of individuals; or

(C) Disable or destroy critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system when such disability or destruction results in major economic loss; and

(3) Intentionally attempts:

(A) Intimidate the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;

(B) Alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or

(C) Affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping.

(b) Any person who commits domestic terrorism shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as follows:

(1) If death results to any individual, by death, by imprisonment for life without parole, or by imprisonment for life;

(2) If kidnapping occurs, by imprisonment for not less than 15 nor more than 35 years, or by imprisonment for life;

(3) If serious bodily harm occurs, by imprisonment for not less than 15 nor more than 35 years; or

(4) If critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system is disabled or destroyed, by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 35 years.

~~(b)~~(c) No sentence imposed under this Code section shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may suspend, stay, probate, defer, or withhold part of such sentence when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have agreed to such sentence."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-14-3, relating to definitions relative to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations, by revising subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) as follows:

"(B) Engaging in any one or more acts of domestic terrorism as described in ~~paragraph (2) of~~ Code Section ~~16-11-220~~ 16-11-221 or any criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy related thereto."

SECTION 2-4.

Code Section 20-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) 'Status information' means any information, not including any information required by law to be kept confidential but otherwise including, but not limited to, any statement, document, computer generated data, recording, or photograph, which is relevant to the identity or location of an individual who is reasonably believed to be violating state or federal laws, illegally residing within the United States, or who is reasonably believed to be involved in domestic terrorism ~~as that term is defined in Code Section 16-11-220~~ in violation of Code Section 16-11-221 or a terroristic act as that term is defined by Code Section 35-3-62."

SECTION 2-5.

Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Immigration status information' means any information, not including any information required by law to be kept confidential but otherwise including, but not

limited to, any statement, document, computer generated data, recording, or photograph, which is relevant to immigration status or the identity or location of an individual who is reasonably believed to be illegally residing within the United States or who is reasonably believed to be involved in domestic terrorism ~~as that term is defined in Code Section 16-11-220~~ in violation of Code Section 16-11-221 or a terroristic act as that term is defined by Code Section 35-3-62."

SECTION 2-6.

Code Section 38-3-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

"(4) 'Domestic terrorism' ~~shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.~~means an offense of Code Section 16-11-221."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 158, nays 8.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 56. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hitchens of the 161st, Sainz of the 180th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, so as to provide for tuition grants to spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to revise legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for tuition grants to children and spouses of certain public employees killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to provide for charitable contributions to the Georgia Student Finance Authority for such grants; to expand eligibility for the Public Safety Memorial Grant to provide for tuition grants to children and spouses of emergency medical technicians, firefighters, highway emergency response operators, law enforcement officers, and prison guards who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to provide for tuition grants to children and spouses of public school employees and public school teachers who are killed or permanently disabled by an act of violence in the line of duty; to provide definitions; to provide for maximum grant amounts; to provide for eligibility; to provide

for an application process; to provide for grant renewals; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-316.2, relating to voluntary donations through state income tax returns and drivers' license fees benefitting children of certain public servants seeking postsecondary education, as follows:

"20-3-316.2.

(a)(1) Each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2017~~ 2026, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state revenue commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to make a charitable contribution to the Georgia Student Finance Authority to provide financial assistance toward the postsecondary educational costs of the children and spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and prison guards employed by the state or other public employer~~,~~ and Highway Emergency Response Operators of the Department of Transportation who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty and the children and spouses of public school employees and public school teachers who were killed or permanently disabled by an act of violence in the line of duty by either donating all or any part of any tax refund due and authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable or contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the income tax return shall include a description of the intended use of the moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax return who desires to make a charitable contribution to the Georgia Student Finance Authority may designate such contribution as provided on the appropriate income tax return form.

(2) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed and shall transmit such amount to the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(b) Beginning January 1, ~~2017~~ 2026, the Department of Driver Services shall, through appropriate language on its forms for the issuance and renewal of drivers' licenses and identification cards, offer individuals the opportunity to make a voluntary charitable contribution of $1.00, $5.00, or $10.00 to the Georgia Student Finance Authority to provide financial assistance toward the postsecondary educational costs of the children and spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and prison guards employed by the state or other public employer~~,~~ and Highway Emergency Response Operators of the Department of Transportation who were

permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty and the children and spouses of public school employees and public school teachers who were killed or permanently disabled by an act of violence in the line of duty. The form shall contain a description of the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. Each individual who desires to make a charitable contribution may designate such contribution on the appropriate form, and the Department of Driver Services shall accept such contribution. The Department of Driver Services shall determine annually the total amount so contributed, shall withhold therefrom a reasonable amount for administering this voluntary charitable contribution program, and shall transmit the balance to the Georgia Student Finance Authority for funding, in whole or in part, the postsecondary educational costs of such students. If, in any tax year, the administrative costs of the Department of Driver Services for collecting charitable contributions pursuant to this subsection exceed the sum of such contributions, the administrative costs which the Department of Driver Services is authorized to withhold from such contributions shall not exceed the sum of such contributions."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended in Subpart 7, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, by revising Code Section 20-3-450, relating to legislative findings and purpose of subpart, as follows:

"20-3-450.

The General Assembly finds that certain citizens are called upon to enforce the criminal laws of this state and to protect persons and properties within the state and that they provide a valuable and vital public service to the state and to citizens and properties within the state at a great personal sacrifice and risk to their own lives and well-being. The purpose of the General Assembly, as provided for in this subpart, is to enable the authority to provide educational grant assistance to the children and spouses of such persons who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty."

SECTION 2-2.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-451, relating to definitions, as follows:

"20-3-451.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' means a period of time, typically nine months, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least ~~two semesters' or three quarters' academic work~~ nine or more credit hours per term or semester or in which a part-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of eight or fewer credit hours per term or semester.

(2) 'Approved school' ~~means the same schools as enumerated in Code Section 20-3-391 relative to the state student incentive grant program~~ shall have the same meaning as the term 'eligible postsecondary institution' as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(3) 'Eligible student' means a person who qualifies for an educational grant under this subpart.

(4) 'Emergency medical technician' means a person employed by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state who has been certified as an emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, or paramedic pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 31.

(5) 'Firefighter' means a person employed, appointed, or regularly enrolled by the state or by any county or municipal fire department whose duties include extinguishing fires or investigating cases of suspected arson.

(6) 'Highway emergency response operator' means an individual employed by the Department of Transportation who operates a towing or recovery vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle.

(7) 'In the line of duty' means:

(A) With respect to an emergency medical technician, when performing services for and receiving compensation from the public agency which employs such emergency medical technician or when performing emergency medical services;

(B) With respect to a firefighter, when responding to or returning from a fire or other emergency, performing duties during any fire or other emergency, or performing duties intended to protect life and property, including, without limitation, actual participation in a training exercise;

(C) With respect to a highway emergency response operator, when performing services for and receiving compensation from the Department of Transportation;

(D) With respect to a law enforcement officer, when performing services for the law enforcement agency which employs such officer, responding to any situation which would save a life or preserve the peace, or preventing or attempting to prevent the commission of a crime; or

(E) With respect to a prison guard, when performing services for and receiving compensation from the public agency which employs such prison guard.

~~(4)~~(8) 'Law enforcement officer' means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, ~~policeman,~~ peace officer, officer or member of the Department of Public Safety, or other officer or official who has the power of arrest and who is responsible for enforcing the criminal laws of the state or its political subdivisions.

~~(5)~~(9) 'Permanent disability' or 'permanently disabled' means physical incapacity to perform the duties of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, ~~or~~ prison guard, emergency medical technician, or highway emergency response operator as determined by the public employer designated in paragraph (3) of Code Section 20-3-453, provided that such incapacity is likely to be permanent based upon current medical standards.

~~(6)~~(10) 'Prison guard' means a person employed by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state whose principal duties relate to supervision and incarceration of persons accused or convicted of violation of the

criminal laws of the state or any county, municipality, or other political subdivision thereof."

SECTION 2-3.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-452, relating to amount of grants to each eligible student, as follows:

"20-3-452.

There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school the sum of ~~$2,000.00~~ no more than $18,000.00 per academic year. No person shall be eligible to receive grant assistance provided under this subpart in excess of ~~$8,000.00~~ $72,000.00. Grant assistance to eligible students under this subpart shall be payable during the period of a summer school quarter or semester. The payment of grants to eligible students under this subpart shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this subpart in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly."

SECTION 2-4.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-453, relating to eligibility of students, as follows:

"20-3-453.

No grants shall be payable to any person under this subpart who fails to meet any of the following qualifications or restrictions:

(1) Such person ~~must~~ shall be the child, either natural or adopted, or the spouse of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, ~~or~~ prison guard, emergency medical technician, or highway emergency response operator who has been permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty or while performing the duties to which he or she was assigned ~~in the normal course of employment~~. If such person is the adopted child of any such law enforcement officer, firefighter, ~~or~~ prison guard, emergency medical technician, or highway emergency response operator, such person ~~must~~ shall have been adopted and any final order of adoption issued prior to the date of the accident or event causing the death or permanent disability of such parent;

(2) Such person ~~must~~ shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of registration in an approved school and ~~must~~ shall remain a citizen of ~~the~~ this state while receiving funds under this subpart;

(3) The ~~deceased or disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter, or prison guard~~ parent or spouse of such person ~~must~~ shall have been ~~an employee, either full-time or part-time, or an officer or official, whether elected or appointed, of~~ employed, appointed, or regularly enrolled by this state or any county, municipality, department, board, bureau, branch, agency, commission, authority, or political subdivision of the state on the date of the accident or event from which death or permanent disability resulted; and

(4) Any person otherwise meeting the conditions of this subpart shall be eligible to receive a grant even though the accident or the event causing the death or disability of such person's parent or spouse occurred prior to July 1, ~~1980~~ 2025."

SECTION 2-5.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-455, relating to administration of program and physical examinations, as follows:

"20-3-455.

The authority is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or convenient for administration of this program and to establish procedures for determination of eligibility of applicants. The authority is also authorized to establish standards and procedures for verifying the death or permanent disability of the applicant's parent or spouse and for such purpose is authorized to require a physical examination and to pay for the cost of such examination from funds appropriated for use by the authority for the purposes of this subpart."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, is amended by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 7C

20-3-466.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' means a period of time, typically nine months, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least nine or more credit hours per term or semester or in which a part-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of eight or fewer credit hours per term or semester.

(2) 'Act of violence' means a willful act of violence.

(3) 'Approved school' shall have the same meaning as the term 'eligible postsecondary institution' as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(4) 'Authority' means the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(5) 'Eligible student' means a person who qualifies for an educational grant under this Code section.

(6) 'In the line of duty' means while on duty and performing services for and receiving compensation from the local education agency which employs such public school teacher or public school employee.

(7) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167.1.

(8) 'Permanent disability' means disability due to:

(A) Loss of both eyes or blindness in both eyes with only light perception;

(B) Loss or loss of use of both hands;

(C) Loss or loss of use of both legs;

(D) Loss of a lower extremity or residuals of organic disease or injury which so affect the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without resort to a wheelchair; or

(E) Organic brain damage resulting from direct physical trauma incurred after July 1, 2001, which so affects the mental capacity as to preclude the ability to function productively in any employment.

(9) 'Public school employee' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-910.

(10) 'Public school teacher' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-880.

(b) There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school the sum of no more than $18,000.00 per academic year. No person shall be eligible to receive grant assistance provided under this Code section in excess of $72,000.00. Grant assistance to eligible students under this Code section shall be payable during the period of a summer school quarter or semester. The payment of grants to eligible students under this Code section shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this Code section in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly.

(c) No grants shall be payable to any person under this Code section who fails to meet any of the following qualifications or restrictions:

(1) Such person shall be the child, either natural or adopted, or the spouse of a public school teacher or public school employee who has been killed by an act of violence in the line of duty or who has a permanent disability due to an act of violence in the line of duty. If such person is the adopted child of any such public school teacher or public school employee, such person shall have been adopted and any final order of adoption issued prior to the act of violence causing the death or permanent disability of such parent;

(2) Such person shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of registration in an approved school and shall remain a citizen of this state while receiving funds under this Code section;

(3) The parent or spouse of such person shall have been a public school employee or public school teacher on the date of the act of violence from which death or permanent disability resulted; and

(4) Any person otherwise meeting the conditions of this Code section shall be eligible to receive a grant even though the act of violence causing the death or permanent disability of such person's parent or spouse occurred prior to July 1, 2025.

(d) Any person meeting the conditions of this Code section may apply to the authority for a grant. Such application shall be submitted in writing on forms prescribed by the authority for such purpose. The applicant shall furnish such information as may be required by the authority for determination of eligibility for the grant. The authority shall approve grant renewals only upon receipt of the recipient's application therefor and upon a finding that the recipient has successfully completed the work of the preceding school period and presents evidence that he or she is a student in good standing, that he or she

remains a citizen of this state, and that he or she remains otherwise qualified to receive such grant under this Code section.

(e) The authority is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or convenient for administration of this Code section and to establish procedures for determination of eligibility of applicants. The authority is also authorized to establish standards and procedures for verifying the death or permanent disability of the applicant's parent or spouse and for such purpose is authorized to require a physical examination and to pay for the cost of such examination from funds appropriated for use by the authority for the purposes of this Code section."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson

Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 248. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Kelley of the 16th, Powell of the 33rd, Williams of the 148th and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain expenses incurred by taxpayers for certain geothermal machinery installations at residential dwellings; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for certain expenses incurred by taxpayers for certain geothermal machinery installations at residential dwellings; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.27.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Eligible geothermal installation expenses' means expenses incurred by a taxpayer for a geothermal machinery installation for a residential dwelling that is owned by the taxpayer.

(2) 'Geothermal machinery and equipment' means all controls, tanks, pumps, heat exchangers, and other equipment used directly and exclusively for a geothermal machinery installation. Such term excludes any land or structural elements of any building or any equipment ordinarily contained within a dwelling regardless of a geothermal machinery installation.

(3) 'Geothermal machinery installation' means the installation of any:

(A) Heat pump that uses the ground or ground water as a thermal energy source to heat a structure or as a thermal energy sink to cool a structure, together with necessary geothermal and machinery equipment, which is placed in service on or after January 1, 2026, and meets or exceeds applicable federal Energy Star requirements on the date that it is placed in service; or

(B) System that uses the internal heat of the earth as a substitute for traditional energy sources for water heating or active space heating or cooling, together with necessary geothermal machinery and equipment, which is placed in service on or after January 1, 2026, and meets or exceeds applicable federal Energy Star requirements on the date that it is placed in service.

(b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a taxpayer shall be allowed an income tax credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 that is equal to 25 percent of the eligible geothermal installation expenses incurred by the taxpayer for a dwelling; provided, however, that such tax credit shall only be applied over a period of five taxable years and shall not exceed $5,000.00 for any taxable year and no amount shall be allowed or carried forward after such years. A taxpayer shall only be eligible for the tax credit allowed under this Code section once per dwelling.

(c)(1) In no event shall the aggregate limit of tax credits allowed under this Code section for any year exceed $2.5 million. In no event shall the total amount of any tax credit allowed under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, no amount of the tax credit shall be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability.

(d) A taxpayer seeking to claim a tax credit pursuant to this Code section shall submit an application to the department for preapproval of such tax credit in the manner specified by the department. The department shall preapprove such application within 30 days based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(e) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved by operation of law on December 31, 2031."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HR 7. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., was born in Whigham, Georgia, on July 28, 1952, the beloved son of George C. Trulock, Sr., and Dee Trulock; and

WHEREAS, he was devoted to his hometown and was elected to the Whigham City Council at the age of 22 and served many terms on the council before being elected mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trulock was a sergeant with the Cairo Police Department and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trulock was an expert gunsmith and developed a system that allowed fixed choke guns to be converted to accept screw-in chokes which came to be known as Tru-Choke; and

WHEREAS, he grew his business producing the Tru-Choke from a shop in his home to a company with numerous employees producing Trulock Choke Tubes with sales across the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trulock exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, the arc of a community's history is on rare occasions benefited by the public service of truly great men; and

WHEREAS, when these exceptional public servants intersect the arc of a community's life, it is appropriate and just that we recognize and memorialize the profound impact of these rare and treasured souls; and

WHEREAS, for the State of Georgia, and especially Madison County, Mr. R. George Strickland, Jr., is one such rare and treasured soul, who led a life of successful business achievement and devoted public service to his local community and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was born on September 26, 1945, to Robert G. Strickland, Sr., and Mae Ruth Echols Strickland; and

WHEREAS, other than the time he spent pursuing his education and serving his country in the military, Mr. George lived his entire life in Danielsville, Georgia, and learned from his parents very early in life the value of hard work and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George attended Madison County High School, where he distinguished himself as a member of FFA, a member of 4-H, and captain of the football team, and where he was named a Student Superlative for being Most Athletic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George graduated from Madison County High School in 1963 and then continued his studies, first at West Georgia College and then at the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George graduated from the University of Georgia in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, while at UGA, Mr. George joined the U.S. Army Reserves, in which he served for six years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from UGA, Mr. George worked for the Federal Land Bank Association; and

WHEREAS, after three years with the Federal Land Bank, Mr. George struck out to chart his own path in what would be a lifetime of distinguished achievement in business and community service; and

WHEREAS, fortunately for the State of Georgia and Madison County, Mr. George decided to make his mark as a resident of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George's accomplishments in the business world are too numerous to mention, but among his more notable achievements, he founded Madison County

Hardware and co-founded Georgia Metals with his son, Robert George "Tripp" Strickland, III; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George and Tripp also operated Royston Rentals and the Ace Hardware Stores in Colbert and Crawford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George served his community as a member of the Danielsville City Council for eight years (where he served as Mayor Pro Tem for four years), the Madison County Tax Equalization Board, and the Madison County Board of Education, where he served for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was also an integral part of the civic community in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George served on the board of directors of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, was the charter president of the Madison County Jaycees, and was the charter president of the Madison County Cattlemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, due in part to his great concern for the youth of his community, he served as an Assistant Scout Master and coached recreational league sports for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George also received numerous honors and awards for his selfless devotion to his community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of a lifetime of successful entrepreneurship and dedicated service to his community, he was named Northeast Georgia Businessman of the Year in 2000, and the Madison County Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. George with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was a member of Leadership Georgia's Class of 1977 and Master of the John H. Jones Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George loved the Lord and, as a testament of his profound faith, was a dedicated member of Moon's Grove Baptist Church, where he served as an ordained deacon, and was a member of Gideon's International; and

WHEREAS, while he was making his mark in business as young man, Mr. George met the love of his life, Autumn Farmer Strickland, and they were married on June 27, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George and Autumn were blessed with two children, Robert George "Tripp" Strickland, III, and Amanda Strickland; a daughter-in-law, Carlton (married to Tripp); and three grandchildren - Emily Strickland, Robert G. Strickland, IV, and Henry Strickland; and

WHEREAS, despite a distinguished career and a great love of the Lord, his farm, and his community, Mr. George's greatest joy was his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George's earthly life journey ended on April 13, 2024, surrounded by his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was a true gentleman to all he met and will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, such a distinguished business career and steadfast devotion to public service has been of immense benefit to the State of Georgia and Madison County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating in his honor a bridge in his beloved Madison County.

PART III

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., has long been recognized for his expertise as a mortician and funeral director and the compassionate role he has played during the most difficult time of a family's life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levett and his wife, Betty, founded the world renowned Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory in 1980, growing the business to serve over 2,300 families a year, employing 175 full and part-time employees, with four locations and an off-site crematory; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levett began mastering the art of funeral service at a young age after being introduced to the industry by his father, the late George W. Levett, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the Levett legacy of providing traditional, thoughtful, and dignified funeral services spans over four generations, with Dr. Levett passing on his knowledge and love of caring for others to his children, Gregory Bernard, Jr., T. Lanier, and Deana, who are all active in the daily operations of the business; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, DeKalb Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America, City of Decatur Public School Board Council, NAACP, Salem Gate Merchants Association, DeKalb Parks and Recreation Committee Board of Directors, Scottdale Planning Council, South DeKalb Business League, as well as the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levett has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama for his volunteer services, Funeral Director of the Year from *American Funeral Director Magazine* in 2015, and the Robert H. Miller Funeral Director of the Year in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Levett family has donated over $2 million to institutions of higher learning, churches, hospitals, charities, and community organizations, with Emory Hillandale Hospital dedicating a reception area of the emergency department to honor Dr. Levett and his wife; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnny Floyd has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd completed Forest Ranger School at the University of Florida, had a long career in forestry at the St. Regis Paper Company, and started a family timber business in Cordele, Georgia, in 1969 called Floyd Timber Company; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives for 19 years, representing the citizens of Crisp, Dooly, and Pulaski counties and parts of Houston County; served as vice chairman of the House Transportation Committee; and served as a member of the House Appropriations, Banks and Banking, and Motor Vehicles committees; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his service with the General Assembly, Mr. Floyd dedicated 15 years to the State Transportation Board representing the constituents of Congressional District 2 which is the largest congressional district by land area and includes 29 counties; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the State Transportation Board, Mr. Floyd has focused on economic development for rural Georgians, mobility for commuters in urban areas, and the development of freight routes for Georgia's ports and logistics industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd has previously held the roles of chairman, vice chairman, and secretary of the State Transportation Board; is currently a member of several board committees that help guide the direction of Georgia's transportation network, including the Statewide Transportation Planning/Strategic Planning, Administrative, and Legislative committees; and serves as chairman of the Intermodal committee; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART V

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 38/Highway 84 from the East Whigham City Limit to the West Whigham City Limit in Grady County is dedicated as the George C. Trulock, Jr. Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Highway 29/ State Route 8 over South Fork Broad River in Madison County is dedicated as the R. George Strickland, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 155 from I-285 to Snapfinger Road in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr. Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 and US 280 in Crisp County is dedicated as the Honorable Johnny Floyd Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., and Mr. Johnny Floyd; and to the families of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., and Mr. R. George Strickland, Jr.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
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Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

HB 638. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Olaleye of the 59th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so as to prohibit the stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so as to prohibit the stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta; to provide for penalties; to authorize the use of automated transit vehicle lane monitoring devices for the issuance of a civil monetary penalty to owners of motor vehicles illegally stopped or parked in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for the issuance of citations for such civil monetary penalty; to provide for agreements between agents operating automated transit vehicle lane monitoring devices; to provide for the disbursement of funds collected; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for cooperation; to provide for device and records inspections; to provide for definitions; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-9-25.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Agent' means a person or entity that is authorized by the governing body of the city or a law enforcement agency thereof to administer the provisions of this Code section and:

(A) Provides services relative to automated transit vehicle lane monitoring devices to such governing body of the city or law enforcement agency thereof;

(B) Operates, maintains, leases, or licenses an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device; or

(C) Is authorized by the governing body of the city or law enforcement agency thereof to review and assemble the recorded images for inspection by a certified peace officer.

(2) 'Automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device' means a device that is capable of producing recorded images of a motor vehicle stopped or parked in a transit vehicle lane.

(3) 'Motor vehicle' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 40-1-1.

(4) 'Official traffic-control devices' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 40-1-1.

(5) 'Owner' means the registrant of a motor vehicle as evidenced in the records of the Department of Revenue, except that such term shall not include a motor vehicle rental company when a motor vehicle registered by such company is being operated by another person under a rental agreement with such company, in which case such term shall mean the person authorized to operate the vehicle pursuant to the rental agreement.

(6) 'Recorded images' means still or video images captured and stored by an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device which include a clear depiction of a motor vehicle license plate number and the date, time, and location the image was produced.

(7) 'Transit lane safety course' means an online educational video which is no longer than ten minutes in length and approved by the department.

(8) 'Transit vehicle' means any motor vehicle that is operated within the city by or under contract with the authority which provides transportation services that are open to the general public or a segment of the general public.

(9) 'Transit vehicle lane' means a lane or series of lanes of public road within the city designated for the exclusive use of transit vehicles and indicated as such by official traffic-control devices.

(b) No person shall stop or park a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a transit vehicle lane unless such stopping or parking is authorized by an official traffic-control device, occurs during an emergency situation, or is otherwise authorized by law.

(c) A violation of this Code section shall be punished as follows:

(1) Upon enforcement through the issuance of a uniform traffic citation by a law enforcement officer at the time of the offense, as a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof with a fine:

(A) Not to exceed $50.00 for the first violation; provided, however, that such fine shall be waived for any offender who completes a transit lane safety course;

(B) Not to exceed $100.00 for the second offense; and

(C) Not to exceed $150.00 for the third offense and such offender shall be required to complete a defensive driving course approved by the commissioner of driver services pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83.

(2)(A) Unless the operator of the motor vehicle was arrested or issued a uniform traffic citation by a law enforcement officer for the same violation, upon enforcement through the use of an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device with recorded images, a civil monetary penalty as follows:

(i) $50.00 for the first violation; provided, however, that such fine shall be waived for any offender who completes a transit lane safety course;

(ii) $100.00 for the second offense; and

(iii) $150.00 for the third offense and such offender shall be required to complete a defensive driving course approved by the commissioner of driver services pursuant to Code Section 40-5-83.

(B) Any fee for the processing of a civil monetary penalty issued under this Code section shall be no greater than $25.00 and any late fee assessed for failure to pay a civil monetary penalty owed shall be no greater than $5.00. No additional penalty, fee, or surcharge other than those set forth in this Code section shall be authorized. A violation punished with a civil monetary penalty pursuant to this paragraph shall not be considered a conviction, shall not be considered a moving traffic violation for purposes of points assessed pursuant to Code Section 40-5-57, shall not be made a part of the motor vehicle operating record of the person upon whom such penalty is

imposed, nor shall it be used for any purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(C) The law enforcement agency or agent authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code section on behalf of the governing body of the city through the use of an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device shall send by first-class mail addressed to the owner of the motor vehicle no later than 60 days after the date of the alleged violation:

(i) A citation for the alleged violation, which shall include the date, time, and location of the alleged violation, the amount of the civil monetary penalty imposed, and the date by which the civil monetary penalty shall be paid;

(ii) An image produced from the recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation;

(iii) A website address where recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the alleged violation, the transit lane safety course, and a duplicate of the information provided for in this subsection may be viewed;

(iv) A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code section stating that, based upon inspection of recorded images, the owner's motor vehicle was stopped or parked in a transit vehicle in violation of this Code section;

(v) A statement of the inference provided by subparagraph (E) of this Code section and of the means specified therein by which such inference may be rebutted;

(vi) Information advising the owner of the motor vehicle of the manner in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested; and

(vii) A warning that failure to complete the transit lane safety course, pay the civil monetary penalty, or contest the violation in a timely manner may result in assessment of late fees in addition to the civil monetary penalty owed.

(D) Proof that a motor vehicle was stopped or parked in a transit vehicle lane in violation of this Code section may be evidenced by recorded images. A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to enforce this Code section stating that, based upon inspection of recorded images, a motor vehicle was stopped or parked in a transit vehicle lane and that such stopping or parking was not otherwise authorized by law shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained therein.

(E) Liability under this paragraph shall be determined based upon a preponderance of the evidence. Prima-facie evidence that the motor vehicle described in the citation was stopped or parked in a transit vehicle lane, together with proof that the defendant was, at the time of such violation, the owner of the vehicle, shall permit the trier of fact in its discretion to infer that such owner of the motor vehicle was the operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Such inference may be rebutted if the owner of the motor vehicle:

(i) Testifies under oath in open court or submits to the court a sworn notarized statement that he or she was not the operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation;

(ii) Presents evidence in court that demonstrates he or she is not the owner of the motor vehicle in the recorded images nor rented the motor vehicle in the recorded images; or

(iii) Presents to the court a certified copy of a police report showing that the motor vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation.

(F) Except in cases where an adjudication that no violation occurred has been issued or there is an otherwise lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed:

(i) When an owner fails to complete the transit lane safety course or pay the civil monetary penalty for which citation and notice was sent to the owner pursuant to this paragraph within 60 days such notice was mailed, or has failed to submit documentation to the court pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, the law enforcement agency or agent thereof which sent the original citation shall send a second notice. Such second notice shall include all information required of the original citation and a new date by which the civil monetary penalty shall be paid which shall be no less than 30 days after such mailing. If such owner notified by second notice again fails to complete the transit lane safety course, pay the civil monetary penalty, or submit documentation to the court pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph by the new date by which the civil monetary penalty shall be paid, such owner shall have waived the right to contest the violation and shall be liable for the civil monetary penalty provided for under this paragraph; and

(ii) When a citation issued pursuant to this paragraph has not been contested, the transit lane safety course has not been completed, or the civil monetary penalty has not been paid, the agent or governing authority shall mail a second notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty to the owner.

(G) Notices mailed by first-class mail shall be adequate notification of the requirements, fees, and penalties imposed by this paragraph.

(H) Any court having jurisdiction over violations relating to traffic laws within the city shall have jurisdiction over cases arising under this paragraph and shall be authorized to impose the civil monetary penalty provided by this paragraph. Except as otherwise provided to the contrary, the provisions of law governing jurisdiction, procedure, defenses, adjudication, appeal, and payment and distribution of penalties otherwise applicable to traffic violations within the city shall apply to enforcement under this article; provided, however, that any appeal from a superior or state court shall be by application in the same manner as that provided by Code Section 5-6-35.

(I) Money collected and remitted to the city pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted to the authority to be used to fund public safety initiatives. This subparagraph shall not preclude the appropriation of a greater amount than collected and remitted by the authority pursuant to this paragraph for such purposes.

(J) Any agreement entered into between the governing body of the city or law enforcement agency and an agent for the administration of this paragraph shall be established upon a subscription basis and subject to approval by the department. No such agreement shall authorize any agent to collect or retain a percentage of the civil monetary penalties assessed. Such agreement shall require the maintenance of recorded images in a system compliant with security and privacy standards set forth by the Georgia Crime Information Center Council for criminal justice information systems. Such agreement shall further require that recorded images shall only be used for purposes set forth in this paragraph and shall be destroyed no later than 72 hours after the transit lane safety course is completed, the civil monetary penalty paid, or a final determination in the case has been rendered. Recorded images produced by an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device shall not be a public record for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(K) In order to enforce the provisions of this paragraph, the city and authority shall erect signs warning of the use of an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device no closer than 200 feet and no farther than 500 feet prior to any signalized entrance to a transit vehicle lane. Any such sign shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in size and be placed in such a manner that the sign is plainly visible from every lane of traffic and viewable in all traffic conditions. Any such sign shall indicate whether the automated transit lane monitoring device is fixed upon the roadway or located upon the transit vehicles utilizing the lane or lanes.

(L) Any district attorney, solicitor-general of state court, or prosecuting attorney of municipal court whose jurisdiction includes the city shall be authorized to prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in this paragraph.

(3) For a period of six months after the date a transit vehicle lane is designated as such, any violation of this Code section shall be punishable only by issuance of a warning. After six months from the date a transit vehicle lane is designated, all provisions of this Code section regarding such violations shall be in full force and effect.

(4) No uniform traffic citation shall be issued for a violation of Code Section 32-9-4 if a uniform traffic citation for the same act has been issued under the provisions of this Code section, nor shall any uniform traffic citation be issued under the provisions of this Code section if a uniform traffic citation for the same act has been issued pursuant to Code Section 32-9-4.

(d) The department, in consultation with the city, shall be authorized to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Code section for any portion of a transit vehicle lane that is part of the state highway system. The city and the authority in the utilization of such transit vehicle lanes shall at all times cooperate fully with the department. The department shall be authorized, at any time, to inspect an automated transit vehicle lane monitoring device used by the city or authority or agent thereof on any such transit vehicle lane and any records pertaining to revenues collected from the use of such devices in such lanes. Certified peace officers of the Georgia State Patrol and the Department of Public Safety shall be nonexclusively authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code section.

(e) No violation of the provisions of this Code section shall be punished by any term of confinement or imprisonment; provided, however, that this Code section shall not affect the power of a court to punish for contempt or to employ any sanction authorized by law for the enforcement of an order, civil judgment, or decree.
(f) This Code section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2030."

SECTION 2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	N Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	N Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	E Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	N Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	N Rice	Y Williams, N
N Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 145, nays 22.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 445. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the language required to be included in the notices of current assessment; to add hearing officer review for tax assessment of certain business personal property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	E Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Mar. 6, 2025

Mr. Clerk,

I missed vote for HB 445. I would have voted yes.

/s/ Sandy Donatucci
District 105

HB 466. By Representatives Cameron of the 1st, Williams of the 168th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate the marsh tacky horse as the official Georgia heritage horse breed; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 491. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Rhodes of the 124th, Howard of the 71st, Mathis of the 133rd, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 and Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting and noncommercial fishing, respectively, so as to remove an exception for the use of air guns to hunt wildlife; to revise provisions concerning the taking of catfish by bow and arrow; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 and Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting and noncommercial fishing, respectively, so as to modify an exception for the use of air guns to hunt wildlife; to revise provisions concerning the taking of catfish by bow and arrow; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, is amended in Code Section 27-3-4, relating to legal weapons for hunting wildlife generally, use of silencers and suppressors prohibited, and penalty for violations, by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(9) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'air gun' means any pistol, handgun, or shoulder-held device, each of not less than 0.30 caliber, or air bow that propels a projectile in the form of a slug, shot, or arrow equipped with a broadhead utilizing unignited compressed air or gas. Air guns are legal weapons for hunting big game only during primitive weapon hunts, primitive weapon seasons, and firearm seasons. This paragraph shall stand repealed effective July 1, ~~2025~~ 2030, unless continued in effect by the General Assembly prior to that date. At its ~~2025~~ 2030 regular session, the General Assembly shall review this paragraph to determine whether it should be continued in effect."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to noncommercial fishing, is amended in Code Section 27-4-34, relating to fishing with bow and arrow, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) It shall be unlawful to take ~~channel catfish and flathead~~ any catfish ~~anywhere in the Savannah River, including its tributaries and impoundments within the Savannah River Basin,~~ species from the waters of this state by means of bow and arrow, except under the following conditions:

(1) Each person using a bow and arrow shall have on his or her person a valid state resident or nonresident fishing license;

(2) All arrows used pursuant to this subsection must be equipped with barbs or contain devices on the point to act as a harpoon for recovering fish and must be attached to the person or bow by a rope, line, or cord sufficient for recovering the arrow and channel catfish or flathead catfish;

(3) Arrows with poisonous or exploding heads are illegal;

(4) It shall be unlawful to discharge arrows into waters nearer than 150 feet to anyone engaged in any other means of recreation; and

(5) The taking of ~~channel catfish and flathead~~ any catfish ~~in the Savannah River, including its tributaries and impoundments within the Savannah River Basin,~~ species from the waters of this state by bow and arrow shall be legal at any time of the day and at night by the use of a light."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 439. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 148th, Anderson of the 10th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, so as to revise deductions allowed to dealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, so as to revise deductions allowed to dealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Each dealer required to file a return under this article shall include such dealer's certificate of registration number or numbers for each sales location or affiliated entity of such dealer on such return. In reporting and paying the amount of tax due under this article, each dealer shall be allowed the following deduction, but only if the return was timely filed and the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment; and that deduction shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this Code section pertaining to calculation of the deduction when more than one tax is reported on the same return:

(1) With respect to each certificate of registration number on such return, a deduction of 3 percent of the first ~~$3,000.00~~ $10,000.00 of the combined total amount of all sales and use taxes reported due on such return for each location other than the taxes specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(2) With respect to each certificate of registration number on such return, a deduction of one-half of 1 percent of that portion exceeding ~~$3,000.00~~ $10,000.00 of the combined total amount of all sales and use taxes reported due on such return for each location other than the taxes specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection; and

(3) With respect to each certificate of registration number on such return, a deduction of 3 percent of the combined total amount due of all sales and use taxes on motor fuel as defined under paragraph (9) of Code Section 48-9-2, which are imposed under any provision of this title, including, but not limited to, sales and use taxes on motor fuel imposed under any of the provisions described in subsection (f) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 447. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Chastain of the 7th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to provide for the crimes of gift card theft, gift card forgery, and gift card fraud; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to provide for the crimes of gift card theft, gift card forgery, and gift card fraud; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-9-64.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Cardholder' means any person to whom a physical or virtual gift card is sold, gifted, or issued following the authorized sale of such gift card.

(2) 'Card issuer' means any person that issues a gift card.

(3) 'Closed-loop gift card' means a card, code, or device issued to a consumer on a prepaid basis primarily for personal, familial, or household purposes in a specified amount, regardless of whether such amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment, and is redeemable upon presentation by a consumer at a single merchant or group of affiliated merchants.

(4) 'Gift card' means a physical or digital closed-loop gift card or open-loop gift card whether activated or inactivated.

(5) 'Gift card redemption information' means information unique to each gift card which allows the cardholder to access, transfer, or spend the funds on such gift card.

(6) 'Gift card seller' means a merchant engaged in the business of selling open-loop gift cards or closed-loop gift cards to consumers.

(7) 'Open-loop gift card' means a card, code, or device issued to a consumer on a prepaid basis primarily for personal, familial, or household purposes in a specified amount, regardless of whether such amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment, and is redeemable upon presentation at multiple unaffiliated merchants for goods or services within the payment card network.

(8) 'Value' means the greatest amount of economic loss the card issuer, gift card seller, or cardholder might reasonably suffer, including the full or maximum monetary face or load value of the gift card, regardless of whether or not such gift card has been activated.

(b) Any person who, with intent to defraud, acquires or retains possession of a gift card or gift card redemption information without the consent of the cardholder, card issuer, or gift card seller shall be guilty of gift card theft.

(c) Any person who, with intent to defraud, alters or tampers with a gift card or its packaging shall be guilty of gift card forgery.

(d) Any person who, with intent to defraud, devises a scheme to obtain a gift card or gift card redemption information from a cardholder, card issuer, or gift card seller by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, shall be guilty of gift card fraud.

(e) Any person who, with intent to defraud, uses, for the purpose of obtaining money, goods, services, or anything else of value, a gift card or gift card redemption information that has been obtained in violation of subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this Code section shall be guilty of gift card theft.

(f) Any person who is convicted of violating subsection (b), (c), (d), or (e) of this Code section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years and a fine not to exceed $5,000.00."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 331. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hagan of the 156th, Gullett of the 19th, Cameron of the 1st, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding animal protection, so as to prohibit the transfer of certain domestic animals at certain locations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding animal protection, so as to prohibit the transfer of certain domestic animals at certain locations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for

enforcement; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding animal protection, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"4-11-10.1.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Consideration' means anything of value, including, but not limited to, cash, credit, electronic payment, services, or any type of property or interest in property. A transaction shall be deemed to be 'for consideration' if it occurs in connection with any payment of consideration or other commercial transaction, including, but not limited to, a sale, adoption, rehoming, lease, trade, exchange, swap, or barter transaction.

(2) 'Transfer' means a transaction in which for consideration a dog, cat, or domestic rabbit, or any interest in any such animal, is exchanged, offered to be exchanged, or advertised for a commercial purpose.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the transfer of any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit at any roadside, public right of way, parkway, median, public or commercial parking lot or sidewalk, park, recreation area, fair, transient or seasonal flea market, or a similar transient market or outdoor location, regardless of whether such activity is otherwise authorized by any person or entity.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The transfer of any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit by a person or entity that has and produces upon request, whether in paper, electronic, or other form, a valid animal shelter license issued by the department;

(2) Any transfer that takes place at a residence or inside of a veterinarian's office or other business establishment;

(3) The transfer of any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit by a paid entrant as part of an event or show sanctioned by a national breed club or association, 4-H program, or similar agricultural exhibition; or

(4) The prearranged transfer between a dog, cat, or domestic rabbit seller and a specific purchaser that takes place at a police department, sheriff's office, or other similar law enforcement facility during daylight hours, unless otherwise prohibited.

(d) An animal control officer who is an employee of state or local government or any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other peace officer is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Code section and to impound any animal subject to a transfer in violation of this Code section.

(e) A person found guilty of violating this Code section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed:

(1) For the first offense, $100.00;

(2) For the second offense, $250.00; and
(3) For a third or subsequent offense, $500.00."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 4-11-16, relating to penalties, as follows:

"4-11-16.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 4-11-10.1, 16-12-4, or 16-12-37, any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Code Section 17-10-3; provided, however, that, if such offense is committed by a corporation, such corporation shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 for each such violation, community service of not less than 200 hours nor more than 500 hours, or both.

(b) Each violation of this article shall constitute a separate offense."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	N Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
N Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
N Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 13.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 451. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that local boards of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum in hunting safety; to provide for instructor requirements; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that local boards of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum in hunting safety; to provide for instructor requirements; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that hunter education courses provide young and beginning hunters with the information that they need to understand the purposes of hunting, general hunting practices, the conservation ethic shared by sportsmen and women, an appreciation for the wildlife of this state, and much more. Providing a hunting safety course in the public schools of this state is a great way to train and recruit the next generation of sportsmen and women, teach youth about the benefits of hunting and fishing, and build support for sportsmen and women led wildlife conservation.

SECTION 2.

Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-308, which is reserved, as follows:

"20-2-308.

(a) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each local board of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12, which instruction may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

(b) No later than April 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for such instruction in hunting safety.

(c) Each local board of education shall be authorized to establish a curriculum for instruction in hunting safety, which curriculum shall be based on the hunter education courses offered by the Department of Natural Resources.

(d) Instruction in hunting safety offered pursuant to this Code section shall be taught by an individual who is certified as a hunter education instructor by the Department of Natural Resources. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 593. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Baker County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
N Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	E Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 150, nays 20.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 535. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, so as to provide for credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 178, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 521. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal deannexation, so as to revise procedures related to the deannexation of certain properties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation of territory, so as to provide for equal reporting requirements for annexations and deannexations; to revise procedures related to the deannexation of certain properties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation of territory, is amended by revising Code Section 36-36-3, relating to report identifying annexed property, maps and surveys, technical assistance to municipalities, and preclearance, as follows:

"36-36-3.

(a) The clerk, city attorney, or other person designated by the governing authority of any municipality annexing or deannexing property shall file a report identifying any property annexed or deannexed with the Department of Community Affairs, the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly, and with the county governing authority of the county in which the property being annexed or deannexed is located. Such reports shall be filed, at a minimum, not more than 30 days following the last day of the quarter in which the annexation or deannexation becomes effective but may be filed more frequently. Each report shall include the following:

(1) The legal authority under which the annexation or deannexation was accomplished, which shall be the ordinance or resolution number for any annexation or deannexation effected pursuant to Article 2, 3, 4, ~~or~~ 6, or 8 of this chapter or the Act number if effected by local Act of the General Assembly;

(2) The name of the county in which the property being annexed or deannexed is located; the total acreage annexed or deannexed; the enactment date and effective date of the annexation or deannexation ordinance, resolution, or local Act of the General Assembly;

(3) A letter from the governing authority of any municipality annexing or deannexing property stating its intent to add the annexed area to, or remove the deannexed area from, maps provided by the United States Bureau of the Census during their next regularly scheduled boundary and annexation survey of the municipality and stating that the survey and map will be completed as instructed and returned to the United States Bureau of the Census;

(4) A list identifying roadways, bridges, and rights of way on state routes that are annexed or deannexed and, if necessary, the total mileage annexed or deannexed; and

(5) A digital shapefile of the annexed or deannexed area.

(b) The submission of a report required under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be made in writing and in electronic format to the Department of Community Affairs, the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly, and to others as required by the submitting municipality.

(c)(1) The Department of Community Affairs shall notify the clerk, city attorney, or other person designated by the governing authority of the annexing or deannexing municipality within 30 days after receipt of a report submitted under subsection (a) of this Code section if it determines the submission to be incomplete. The Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly shall notify the clerk, city attorney, or other person designated by the governing authority of the annexing or deannexing municipality within 60 days after receipt of a report submitted under subsection (a) of this Code section if it determines the submission to be incomplete. The annexing or deannexing municipality shall file a corrected report with the department, Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly, and the county governing authority where the annexed or deannexed property is located within 45 days from the date of the notice of any deficiency.

(2) No annexed or deannexed area shall be added to or removed from the state map until such report has been properly submitted to the Department of Community Affairs and the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly. The Department of Community Affairs shall not provide a certification of annexation or deannexation to the United States Census Bureau unless the governing authority of the annexing or deannexing municipality has filed a completed report as required under subsection (a) of this Code section.

(3) Compliance with the requirements of this Code section shall be construed to be merely ancillary to and not an integral part of the annexation or deannexation procedure such that an annexation or deannexation shall, if otherwise authorized by law, become effective even though required filings under this Code section are temporarily delayed.

(d) The Department of Community Affairs may provide technical assistance to any municipality with respect to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(e) The Department of Community Affairs shall maintain the annexation and deannexation reports submitted to it pursuant to this Code section for two years. ~~Annexation~~ Such reports shall be subject to disclosure and inspection under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 while maintained in the possession of the Department of Community Affairs. Two years after receipt of an annexation or deannexation report from a municipality, the Department of Community Affairs shall transfer possession of such report to the Division of Archives and History for permanent retention.

(f) In the event that any municipality annexing or deannexing property cannot produce the digital shapefile required by paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section by utilizing its own geographic information system, the regional commission established pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 for the county that includes such municipality shall assist such municipality in producing and providing such digital shapefile.

(g) The governing authority of any municipality annexing or deannexing property shall add all annexed areas to, and remove all deannexed areas from, maps provided by the United States Census Bureau during the next regularly scheduled boundary and annexation survey of the municipality, complete the survey and map as instructed, and return them to the United States Census Bureau within the time frame requested."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 36-36-131, relating to application for deannexation, scope, filing of notification of deannexation, and reannexation, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Authority is granted to the governing authority of any municipality to deannex an area or areas of the existing corporate limits thereof, in accordance with the procedures provided in this article and in Article 1 of this chapter, upon the written and signed applications of all of the owners of all of the land, except the owners of any public street, road, highway, or right of way, proposed to be deannexed, containing a complete description of the lands to be deannexed; provided, however, that no more than ten parcels of property may be deannexed in one action and only upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing authority of the county in which such property is located consenting to such deannexation. If the governing authority of the county consents to the deannexation and the deannexation conforms with the requirements of this article, the governing authority of the municipal corporation shall approve such deannexation unless it finds that the deannexation would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the area to be deannexed or to the area remaining within the municipality. If the county is the owner of all parcels proposed for deannexation and the governing authority of the county consents, the governing authority of the municipal corporation shall approve such deannexation within 90 days of the date of the filing of a deannexation application unless it finds that the deannexation would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the area to be deannexed or to the area remaining within the municipality."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation of territory, so as to provide for equal reporting requirements for annexations and deannexations; to provide that certain such annexations are contingent upon approval of the county in which the subject property is located; to revise procedures related to the deannexation of certain properties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation of territory, is amended by revising Code Section 36-36-3, relating to report identifying annexed property, maps and surveys, technical assistance to municipalities, and preclearance, as follows:

"36-36-3.

(a) The clerk, city attorney, or other person designated by the governing authority of any municipality annexing or deannexing property shall file a report identifying any property annexed or deannexed with the Department of Community Affairs, the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly, and with the county governing authority of the county in which the property being annexed or deannexed is located. Such reports shall be filed, at a minimum, not more than 30 days following the last day of the quarter in which the annexation or deannexation becomes effective but may be filed more frequently. Each report shall include the following:

(1) The legal authority under which the annexation or deannexation was accomplished, which shall be the ordinance or resolution number for any annexation or deannexation effected pursuant to Article 2, 3, 4, ~~or~~ 6, or 8 of this chapter or the Act number if effected by local Act of the General Assembly;

(2) The name of the county in which the property being annexed or deannexed is located; the total acreage annexed or deannexed; the enactment date and effective date of the annexation or deannexation ordinance, resolution, or local Act of the General Assembly;

(3) A letter from the governing authority of any municipality annexing or deannexing property stating its intent to add the annexed area to, or remove the deannexed area from, maps provided by the United States Bureau of the Census during their next regularly scheduled boundary and annexation survey of the municipality and stating that the survey and map will be completed as instructed and returned to the United States Bureau of the Census;

(4) A list identifying roadways, bridges, and rights of way on state routes that are annexed or deannexed and, if necessary, the total mileage annexed or deannexed; and

(5) A digital shapefile of the annexed or deannexed area.

(b) The submission of a report required under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be made in writing and in electronic format to the Department of Community Affairs, the

Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly, and to others as required by the submitting municipality.

(c)(1) The Department of Community Affairs shall notify the clerk, city attorney, or other person designated by the governing authority of the annexing or deannexing municipality within 30 days after receipt of a report submitted under subsection (a) of this Code section if it determines the submission to be incomplete. The Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly shall notify the clerk, city attorney, or other person designated by the governing authority of the annexing or deannexing municipality within 60 days after receipt of a report submitted under subsection (a) of this Code section if it determines the submission to be incomplete. The annexing or deannexing municipality shall file a corrected report with the department, Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly, and the county governing authority where the annexed or deannexed property is located within 45 days from the date of the notice of any deficiency.

(2) No annexed or deannexed area shall be added to or removed from the state map until such report has been properly submitted to the Department of Community Affairs and the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly. The Department of Community Affairs shall not provide a certification of annexation or deannexation to the United States Census Bureau unless the governing authority of the annexing or deannexing municipality has filed a completed report as required under subsection (a) of this Code section.

(3) Compliance with the requirements of this Code section shall be construed to be merely ancillary to and not an integral part of the annexation or deannexation procedure such that an annexation or deannexation shall, if otherwise authorized by law, become effective even though required filings under this Code section are temporarily delayed.

(d) The Department of Community Affairs may provide technical assistance to any municipality with respect to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(e) The Department of Community Affairs shall maintain the annexation and deannexation reports submitted to it pursuant to this Code section for two years. ~~Annexation~~ Such reports shall be subject to disclosure and inspection under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 while maintained in the possession of the Department of Community Affairs. Two years after receipt of an annexation or deannexation report from a municipality, the Department of Community Affairs shall transfer possession of such report to the Division of Archives and History for permanent retention.

(f) In the event that any municipality annexing or deannexing property cannot produce the digital shapefile required by paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section by utilizing its own geographic information system, the regional commission established pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 for the county that includes such municipality shall assist such municipality in producing and providing such digital shapefile.

(g) The governing authority of any municipality annexing or deannexing property shall add all annexed areas to, and remove all deannexed areas from, maps provided by the United States Census Bureau during the next regularly scheduled boundary and

annexation survey of the municipality, complete the survey and map as instructed, and return them to the United States Census Bureau within the time frame requested."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended is amended by revising Code Section 36-36-21, relating to annexation upon application of all land owners, filing of identification of annexed property with Department of Community Affairs and county governing authority, and effect of annexation, as follows:

"36-36-21.

(a) Authority is granted to the governing bodies of the several municipal corporations of this state to annex to the existing corporate limits thereof unincorporated areas contiguous to the existing corporate limits at the time of such annexation, in accordance with the procedures provided in this article and in Article 1 of this chapter, upon the written and signed applications of all of the owners of all of the land, except the owners of any public street, road, highway, or right of way, proposed to be annexed, containing a complete description of the lands to be annexed. Lands to be annexed at any one time shall be treated as one body, regardless of the number of owners, and all parts shall be considered as adjoining the limits of the municipal corporation when any one part of the entire body abuts such limits. When such application is acted upon by the municipal authorities and the land is, by ordinance, annexed to the municipal corporation, an identification of the property so annexed shall be filed with the Department of Community Affairs and with the governing authority of the county in which the property is located in accordance with Code Section 36-36-3. When so annexed, such lands shall constitute a part of the lands within the corporate limits of the municipal corporation as completely and fully as if the limits had been marked and defined by local Act of the General Assembly. Except as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 36-36-20, nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize annexation of the length of any public right of way except to the extent that such right of way adjoins private property otherwise annexed by the municipal corporation.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, in any county in which an airport is owned or operated either by such county or a local authority and such airport is adjacent to 9,000 acres or more of property currently or formerly owned by a municipality that has no incorporated territory within such county, any proposed annexation pursuant to this article is contingent upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing authority of such county consenting to such annexation."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 36-36-131, relating to application for deannexation, scope, filing of notification of deannexation, and reannexation, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Authority is granted to the governing authority of any municipality to deannex an area or areas of the existing corporate limits thereof, in accordance with the procedures provided in this article and in Article 1 of this chapter, upon the written and signed

applications of all of the owners of all of the land, except the owners of any public street, road, highway, or right of way, proposed to be deannexed, containing a complete description of the lands to be deannexed; provided, however, that no more than ten parcels of property may be deannexed in one action and only upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing authority of the county in which such property is located consenting to such deannexation. If the governing authority of the county consents to the deannexation and the deannexation conforms with the requirements of this article, the governing authority of the municipal corporation shall approve such deannexation unless it finds that the deannexation would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the area to be deannexed or to the area remaining within the municipality. If the county is the owner of all parcels proposed for deannexation and the governing authority of the county consents, the governing authority of the municipal corporation shall approve such deannexation within 90 days of the date of the filing of a deannexation application unless it finds that the deannexation would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the area to be deannexed or to the area remaining within the municipality."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	N Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 10.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 109. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Walker III of the 20th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 149. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 207. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia Crime Information Center; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offenders; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 218. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to provide for exemptions for current and retired members, staff, and other employees of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 220. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal

penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 433. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to determine eligibility for employment, verify eligibility for foster parents, or conduct regulatory oversight in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, is amended by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (a), by revising subparagraphs (v)(1)(E) and (v)(1)(F), and by adding a new subparagraph to paragraph (1) of subsection (v) of Code Section 35-3-37, relating to criminal history record information, review, corrections, and restriction of access for certain dispositions, to read as follows:

"(6) 'Restrict,' 'restricted,' or 'restriction' means that the criminal history record information of an individual relating to a particular offense shall be available only to judicial officials and criminal justice agencies for law enforcement or criminal investigative purposes or to criminal justice agencies for purposes of employment in accordance with procedures established by the center or to the Department of Human Services in accordance with subparagraph (v)(1)(G) of this Code section and shall not

be disclosed or otherwise made available to any private persons or businesses pursuant to Code Section 35-3-34 or to governmental agencies or licensing and regulating agencies pursuant to Code Section 35-3-35."

"(E) Pursuant to a court order; ~~and~~

(F) By an individual who is the subject of restricted criminal history record information or sealed court files~~.~~; and

(G) By the Department of Human Services to conduct regulatory oversight, as authorized by Articles 1 and 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 49, Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49, and any promulgated rules, regulations, or policies; to verify eligibility for prospective or existing foster parents or adults in the home of such foster parents, as authorized by Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 and any promulgated rules, regulations, or policies; or to verify eligibility for prospective and existing employees and contractors, as authorized by Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 and any promulgated rules, regulations, or policies."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 177, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 54. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 31, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, health, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services to patients of licensed home health agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for the approval of continuing education regarding death certificates for certain physician assistants by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and for certain advanced practice registered nurses by the Georgia Board of Nursing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 31, 43, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, health, professions and businesses, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize licensed physician assistants to order home healthcare services to patients of licensed home health agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for the approval of continuing education regarding death certificates; to provide for tax credits for qualified caregiving expenses to include licensed physicians assistants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising paragraph (4.2) of Code Section 16-13-72, relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, as follows:

"(4.2) A registered professional nurse licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 who is employed or engaged by a licensed home health agency may possess sterile saline, sterile water, and diluted heparin for use as intravenous maintenance for use in a home health setting, and such nurse may administer such items to patients of the home health agency upon the order of a licensed physician or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103. The State Board of Pharmacy shall be authorized to adopt regulations governing the storage, quantity, use, and administration of such items; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph or in such regulations shall be construed to restrict any authority of nurses existing under other provisions of law;"

SECTION 2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising paragraph (20) of Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions relative to state health planning and development, as follows:

"(20) 'Home health agency' means a public agency or private organization, or a subdivision of such an agency or organization, which is primarily engaged in providing to individuals who are under a written plan of ~~care of a physician~~ treatment ordered by a physician or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103, on a visiting basis in the places of residence used as such individuals' homes, part-time or intermittent nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse, and one or more of the following services:

(A) Physical therapy;

(B) Occupational therapy;

(C) Speech therapy;

(D) Respiratory therapy;

(E) Skilled nursing care;

~~(D)~~(F) Medical social services under the direction of a physician or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103; or

~~(E)~~(G) Part-time or intermittent services of a home health aide."

SECTION 3.

Such title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-150, relating to definitions, as follows:

"31-7-150.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Branch office' means a location or site, identified in the application or endorsement thereto, from which a home health agency provides services within a portion of the total geographic area served by the parent agency and which is part of the home health agency and is located sufficiently close to share administration, supervision, and services in a manner that renders it unnecessary for the branch independently to meet the requirements of this article.

~~(1.1)~~(2) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Home health agency' means a public, nonprofit, or proprietary organization, whether owned or operated by one or more persons or legal entities, which is engaged in furnishing home ~~health~~ healthcare services.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Home ~~health~~ healthcare services' means those items and services furnished to an individual according to a written plan of treatment signed by the patient's physician~~,~~ or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103; by a home health agency~~,~~; or by others under arrangement with the home health agency, on a visit or hourly basis, in a place of temporary or permanent residence used as the individual's home, as follows:

(A) Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing care as ordered by a physician or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103 and provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse and at least one other service listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) of this paragraph;

(B) Physical, occupational, or speech therapy;

(C) Medical social services; and

(D) Home health aide services.

~~(4)~~(5) 'License' means a license issued by the department.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Licensee' means the individual, corporation, or public entity with whom rests the ultimate responsibility for maintaining approved standards for the home health agency.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Parent home health agency' means the agency that develops and maintains administrative controls of subunits or branch offices.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Physician' means an individual currently licensed or authorized to practice medicine, surgery, or osteopathy in this state.

(9) 'Physician assistant' means an individual licensed pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 and acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103.

~~(8)~~(10) 'Plan of treatment' means a plan written, signed, and reviewed at least every two months by the patient's physician or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103 prescribing items and services for the patient's condition.

~~(9)~~(11) 'Registered nurse' means an individual who is currently licensed as a registered professional nurse in this state.

~~(10)~~(12) 'Subunit' means a semiautonomous organization which serves patients in a geographic area different from that of the parent agency and which, by virtue of the

distance between it and the parent agency, is judged incapable of sharing administration, supervision, and services on a daily basis with the parent agency and ~~must~~ shall, therefore, independently meet the licensing requirements for a home health agency and shall be separately licensed."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-153, relating to standards for patient care and agency operation, regulations as to issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses, and hearings, as follows:

"31-7-153.

The department shall promulgate regulations which define standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare, and comfort of patients served by home health agencies and for the maintenance and operation of home health agencies which will promote safe and adequate care and treatment of the patients. These regulations shall be no less stringent than those required for participation of home health agencies in the Title XVIII ~~medicare~~ Medicare program and shall include, but not be limited to, a provision requiring the agency to have policies established by a professional group which includes at least one physician and one registered nurse and appropriate representation from other professional disciplines; provisions governing the services the agency provides; provisions for the supervision of services by a physician, a licensed physician assistant, or a registered nurse, as appropriate, and maintenance of clinical records on all patients, including a plan of treatment ~~prescribed by a physician~~. The department is authorized to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to this Code section. Such regulations shall also include hearing procedures related to denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-154, relating to inspections, as follows:

"31-7-154.

Each home health agency for which a license has been issued shall be periodically inspected by an authorized representative of the department. Such inspections shall be for the purpose of ensuring that this article is being followed. The department is directed to ensure by inspection that the licensee is providing quality care to its patients in accordance with the orders of the patient's physician or a licensed physician assistant; provided, however, that an agency shall be exempt from an additional on-site licensure inspection if certified in a federal program for reimbursement of ~~medicare~~ Medicare or Medicaid services."

SECTION 6.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-23, relating

to the delegation of authority to nurse or physician assistant, and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) A physician may delegate the authority contained in subparagraph ~~(B) of this paragraph~~ (b)(1)(B) of this Code section to:

(i) A licensed physician assistant in accordance with a job description; or

(ii) A nurse recognized by the Georgia Board of Nursing as a certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health in accordance with a nurse protocol.

(B) A physician may delegate to those healthcare professionals identified in subparagraph ~~(A) of this paragraph~~ (b)(1)(A) of this Code section:

(i) The authority to order controlled substances selected from a formulary of such drugs established by the board and the authority to order dangerous drugs, medical treatments, and diagnostic studies;

(ii) The authority to request, receive, and sign for professional samples and to distribute professional samples to patients. The office or facility at which the healthcare professional identified in subparagraph ~~(A) of this paragraph~~ (b)(1)(A) of this Code section is working shall maintain a general list of the professional samples approved by the delegating physician for request, receipt, and distribution by the healthcare professional identified in subparagraph ~~(A) of this paragraph~~ (b)(1)(A) of this Code section as well as a complete list of the specific number and dosage of each professional sample and medication voucher received. Professional samples that are distributed by a healthcare professional identified in subparagraph ~~(A) of this paragraph~~ (b)(1)(A) of this Code section shall be so noted in the patient's medical record. In addition to the requirements of this Code section, all professional samples shall be maintained as required by applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and

(iii) The authority to sign, certify, and endorse all documents relating to healthcare provided to a patient within his or her scope of authorized practice, including, but not limited to, documents relating to physical examination forms of all state agencies and verification and evaluation forms of the Department of Human Services, the State Board of Education, local boards of education, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Corrections; provided, however, that a healthcare professional identified in subparagraph ~~(A) of this paragraph~~ (b)(1)(A) of this Code section shall not have the authority to assign a percentage of a disability rating.

(1.1) Healthcare professionals identified in subparagraph (b)(1)(A) of this ~~paragraph must~~ Code section shall complete biennial continuing education regarding the recognition and documentation of the causes of death and appropriate execution of death certificates, as approved by the board for a licensed physician assistant as identified in division (b)(1)(A)(i) of this Code section or by the Board of Nursing for a healthcare professional identified in division (b)(1)(A)(ii) of this Code section."

SECTION 7.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-29.2, relating to tax credits for qualified caregiving expenses, as follows:

"(1) 'Qualified caregiving expenses' means payments by the taxpayer for home health agency services, personal care services, personal care attendant services, homemaker services, adult day care, respite care, or healthcare equipment and supplies which equipment and supplies have been determined to be medically necessary by a physician or a licensed physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103, which services, care, or equipment and supplies are:

(A) Provided to the qualifying family member; and

(B) Purchased or obtained from an organization or individual not related to the taxpayer or the qualifying family member."

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 177, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 511. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Burchett of the 176th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 and Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance and computation of taxable net income, respectively, so as to provide for deductions from taxable income for contributions by taxpayers to catastrophe savings accounts and interest earned on such accounts; to establish limits for contributions to such accounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to provide for tax advantaged catastrophe savings accounts; to establish limits for contributions to and withdrawals from such accounts; to provide for tax treatment of contributions, interest, and withdrawals; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-28.5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Catastrophe savings account' means a regular savings account or money market account established by a resident taxpayer to pay for qualified catastrophe expenses.

(2) 'Catastrophic event' means windstorms, cyclones, earthquakes, hurricanes, ice storms, tornadoes, high winds, floods, hail storms, and any other weather events or occurrences, provided that such event or occurrence has been declared as a disaster or emergency by the Governor.

(3) 'Qualified catastrophe expenses' means:

(A) A qualified deductible paid for damage resulting from a catastrophic event; and

(B) Expenses incurred in repairing or replacing damage to a taxpayer's primary residence as a result of a catastrophic event that are not covered by a homeowner's insurance policy.

(4) 'Qualified deductible' means the deductible for the homeowner's insurance policy of the taxpayer covering catastrophic event damage for his or her primary residence. If such policy provides for more than one deductible, the deductible with the highest amount shall constitute the qualified deductible.

(b) A taxpayer may establish one catastrophe savings account pursuant to this Code section which shall be labeled as a catastrophe savings account and shall specify that the purpose of the account is to cover qualified catastrophe expenses. No more than one catastrophe savings account pursuant to this Code section shall be established for a primary residence.

(c)(1) For a taxpayer whose qualified deductible is $1,000.00 or less, the total amount that may be contributed to a catastrophe savings account shall not exceed $2,000.00.

(2) For a taxpayer whose qualified deductible is greater than $1,000.00, the total amount that may be contributed to a catastrophe savings account shall not exceed the lesser of twice the amount of the taxpayer's qualified deductible or $25,000.00.

(3) For a self-insured taxpayer who chooses not to obtain insurance on his or her primary residence, the total amount that may be contributed to a catastrophe savings account shall not exceed $250,000.00; provided, however, that in no case shall the amount contributed to the catastrophe savings account exceed the fair market value of the taxpayer's primary residence.

(d)(1) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a deduction from the tax imposed pursuant to this article for amounts contributed to a catastrophe savings account in accordance with this Code section.

(2) All interest income earned by a catastrophe savings account in compliance with this Code section shall be exempt from the tax imposed pursuant this article.

(3) A distribution from a catastrophe savings account shall be included in the income of the taxpayer unless the amount of the distribution is used to cover qualified

catastrophe expenses; provided, however, that no such amount shall be included in the income of the taxpayer if the qualified catastrophe expenses of the taxpayer during the taxable year are equal to or greater than the aggregate distributions from such account during the taxable year. If the aggregate distributions during the taxable year from such account exceed the qualified catastrophe expenses of the taxpayer during the taxable year, the amount otherwise included in the taxpayer's income shall be reduced by the amount of the distributions for qualified catastrophe expenses and the amount of interest income earned by the catastrophe savings account.

(e)(1) If a taxpayer contributes in excess of the limits provided in this Code section and claimed a deduction pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, the taxpayer shall withdraw the amount of the excess contributions and include that amount in the income of the taxpayer in the year of withdrawal.

(2) If a taxpayer who owns a catastrophe savings account dies, his or her account shall be included in the income of the person who receives the account, unless that person is the surviving spouse of the taxpayer. Upon the death of such a surviving spouse, the amount in the account shall be included in the income of the person who receives the account.

(f) The department shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 177, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 718. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to provide that the first week of April each year shall be "Women's Golf Week" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 174, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

House of Representatives
State Capitol
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I inadvertently voted no, when I should have voted yes on HB 718. Please correct my vote on the official record. Thank you.

/s/ Mike Cheokas
State Representative
District 151

HB 571. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jackson of the 128th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to provide for the licensing of radiologist assistants; to provide for continuing education requirements; to repeal a provision relating to radiologist assistant defined; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensure requirements; to provide for renewal requirements; to prohibit holding oneself out as a radiologist assistant without licensure; to provide for licensure for currently employed radiologist assistants; to provide for the duties and powers of the Georgia Composite Medical Board with respect to radiologist assistants; to provide that radiologists may use the services of licensed radiologist assistants; to prohibit certain practices by radiologist assistants; to provide for an advisory committee; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-11, relating to continuing education requirement and required training for physicians, as follows:

"(a)(1) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of a license, certificate, or permit under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not less than 40 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations, including, but not limited to, the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, and the American Osteopathic Association, the number of hours required, and the category in which these hours should be earned. This paragraph shall not apply to respiratory care professionals, persons seeking renewal of certification as respiratory care professionals, clinical perfusionists, persons seeking renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist, licensed orthotists or prosthetists, persons seeking renewal of licensure as an orthotist or prosthetist, genetic counselors, ~~or~~ persons seeking renewal of licensure as a genetic counselor, radiologist assistants, or persons seeking renewal of licensure as a radiologist assistant.

(2) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of certification as respiratory care professionals under Article 6 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of certification as a respiratory care professional and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-143.

(3) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure as clinical perfusionists under Article 7 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-172.

(4) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to practice orthotics or prosthetics under Article 8 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice orthotics or prosthetics and the categories in which these hours should be earned, provided that the maximum number of hours of continuing education required for renewal of licensure shall not exceed 40 hours. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-200.

(5) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to practice genetic counseling under Article 12 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice genetic counseling and the categories in which these hours should be earned, provided that the number of hours of continuing education required for renewal of licensure shall not be less than 30 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-313.

(6) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to practice as a radiologist assistant under Article 13 of this chapter to complete board approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice as a radiologist assistant and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The

board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-334.

~~(6)~~(7) On and after January 1, 2022, all physicians shall be required to receive one-time education and training, for a minimum of two hours, regarding professional boundaries and physician sexual misconduct. Such education and training shall include subject matter relating to how to proceed with basic as well as sensitive or intimate examinations and the communication with patients that is required as a component of such examinations. Such education and training shall be established by the board and shall be informed by members of the public, as best possible."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-34-12, relating to radiologist assistant defined.

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 13

43-34-330.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Radiologist Assistant Act.'

43-34-331.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

(2) 'Radiologist' means a physician who is licensed to practice medicine pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter and who is certified by the American Board of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

(3) 'Radiologist assistant' means an advanced level certified diagnostic radiologic technologist who assists radiologists under the on site direct supervision of a radiologist as defined by the Georgia Composite Medical Board in performing advanced diagnostic imaging procedures as determined by board rule, according to levels of supervision as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services including, but not limited to, enteral and parenteral procedures when performed under the on site direct supervision of the radiologist and may include injecting diagnostic agents to sites other than intravenous, performing diagnostic aspirations and localizations, and assisting radiologists with other invasive procedures, according to levels of supervision as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

43-34-332.

A person shall be qualified for licensure as a radiologist assistant and the board may issue a license if that person:

(1) Has applied in writing in form and substance satisfactory to the board and is at least 21 years of age;

(2) Has not engaged in conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for discipline under this article;

(3) Is registered and credentialed as a radiographer with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists;

(4) Is certified and registered:

(A) As a radiologist assistant with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; or

(B) As a radiology practitioner assistant with the Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists;

(5) Has paid the fees required by rule; and

(6) Has met any other requirements established by rule.

43-34-333.

(a) Licenses issued by the board pursuant to this article shall be subject to renewal and shall be valid for up to two years unless otherwise specified by this article and shall be renewable biennially on the renewal date established by the board.

(b) The board shall be authorized to, in conformance with paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-11:

(1) Require persons seeking renewal of licensure under this article to complete board approved continuing education;

(2) Establish the number of hours of continuing education to be completed as well as the categories in which the continuing education is to be completed; and

(3) Maintain continued certification and registration as a radiologist assistant with the American Registry of Radiologic technologist or radiology practitioner assistant with the Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

(c) A person who has permitted his or her license to expire or who has had his or her license on inactive status may have his or her license restored by:

(1) Making application to the board;

(2) Filing proof acceptable to the board of his or her fitness to have his or her license restored, including, but not limited to, sworn evidence certifying to active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the board; and

(3) Paying the required restoration fee.

If the person has not maintained an active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the board, the board shall determine, by an evaluation program established by rule, such person's fitness to resume active status and may require such person to complete a period of evaluated clinical experience and successful completion of an examination.

(d) A person who notifies the board on forms prescribed thereby may elect to place his or her license on an inactive status and shall, subject to rules of the board, be excused from payment of renewal fees until he or she notifies the board of his or her desire to resume active status. A person requesting restoration from inactive status shall be required to pay the current renewal fee and shall be required to restore his or her license as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section. A radiologist assistant whose license is on inactive status shall not engage in the scope of practice for radiologist assistants in this state.

(e) A person whose license expired while he or she was:

(1) In federal service on active duty within the armed forces of the United States or with the state militia and called into service or training; or

(2) In training or education under the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into military service

may have his or her license renewed or restored without paying a lapsed renewal fee if, within two years after termination from the service, training, or education except under conditions other than honorable, he or she furnishes the board with satisfactory evidence that he or she has been so engaged and that his or her service, training, or education has been terminated.

43-34-334.

(a) On and after July 1, 2025, a person shall not engage in the scope of practice for radiologist assistants in this state without a valid license issued by the board pursuant to this article.

(b) A person shall not hold himself or herself out as a radiologist assistant unless he or she holds a license issued by the board in accordance with this article. A person not licensed by the board pursuant to this article shall not use in connection with his or her name or place of business the terms 'radiologist assistant' or any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person holds a license as a radiologist assistant.

(c) A person who verifies to the board that he or she is employed in this state as a radiologist assistant as of the effective date of this article shall by operation of law be licensed to practice as a radiologist assistant in this state on July 1, 2025.

43-34-335.

(a) A radiologist may use the services of a radiologist assistant under the on site direct supervision of such radiologist, provided that such radiologist assistant is duly qualified and licensed pursuant to this article.

(b) A radiologist assistant shall not interpret images, make diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies.

(c) Any rules and regulations adopted by the board pertaining to the scope of practice as a radiologist assistant in this state shall be consistent with guidelines adopted by the American College of Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or any other entity deemed appropriate by the board.

43-34-336.

The board shall have the power and responsibility to:

(1) Determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensure and renewal of licensure;

(2) Adopt and revise rules consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia that are necessary to conduct its business, carry out its duties, and administer this article;

(3) Examine for, approve, issue, deny, revoke, suspend, sanction, and renew the licenses of applicants and radiologist assistants under this article and conduct hearings in connection with these actions;

(4) Conduct hearings on complaints concerning violations of this article and the rules adopted under this article and cause the prosecution and enjoinder of the violations;

(5) Establish application, examination, and certification fees;

(6) Establish continuing education requirements; and

(7) Establish the number of radiologist assistants that may be supervised by a radiologist according to levels of supervision as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

43-34-337.

The board shall appoint an advisory committee. The advisory committee shall consist of no fewer than five individuals and shall include at least one licensed physician who practices radiology, three licensed radiologist assistants, and one consumer representative. Members shall receive no compensation for service on the committee. The committee shall have such advisory duties and responsibilities as the board may determine, including, but not limited to, consulting with the board on the issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses and the promulgation of rules and regulations under this article. The initial members of the advisory committee may include persons eligible for licensing under this article. Subsequent advisory committee members must be licensed pursuant to this article.

43-34-338.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit:

(1) The performance of any tasks or responsibilities by any student engaged in clinical training in a general hospital, provided such practice is limited to clinical training that shall be carried out under the direct supervision of a radiologist;

(2) The performance of any tasks or responsibilities by any person licensed under this title, provided such tasks or responsibilities are permitted by the article governing the profession pursuant to which such person is licensed; or

(3) The performance of any tasks or responsibilities by any legally qualified radiologist assistants of any other state or territory who is serving in the armed forces or the Public

Health Service of the United States or who is employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, while engaged in the performance of his or her duties."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
N Ballard	Y Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
N Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
N Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 11.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 541. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the legacy of the Battle of Brier Creek; and for other purposes.

HR 542. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Au of the 50th, Glaize of the 67th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Michele Riggs; and for other purposes.

HR 543. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Paris of the 142nd, McQueen of the 61st, Miller of the 62nd and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Teresa T. Byrd; and for other purposes.

HR 544. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Glaize of the 67th, Sanchez of the 42nd, McQueen of the 61st and Santos of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Paula Greaves; and for other purposes.

HR 545. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 158th, Williams of the 168th, Carpenter of the 4th and Oliver of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Steve Mensch; and for other purposes.

HR 546. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Mathiak of the 82nd, O'Steen of the 169th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 7:00 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Santos of the 117th and Adeyina of the 110th.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 627. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 18th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to revise a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon; to provide for additional offenses where the superior court has exclusive jurisdiction in juvenile cases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to revise a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising division (12)(A)(iii) of Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions regarding the juvenile code, as follows:

"(iii) Aggravated assault upon an individual or situation described in subsection (d), (h), or (k) of Code Section 16-5-21 or assault with a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, actually does result in serious bodily injury~~, provided that such deadly weapon is not a firearm; and provided, further~~; provided, however, that such injured person is not a public safety officer as defined in Code Section 16-5-19 and such acts are not prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21;"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Drenner	Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
N Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 156, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 429. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles, so as to exempt from ad valorem taxation motor vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued in this state before March 1, 2013; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles, so as to exempt from ad valorem taxation motor vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued in this state before March 1, 2013; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-471, relating to motor vehicles subject to ad valorem taxation, as follows:

"(a) Every motor vehicle owned in this state by a natural person is<u>, except as specifically provided in Code Section 48-5-472.1,</u> subject to ad valorem taxation by the various tax jurisdictions authorized to impose an ad valorem tax on property as provided in Code Section 48-5-473; provided, however, that under no circumstances shall such ad valorem taxation be collected more than one time per calendar year with respect to the same motor vehicle. Every vehicle owned in this state by an entity other than a natural person is, except as specifically provided in Code Section 48-5-472, subject to ad valorem taxation by the various tax jurisdictions authorized to impose an ad valorem tax on property as provided in Code Section 48-5-473; provided, however, that under no circumstances shall such ad valorem taxation be collected more than one time per calendar year with respect to the same motor vehicle. Taxes shall be charged against the owner of the property, if known, and, if unknown, against the specific property itself."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-472.1.
Motor vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued in this state before March 1, 2013, shall constitute a separate subclassification of motor vehicles within the motor vehicle classification of tangible property for ad valorem taxation purposes. The procedures prescribed in this part for returning motor vehicles for ad valorem taxation, determining the applicable rates for taxation, and collecting the ad valorem taxes imposed on motor vehicles shall not apply to such motor vehicles. Motor vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued in this state before March 1, 2013, shall not be returned for ad valorem taxation, shall not be taxed, and no taxes shall be collected on such motor vehicles."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn

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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 618. By Representatives Campbell of the 171st, Holcomb of the 101st and Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to require any seller of real property in this state to make certain disclosures regarding flood damage to such real property; to provide for a definition; to provide for flood damage to be an adverse material fact; to provide for violations of the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 27. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated, relating to stalking, so as to provide for the offense of doxxing; to provide for penalties; to provide for a protective order; to provide for a civil action; to provide for venue; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 163. By Senators Moore of the 53rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law regulations, so as to revise standards for bringing an action against the government for an unauthorized act relating to regulation of weapons; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 233. By Senator Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, so as to revise the subcommittees; to extend the automatic repeal date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 255. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to codify a process for the authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; to provide for oaths and subpoena powers related to such investigatory powers; to provide for confidentiality of certain materials; to explicitly preserve any authority, immunity, privilege, or power granted to or possessed by the General Assembly or its members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 291. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 293. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HR 128 Watkins, Mr. Joseph Samuel; compensate (App-Dempsey-13th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 60 0127S)

Modified Structured Rule

HB 87 Insurance; require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic and prosthetic devices and their materials and components (Substitute)(Hth-Clark-100th)

HB 127 Education; number of accumulated sick leave days for teachers and other school personnel; increase from three to five (Ed-Cox-28th)

HB 291 Health; certification of community health workers; provide (Substitute)(P&CH-Taylor-173rd)

HB 323 Bridging the Gap for ALS and Chronic Kidney Disease Act of 2025; enact (Hth-Mathiak-82nd)

HB 351 Board of Natural Resources; modify powers and duties (Substitute) (NR&E-Corbett-174th)

HB 384 Crimes and offenses; uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Seabaugh-34th)

HB 430 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board; venue for certain petitions regarding state sexual offender registry; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Sainz-180th)

HB 483 Crimes and offenses; protections for inspectors of code enforcement; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Prince-132nd)
HB 506 Social services; Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation treatments; provide (P&CH-Hilton-48th)
HB 531 Appeal and error; certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Reeves-99th)
HB 555 Georgians First Residential Property Protection Act; enact (Substitute)(Judy-McCollum-30th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3140S)
HB 567 Professions and businesses; authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists (Substitute)(Hth-Dempsey-13th)
HB 582 Georgia Survivor Justice Act; enact (Substitute)(JudyNC-Gunter-8th)
HB 630 State Board of Registration; remove used car division and the used parts division; provisions (Substitute)(RegI-Wiedower-121st)
HB 635 State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors; revise provisions (RegI-Wiedower-121st)
HB 645 Health; COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; repeal certain provisions (HumR-LaHood-175th)
HB 652 Motor fuel tax; electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; provide exception (Substitute)(T&II-Jones-25th)
HB 677 Health; certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility; provide (Substitute)(Hth-Dempsey-13th)
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1206S)
HB 686 Georgia Sports Betting Act; enact (Substitute)(HEd-Wiedower-121st)

Structured Rule

HB 341 Income tax; certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; create tax credit (Substitute)(W&M-Newton-127th)
HB 577 Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act; enact (Substitute) (W&M-Gaines-120th)
HB 586 Revenue and taxation; intangible recording tax; revise notes (W&M-Williamson-112th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 291. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for the certification of community health workers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of the committee; to provide for the approval of training programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for the certification of community health workers; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee; to provide for membership, powers, and duties of the committee; to provide for committee abolishment and transfer of powers and duties to the Department of Public Health; to provide for administrative support; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for standards; to provide for the approval of training programs; to provide for application procedures; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date conditioned on appropriations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Chapter 31, which is reserved, as follows:

"CHAPTER 31

31-31-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Certified community health worker' means an individual to whom the committee has issued a certificate to serve as a certified community health worker based on standards and requirements approved by the department.
(2) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of public health.
(3) 'Committee' means the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee established by Code Section 31-31-2.
(4) 'Community health worker' means a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of a community or has a demonstrated knowledge of a community and individuals served and:
(A) Provides culturally appropriate health education, information, and outreach in community based settings such as homes, schools, clinics, shelters, local businesses, and community centers;
(B) Bridges or culturally mediates between individuals, communities, and health and human services, including actively building individual and community capacity;
(C) Assures that community members access the services they need;
(D) Provides direct services, such as informal counseling, social support, care coordination, and health screenings;
(E) Advocates for individual and community needs with an emphasis on healthcare needs; and
(F) Provides any additional services that may emerge in the development of community health worker practice.
(5) 'Core competencies' means the knowledge and skills a certified community health worker is expected to demonstrate in order to carry out the mission and goals of the profession. Such term includes, but is not limited to, communication skills; interpersonal and relationship-building skills; service coordination and navigation skills; capacity-building skills; patient advocacy skills; education and facilitation skills; individual and community assessment skills; community outreach and engagement skills; evaluation and research skills; and knowledge base.
(6) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health.
(7) 'Training program' means an education and training program that meets the curriculum and training required for a community health worker to be eligible for certification and that has been approved by the department based on standards and requirements recommended by the committee. ~~Reserved.~~

31-31-2.
(a) There is established the Georgia Community Health Worker Certification Committee. The commissioner shall appoint the 11 voting members of the committee as follows:
(1) One licensed physician with a specialization in primary care or family medicine;
(2) One licensed physician with a specialization in maternal and child health;
(3) One licensed physician with a specialization in geriatrics;
(4) One licensed social worker;

(5) Three representatives of community health worker employers, one of whom shall represent hospitals, one of whom shall represent a federally qualified health center, and one of whom shall represent a community based organization;
(6) One person with experience and training in public health policy, with special consideration given to an active member of the Georgia Community Health Worker Advocacy Coalition;
(7) Two practicing community health workers, provided that such persons are eligible for certification as community health workers in this state and shall obtain such certification within a time frame specified in bylaws adopted by the committee; and
(8) One active member of the Georgia Community Health Worker Advisory Board.
(b) The commissioner shall appoint two department representatives to serve as nonvoting members of the committee.
(c) Any voting member of the committee shall serve a two-year term, and no such member shall serve on the committee for more than two consecutive full terms. A member appointed for less than a full term may serve two consecutive full terms, and a former member shall be eligible again for appointment after a lapse of one or more years.
(d) If there is a vacancy on the committee, such position shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the committee may be removed from office by the commissioner under the same conditions for removal from office of members of professional licensing boards provided in Code Section 43-1-17.
(e) Members shall serve without compensation, but they may be reimbursed by the department, subject to fund availability, in the same manner as state officials and employees for travel and other expenses actually incurred by them in carrying out their duties as members of the committee.
(f) The committee shall be abolished June 30, 2029, and the powers and duties of the committee shall transfer to the department upon such abolishment.

31-31-3.
(a) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at such other times at the call of the chairperson or by a majority of the members as necessary to transact its business. Such meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, by virtual means, or any combination thereof.
(b) The committee shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary from among its membership. Such officers shall serve for terms of two years.
(c) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and shall have the authority to act upon any matter properly brought before the committee. The committee shall follow all policies and procedures of Chapter 14 of Title 50, relating to open and public meetings.
(d) The committee shall have the following powers and duties:
(1) To make recommendations to the department on the standards and requirements for approval of training programs and a means for programs providing education and training to community health workers prior to July 1, 2026, to become approved training programs;

(2) To make recommendations to the department on the standards and requirements for the certification of community health workers and a means for individuals employed or engaged as community health workers prior to July 1, 2026, to become certified community health workers;

(3) To make recommendations to the department on the standards and a means to assess the mastery of core competencies necessary for an individual to become a certified community health worker;

(4) To provide for an expedited means for a community health worker duly certified in another jurisdiction to become a certified community health worker in this state;

(5) To make recommendations to the department on the establishment of tiered levels of practice for certified community health workers and requirements for each established level, including a level that qualifies a certified community health worker to act as an educator or trainer in an approved training program;

(6) To establish a process for the receipt, review, approval, and denial of applications for certification;

(7) To establish a process for the receipt and review of complaints related to the practice of certified community health workers;

(8) To establish disciplinary procedures and actions, including revocation or denial of a certificate issued, or a combination of the foregoing; and

(9) To perform such other functions and duties in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare as may be required to carry out this chapter.

(e) The department shall provide reasonably necessary administrative support for committee activities.

(f) The department shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article, including recommendations from the committee.

31-31-4.

(a) All training programs in this state shall satisfy the requirements established by the department. No entity shall hold itself out as providing training and education for certified community health workers in this state unless its training program has been approved by the committee.

(b) The department shall post on its website the requirements and the application form for a training program to become approved and for the renewal of such approvals. Such requirements shall include 45 hours of core competency training, of which 16 hours shall include training on specific health topics.

(c) An applicant for an approved training program shall submit an application to the committee demonstrating satisfaction of the requirements for a training program and pay a fee set by the department; provided, however, that, if an applicant provided education and training to community health workers prior to July 1, 2026, such applicant shall submit an application to the committee demonstrating satisfaction of requirements for such program, pay a fee set by the department, and provide a list of students who successfully completed such program at any time from January 1, 2016, to July 1, 2026.

(d) An application is not complete until the committee has received all the required materials. The committee shall notify the applicant within 15 calendar days after receipt of an application whether such application is complete or incomplete and identify any materials that are needed to complete such application. When the applicant fails to provide the required documentation within 120 calendar days of notification, the committee may administratively close such application or deny the application. An applicant whose application is administratively closed or denied may reapply and submit a new application and a new application fee.
(e) The approvals of training programs under this Code section shall be valid for up to two years and shall expire biennially unless renewed. Suspension and revocation of approvals shall be subject to the administrative procedures contained in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

31-31-5.
(a) The title 'certified community health worker' shall only be used by individuals who have met the requirements and qualifications for certification as a community health worker as established by the committee and have been duly certified by the committee. An individual certified as a community health worker shall identify himself or herself as a certified community health worker during any patient interactions and shall not utilize any other titles that such individual is not certified or licensed to use.
(b) The department shall post on its website the requirements and the application form for a community health worker to become certified and for the renewals of such certificates.
(c) An applicant for a certified community health worker shall submit an application to the committee demonstrating satisfaction of the requirements for a certified community health worker and pay a fee set by the department. A certified community health worker shall:
(1) Be 18 years of age or older;
(2) Possess a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
(3) Not be ineligible for certification on grounds established by the committee;
(4) Provide professional references, one of which shall be a current or former supervisor, with direct knowledge of the applicant's work and ability in the core competencies for community health workers;
(5) Have received satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the committee. Application for the issuance of a certificate under this chapter shall constitute express consent and authorization for the department to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the committee for a certificate agrees to provide the department with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. Such applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check;

(6) Submit proof of successful completion of an approved training program and 2,000 hours of employment as a community health worker within ten years of the date of application; and

(7) Any other requirements established by rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

(d) An applicant may satisfy the requirement provided in paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section if such applicant submits an application prior to July 1, 2027, and proof of:

(1) Successful completion of an education and training program for community health workers completed between July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2026, and 2,000 hours of employment as a community health worker within ten years of the date of application as established by the committee; or

(2) At least 4,000 hours of employment as a community health worker within ten years of the date of application and an attestation from an employer that such applicant performed duties that included core competencies and is competent to perform activities as a certified community health worker as established by the committee.

(e) An application for a certified community health worker is not complete until the committee has received all the required materials. The committee shall notify the applicant within 15 calendar days after receipt of an application whether such application is complete or incomplete and identify any materials that are needed to complete such application. When the applicant fails to provide the required documentation within 120 calendar days of notification, the committee may administratively close such application or deny the application. An applicant whose application is administratively closed or denied may reapply and submit a new application and a new application fee.

(f) Certificates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be valid for up to two years and shall expire biennially unless renewed. Suspension and revocation of certificates shall be subject to the administrative procedures contained in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

SECTION 2.

(a) This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted by the General Assembly.

(b) If funds are so appropriated, then this Act shall become effective on the later of:

(1) The date on which such appropriations Act becomes effective; or

(2) The beginning date of the fiscal year for which such appropriations are made.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 87. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Wiedower of the 121st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Williams of the 148th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their

materials and components; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to require health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and appropriations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Cost-sharing requirement' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-24-59.32.

(2) 'Covered person' means an individual covered under a health benefit policy.

(3) 'Health benefit policy' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-24-59.21.

(4) 'Health insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health benefit policies under this title.

(5) 'Medically necessary' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-46-4 and shall be in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

(6) 'Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines' means evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Such guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

(7) 'Orthotic device' or 'orthosis' means a custom fabricated or custom fitted device that is designed, fabricated, modified, or fitted to correct, support, or compensate for a neuromusculoskeletal disorder or acquired condition for the purpose of stabilizing, stretching, or immobilizing a body part, improving alignment, preventing deformities,

protecting against injury, or assisting with motion or function, and is worn on the outside of the body to help with such structural or functional problems. Such term does not include fabric or elastic supports, corsets, arch supports, low-temperature plastic splints, trusses, elastic hoses, canes, crutches, soft cervical collars, dental appliances, or other similar devices that are carried in stock and sold as over-the-counter items by a drug store, department store, corset shop, or surgical supply facility.

(8) 'Prosthetic device' or 'prosthesis' means a custom designed, fabricated, fitted, modified, or fitted and modified device to replace an absent external body part for purposes of restoring physiological function or cosmesis or both. Such term does not include artificial eyes or ears; dental appliances; cosmetic devices such as artificial breasts, eyelashes, or wigs; or other devices that do not have a significant impact on mobility or the musculoskeletal functions of the body.

(b) All health benefit policies renewed or issued on or after January 1, 2026, shall include coverage for orthotic devices and prosthetic devices that are medically necessary for:

(1) Activities of daily living;

(2) Essential job related activities;

(3) Personal hygiene related activities, including, but not limited to, showering, bathing, and toileting; or

(4) Physical activities, including, but not limited to, running, biking, swimming, and strength training, so as to maximize the covered person's whole body health and both upper and lower limb function.

(c) The coverage provided for in this Code section shall include no more than three orthotic devices or prosthetic devices per affected limb per covered person during any three-year period. Such coverage shall include:

(1) All materials and components for the use of the orthotic device or prosthetic device, including:

(A) The orthosis or prosthesis;

(B) Structural components such as the socket;

(C) Suspension mechanisms such as the pin, lock, suction, and elevated vacuum;

(D) Hip joint, knee joint, foot, alignable parts, and terminal device;

(E) Connective components such as pads, bands, and cushions; and

(F) Consumable items such as socks, sleeves, and liners;

(2) Formulation of the device's design, fabrication, measurements and fittings;

(3) Education and training on using and maintaining such device; and

(4) The repair of such device and its components.

(d)(1) The replacement of an orthotic device or prosthetic device and its materials and components when such device is less than three years old shall be medically necessary if there is adequate documentation of a change in the physiological condition of the covered person, an irreparable change in the condition of the device or any of its components, or the condition of the device or a component of the device requires repairs and the cost of such repairs would be more than 60 percent of the cost of the device.

(2) A socket replacement shall be medically necessary if there is adequate documentation of a physiological need, including, but not limited to, a change in the

residual limb, a functional need change, irreparable damage, or wear and tear due to excessive weight of a covered person or physical demands of an active covered person.

(e) A health insurer shall not be required to replace or repair an orthotic device or prosthetic device due to misuse, malicious damage, gross neglect, loss, or theft.

(f) The coverage provided for in this Code section:

(1) Shall be considered as habilitative or rehabilitative benefits for purposes of any state or federal requirements for coverage of essential health benefits;

(2) Shall be comparable to coverage for other medical and surgical benefits under the health benefit policy, including restorative internal devices;

(3) May be subject to the same cost-sharing requirements that apply to other medical devices and services covered by the health benefit policy; provided, however, that such requirements shall not be solely applicable to such coverage; and

(4) May be limited, or the cost-sharing requirements for such coverage may be altered for out-of-network providers; provided, however, that any limitations shall not be more restrictive than the restrictions and requirements applicable to the out-of-network coverage for the policy's medical or surgical coverage.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit a health insurer from issuing or renewing a health benefit policy which provides benefits greater than the minimum benefits required under this Code section or from issuing or renewing a policy which provides benefits which are generally more favorable to the covered person than those required under this Code section.

(h) By July 1, 2032, the Commissioner shall submit a report to the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee regarding the implementation of the coverage required under this Code section. All health insurers issuing or renewing health benefit policies subject to the provisions of this Code section shall provide the department with all data requested by the department for inclusion in such report, including, but limited to, the total number of claims submitted, the total number of claims paid, and the total amount of claims paid for the coverage provided for by this Code section for policy years from 2026 to 2030.

(i) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval, except that any coverage provided under a contract executed by this state shall be subject to appropriations.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 384. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Reeves of the 99th, Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abuse of governmental office and official oaths, respectively, so as

to provide for uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; to provide for aspirational language in such oaths; to limit the legal effect of any such aspirational language; to limit the crime of violation of oath of a public officer to codified oaths; to limit the violation of oath by a public officer to violations predicated on a separate felony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abuse of governmental office and official oaths, respectively, so as to provide for uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; to provide for aspirational language in such oaths; to limit the legal effect of any such aspirational language; to limit the crime of violation of oath of a public officer to codified oaths; to limit the violation of oath by a public officer to violations predicated on certain offenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abuse of governmental office, is amended by revising Code Section 16-10-1, relating to violation of oath by public officer, as follows:

"16-10-1.

(a) Any public officer who willfully and intentionally violates the terms of his or her oath as prescribed by law shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

(b) Any peace officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-2, who has sworn the oath or oaths prescribed in Code Sections 15-16-4 and 45-3-7 shall be subject to prosecution under this Code section only for violations of such oath or oaths as prescribed.

(c) No individual shall be subject to prosecution for violation of his or her oath of office under this Code section, except where such violation is predicated upon the commission of a felony or a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to official oaths, is amended by revising Code Section 45-3-7, relating to oaths of deputies, as follows:

"45-3-7.

(a) Before proceeding to act, all deputies shall take the same oaths as their principals take and the oaths shall be filed and entered on the minutes of the same office with the same endorsement thereon; but this Code section shall not apply to any deputy who may be employed in particular cases only. A deputy sheriff may take his or her oaths before the sheriff and the oaths may be filed in and entered in the records of the sheriff's office.

(b) All peace officers, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-2, taking their oath of office on or after July 1, 2025, shall be administered the following oath:

'I, (name of person taking oath), hereby swear or affirm that I will faithfully, fairly, and without malice or partiality uphold the laws of the State of Georgia, as well as any ordinances which I am authorized to enforce, to the best of my ability and support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia. So help me God.'

(c) A peace officer may take his or her oath before the chief executive officer of the agency or any authorized judicial official, and such oath may be filed in and entered in the records of that agency.

(d) An agency may administer additional oaths that contain provisions not specifically prescribed and enumerated in this Code section; provided, however, that such oaths, and any language in addition to the language set forth in this Code section, shall be deemed aspirational only and of no legal effect in any civil or criminal proceeding.

(e) Sheriffs and their sworn deputies taking their oath of office on or after July 1, 2025, shall take the oath set forth in Code Section 15-16-4; provided, however, that any language in such oath in addition to the language set forth in such Code section shall be deemed aspirational only and of no legal effect in any civil or criminal proceeding."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

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Y Bennett	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #3
THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 217 Education; make Dual Achievement Program a permanent state-wide program (Substitute)(HEd-Hong-103rd)

HB 371 Quality Basic Education Act; state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding; provide for an increase (Ed-Corbett-174th)

HB 646 Coroners; provide minimum salaries (Substitute)(PS&HS-Stinson-150th)
HR 450 General Assembly; authorize sports betting in Georgia; provide by law - CA (HEd-Wiedower-121st)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 646. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Wade of the 9th, Jackson of the 128th, Reese of the 140th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroners, so as to provide minimum salaries of coroners; to revise compensation provisions for deputy coroners; to provide for benefits to certain coroners; to remove certain death investigation fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroners, so as to provide minimum salaries of coroners; to revise compensation provisions for deputy coroners; to provide for benefits to certain coroners; to remove certain death investigation fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroners, is amended by revising Code Section 45-16-7, relating to appointment of deputy coroners, oath, bond, fees, powers, and qualifications, as follows:

"45-16-7.

(a) ~~As soon as practicable after July 1, 1980, and at~~ At the beginning of each term ~~of the coroner thereafter~~, the coroner of each county shall appoint a deputy coroner or coroners thereafter, the coroner of each county shall appoint a deputy coroner or coroners as provided in this Code section. A deputy coroner shall be appointed for each county, and one or more additional deputy coroners may be appointed for any county, ~~in the discretion of the coroner~~ pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section. Each deputy coroner shall serve at the pleasure of the coroner and may be replaced by the coroner at any time. Each deputy coroner shall take the same oath, give the same bond, ~~be entitled to the same fees,~~ and have the same powers as the coroner~~;~~, but a deputy coroner shall act as coroner only when the coroner is himself or herself unable to act.

(b) No person shall be eligible to hold the office of deputy coroner unless he or she holds a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent. Any deputy coroner who is in office on July 1, 1980, however, shall without limitation be eligible to serve as deputy coroner at any time after said date without regard to whether he or she meets the requirements of this subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, ~~there shall be appointed only one deputy coroner, and, on and after July 1, 1999,~~ there shall only be one deputy coroner in each ~~such~~ county unless otherwise approved by the local governing authority of the county in the annual budget of the coroner's office.

(d) A deputy coroner shall receive:

(1) A fee of at least $250.00 for each case the deputy coroner works; and

(2) A per diem of $100.00 for each day the deputy coroner does not work a case; provided, however, that a deputy coroner shall not be entitled to a per diem pursuant to this paragraph for more than 90 days in a calendar year; provided, further, that sufficient funds have been budgeted by the governing authority of the county.

(e) As of January 1, 2026, any deputy coroner being compensated by a county in an amount greater than the compensation formulas provided in subsection (d) of this Code section shall not have his or her compensation reduced for the remainder of the term of the coroner."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 45-16-11, relating to compensation of county coroners, increases, calculation, supplements, and expenses, as follows:

"45-16-11.

(a)(1) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the minimum annual salary of each coroner in any of the counties in this state in the following population brackets shall be fixed according to the population of the county in which he or she serves, as determined by the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2020 or any future such census. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each such coroner shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments from the

funds of the coroner's county, of not less than the amount fixed in the following schedule:

Population	Minimum Salary
~~0 — 11,889~~	~~$ 1,200.00~~
~~11,890 — 19,999~~	~~2,400.00~~
~~20,000 — 34,999~~	~~3,600.00~~
0 — 5,999	$17,700.00
6,000 — 11,889	20,000.00
11,890 — 19,999	25,000.00
20,000 — 28,999	30,000.00
29,000 — 38,999	35,000.00
39,000 — 49,999	40,000.00
50,000 — 74,999	45,000.00
75,000 — 99,999	50,000.00
100,000 — 149,999	55,000.00
150,000 — 199,999	70,000.00
200,000 — 249,999	80,000.00
250,000 — 299,999	90,000.00
300,000 — 399,999	95,000.00
400,000 — 499,999	100,000.00
500,000 or more	105,000.00

(2) Whenever, after January 1, 2026, the state employees subject to compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 receive a cost-of-living increase or general performance based increase of a certain percentage or a certain amount, the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and in Code Section 45-16-11.1, or the amounts derived by increasing each of said amounts through the application of longevity increases pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, where applicable, shall be increased by the same percentage or same amount applicable to such state employees. If the cost-of-living increase or general performance based increase received by state employees is in different percentages or different amounts as to certain categories of employees, the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and

in Code Section 45-16-11.1, or the amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, shall be increased by a percentage or an amount not to exceed the average percentage or average amount of the general increase in salary granted to the state employees. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase or average amount increase when necessary. The periodic changes in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and in Code Section 45-16-11.1, or the amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, as authorized by this paragraph shall become effective on the first day of January following the date that the cost-of-living increases received by state employees become effective; provided, however, that, if the cost-of-living increases or general performance based increases received by state employees become effective on January 1, such periodic changes in the amounts fixed in the minimum salary schedule in paragraph (1) of this subsection, and in Code Section 45-16-11.1, or the amounts derived through the application of longevity increases, as authorized by this paragraph shall become effective on the same date that the cost-of-living increases or general performance based increases received by state employees become effective.

(3) The county governing authority may supplement the minimum annual salary of the coroner in such amount as it may fix from time to time; but no coroner's compensation supplement shall be decreased during any term of office. Any prior expenditure of county funds to supplement the coroner's salary in the manner authorized by this paragraph is ratified and confirmed. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall prohibit the General Assembly by local law from supplementing the annual salary of the coroner.

(a.1) In the event that the coroner or his or her immediate predecessor spent at least 2,080 hours on duties related to his or her role as the coroner and the coroner's office in such county administered at least 100 death investigations in the preceding calendar year, the county governing authority shall provide the coroner the same employment benefits it provides the clerk of the superior court, judge of the probate court, sheriff, or tax commissioner.

(b) The amounts provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section and Code Section 45-16-11.1, as increased by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall be increased by multiplying said amounts by the percentage which equals 5 percent times the number of completed four-year terms of office served by any coroner after December 31, ~~2000~~ 2024, effective the first day of January following the completion of each such period of service.

(c) ~~The minimum salaries provided for under this Code section shall be in addition to any fees, including the death investigation fee provided for under subsection (b) of Code Section 45-16-27, paid by the county governing authority to the coroner on a per-call basis and in addition to any expenses~~ Reserved.

(d) The minimum salaries provided for in this Code section shall be considered as salary only. Expenses for deputies, equipment, supplies, copying equipment, and other necessary and reasonable expenses for the operation of a coroner's office shall come from funds other than the funds specified as salary in this Code section.

(e) This Code section shall not be construed to reduce the salary of any coroner in office on July 1, ~~2001~~ 2026; provided, however, that successors to such coroners in office on July 1, ~~2001~~ 2026, shall be governed by the provisions of this Code section. All local legislation in effect on ~~July 1, 2001~~ January 1, 2026, or enacted thereafter affecting compensation for coroners of the various counties shall be of full force and effect except where the same provides for a salary lower than provided in this Code section, in which event this Code section shall prevail."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing subsections (b) and (b.1) of Code Section 45-16-27, relating to when inquest to be held, special situations, coroner's fee, issuance of subpoenas, cost of copying, and limited disclosure of photographs, and designating subsection (b) as reserved.

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 430. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Clifton of the 131st, Ballard of the 147th, Ford of the 170th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for venue for certain petitions regarding the state sexual offender registry; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for venue for certain petitions regarding the state sexual offender registry; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, is amended by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (e) of Code Section 42-1-12, relating to State Sexual Offender Registry, as follows:

"(6) Is a nonresident who changes residence from another state or territory of the United States or any other place to Georgia who, at the time of changing residence, is required to register as a sexual offender under federal law, military law, tribal law, or the laws of another state or territory or who has been convicted in this state of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or any dangerous sexual offense;"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b), paragraph (2) of subsection (d), and subsections (e) and (f) of Code Section 42-1-19, relating to petition for release from registration requirements, as follows:

"(2) Such petition shall be served on the district attorney of the jurisdiction where the petition is filed, the sheriff of the county where the petition is filed, ~~and~~ the sheriff of the county where the individual resides, the sheriff of the county of intended residence, and the chief superior court judge of the county of intended residence. Service on the district attorney and sheriff may be had by mailing a copy of the petition with a proper certificate of service."

"(2) Any evidence introduced by the district attorney, board, or ~~sheriff~~ sheriffs; and"

"(e) The court shall hold a hearing on the petition if requested by the petitioner, the sheriff of the county of intended residence, or the chief superior court judge of the county of intended residence.

(f) The court may issue an order releasing the individual from registration requirements or residency or employment restrictions, in whole or part, if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the individual does not pose a substantial risk of perpetrating any future dangerous sexual offense. The court may release an individual from such requirements or restrictions for a specific period of time. The court shall send a copy of any order releasing an individual from any requirements or restrictions to the sheriff and the district attorney of the jurisdiction where the petition is filed, to the sheriff of the county where the individual resides, to the sheriff of the county of intended residence, to the Department of Corrections, to the Department of Community Supervision, and to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 531. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to

provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 33 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability of municipal corporations for acts or omissions, so as to provide that when a municipal corporation is participating in a joint undertaking and another local government participating in such joint undertaking acquires liability insurance the sovereign immunity of the other participating local government is not waived; to extend the period of the notice for a cause of action against a municipality; to provide that tort and nuisance liability of any consolidated government shall follow the law and rules of tort liability applicable to counties; to provide limitations on the amounts and types of damages and interest recoverable; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Municipal Sovereign Immunity Act."

SECTION 2.
Chapter 33 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability of municipal corporations for acts or omissions, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 36-33-5, relating to written demand prerequisite to action for injury to person or property, time for presenting claim and for consideration by governing authority, suspension of limitations, statement of specific amount of monetary damages sought, and service of claim on city officials, as follows:

"(b) Within ~~six~~ 12 months of the happening of the event upon which a claim against a municipal corporation is predicated, the person, firm, or corporation having the claim shall present the claim in writing to the governing authority of the municipal corporation for adjustment, stating the time, place, and extent of the injury, as nearly as practicable, and the negligence which caused the injury. No action shall be entertained by the courts against the municipal corporation until the cause of action therein has first been presented to the governing authority for adjustment. "

SECTION 3.
Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-33-7.
(a) It is the specific intent of the General Assembly that municipal tort claims shall be subject to the limitations provided in this Code section. In any civil action or claim for damages brought under the provisions of this chapter, no claimant shall recover a sum exceeding $3 million from any single municipality because of loss arising from a single occurrence; and any single municipality's aggregate liability per occurrence shall not exceed $5 million. The existence of these caps on liability shall not be disclosed or suggested to the jury during the trial of any action brought under this chapter.
(b) No award for damages under this chapter shall include punitive or exemplary damages.
(c) Trial of tort claims against the municipality under this chapter shall be conducted by a judge with a jury; provided, however, that the parties may agree that the same be tried by a judge without a jury.
(d) This Code section shall not be construed as a new waiver of immunity as required by Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IX of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. Any such new waiver must be pled and proven by the claimant as provided by law."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 13.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 127. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Leverett of the 123rd, Rice of the 139th, Barrett of the 24th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, so as to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 483. By Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Leverett of the 123rd, Smith of the 18th, Reeves of the 99th, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for protections for inspectors of code enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon inspectors of code enforcement in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for protections for inspectors of code enforcement; to provide for a definition; to provide for enhanced penalties for simple assault, aggravated assault, simple battery, battery, and aggravated battery committed upon inspectors of code enforcement in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 16-5-19, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(4.1) 'Inspector of code enforcement' means any person employed by or under contract with a municipality, city, county, or consolidated government who performs safety inspections of buildings, structures, and businesses to ensure they are operated in accordance with the law."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, as follows:

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of simple assault upon a utility worker or inspector of code enforcement while such worker or inspector is acting within the course and scope of ~~their~~ his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (m) of Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, as follows:

"(m) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a utility worker or inspector of code enforcement while such worker or inspector is acting within the course and scope of ~~their~~ his or her employment or is performing official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (j) of Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, as follows:

"(j) Any person who commits the offense of simple battery upon a utility worker or inspector of code enforcement while such worker or inspector is acting within the course and scope of ~~their~~ his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of

the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (l) of Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, as follows:

"(l) Any person who commits the offense of battery upon a utility worker or inspector of code enforcement while such worker or inspector is acting within the course and scope of ~~their~~ his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, as follows:

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a utility worker or inspector of code enforcement while such worker or inspector is acting within the course and scope of ~~their~~ his or her employment or is performing official duties at the time of the offense shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after July 1, 2025.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 323. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 43 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Medicare supplement insurance, so as to provide for Medicare supplement policies to be issued and renewed for individuals under 65 years of age who are eligible by reason of disability or end stage renal disease under federal law; to provide for open enrollment periods; to prohibit an insurer from charging premium rates for such policies for such individuals that exceed premium rates charged for individuals who are 65 years of age; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 174, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 351. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding solid waste management, so as to modify the powers and duties of the Board of Natural Resources; to revise definitions; to modify solid waste permitting; to provide for submission of written verification regarding

compliance with local zoning and land use regulations; to remove certain restrictions on permits; to revise provisions regarding public meetings and notice; to remove outdated terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding solid waste management, so as to modify the powers and duties of the Board of Natural Resources; to revise definitions; to modify solid waste permitting; to provide for submission of written verification regarding compliance with local zoning and land use regulations; to remove certain restrictions on permits; to revise provisions regarding public meetings and notice; to remove outdated terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding solid waste management, is amended by revising paragraphs (16) and (37) of Code Section 12-8-22, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(16) 'Manifest' means a form or document used for identifying the quantity and composition and the origin, routing, and destination of ~~special~~ solid waste during its transportation from the point of generation, through any intermediate points, to the point of disposal, treatment, or storage."

"(37) ~~'Special solid waste' means any solid waste not otherwise regulated under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter, known as the 'Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act,' and regulations promulgated under such part originating or produced from or by a source or generator not subject to regulation under Code Section 12-8-24~~ Reserved."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 12-8-23, relating to powers and duties of board, as follows:

"12-8-23.

In the performance of its duties the board shall have and may exercise the power to:

(1) Adopt, promulgate, modify, amend, and repeal rules and regulations to implement and enforce the provisions of this part as the board may deem necessary to provide for the control and management of solid waste to protect the environment and the health of humans. Such rules and regulations may be applicable to the state as a whole or may

vary from area to area or may vary by waste characteristics, as may be appropriate to facilitate the accomplishment of the provisions, purposes, and policies of this part. The rules and regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(A) Rules and regulations governing and controlling solid waste handling, including measures to ensure that solid waste management practices are regulated, governed, and controlled in the public interest;

(B) Rules and regulations prescribing the procedure to be followed in applying for permits and requiring the submission of such plans, specifications, verifications, and other pertinent information deemed relevant in connection with the issuance of such permits;

(C) Rules and regulations concerning the establishment of permits by rule;

(D) ~~Rules and regulations establishing the use of a manifest during the generation and handling of special solid waste~~ Reserved;

(E) Rules and regulations governing and controlling the handling of ~~special solid waste and~~ biomedical waste;

(F) Rules and regulations establishing criteria and a system of priorities for the distribution of any state funds as may be made available through a grant-in-aid program to assist financially local governmental agencies or authorities in the planning, implementing, maintaining, or operating of solid waste handling systems which are consistent with local and regional solid waste management plans;

(G) Rules and regulations establishing procedures and requirements for the postclosure care of all solid waste disposal facilities, including but not limited to corrective action of releases, ground-water monitoring, and maintenance of final cover;

(H) Rules and regulations establishing the criteria for approval, time periods for coverage, and other terms and conditions for the demonstration of financial responsibility required by this part and for the implementation of financial responsibility instruments;

(I) Rules and regulations establishing qualifications for municipal solid waste disposal facility operators and certification of such operators through colleges or universities of the University System of Georgia or other organizations as may be determined acceptable by the board;

(J) Rules and regulations regulating the generation, collection, processing, and disposal of scrap tires and the collection, inventory, and marketing of used tires and governing the investigation and cleanup of sites where scrap tires have been disposed regardless of the date when such disposal occurred; and

(K) Rules and regulations further defining what shall or shall not constitute 'recovered materials'; and

(2) Take all necessary steps to ensure the effective enforcement of this part."

SECTION 3.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-8-24, relating to permits for solid waste or special solid waste handling, disposal, or thermal treatment technology facility and

inspection of solid waste generators, by revising subsections (a), (c), and (d), paragraph (2) of subsection (e), and subsections (g) and (h) as follows:

"(a) No person shall engage in solid waste ~~or special solid waste~~ handling in Georgia or construct or operate a solid waste handling facility in Georgia, except those individuals exempted from this part under Code Section 12-8-30.10, without first obtaining a permit from the director authorizing such activity."

"(c) ~~On or after March 30, 1990, any permit for the transportation of municipal solid waste from a jurisdiction generating solid waste to a municipal solid waste disposal facility located in another county shall be conditioned upon the jurisdiction generating solid waste developing and being actively involved in, by July 1, 1992, a strategy for meeting the state-wide goal of waste reduction by July 1, 1996~~ Reserved.

(d) If the director determines that such activity will result in any violation of this part or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this part, ~~he~~ the director shall deny the permit; otherwise, ~~he~~ the director shall issue the permit, specifying on the permit the conditions under which such activity shall be conducted; provided, however, that a public hearing shall be held by the governing authority of the county or municipality in which the municipal solid waste ~~or special solid waste~~ handling shall occur not less than two weeks prior to the issuance of any permit under this Code section and notice of such hearing shall be posted at the proposed site and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation serving the county or counties in which the proposed activity will be conducted at least 30 days prior to such hearing."

"(2) Prior to the granting of any major modification of an existing solid waste handling permit by the director, a public hearing shall be held by the governing authority of the county or municipality in which the municipal solid waste facility ~~or special solid waste handling facility~~ requesting the modification is located not less than two weeks prior to the issuance of any permit under this Code section and notice of such hearing shall be posted at the site of such facility and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation serving the county or counties in which such facility is located at least 30 days prior to such hearing."

"(g)(1) ~~Prior to the issuance of~~ The director shall require that an applicant for any permit for a solid waste handling facility or ~~the granting of~~ any major modification of an existing solid waste handling permit~~, the director shall require written verification to be furnished by the applicant~~ submit to the division written verification from an authorized official of the host local government for the facility or proposed facility or major modification that is no more than 36 months old from the date of application that:

(A) Identifies the type of facility or proposed facility;

(B) Describes the location of such facility or proposed facility by tax parcel identification number or legal description;

(C) Expressly states that the facility or proposed facility complies with local zoning or land use ordinances~~, if any~~ or that there are no such local zoning or land use ordinances; ~~and after July 1, 1992,~~ and

(D) States that the facility or proposed facility is consistent with the local, multijurisdictional, or regional solid waste management plan developed and adopted

by the host local government in accordance with ~~standards promulgated pursuant to this part subject to~~ the provisions of Code Section 12-8-31.1 ~~and that the host jurisdiction and all jurisdictions generating solid waste destined for the applicants' facility can demonstrate that they are part of an approved solid waste plan developed in accordance with standards promulgated pursuant to this part and are actively involved in and have a strategy for meeting the state-wide goal of waste reduction by July 1, 1996. Prior to the issuance of any permit for a solid waste handling facility or the granting of any major modification of an existing solid waste handling permit that will handle solid waste from jurisdictions outside Georgia, the out-of-state solid waste generating jurisdictions shall provide documentation that they have a strategy for and are actively involved in meeting planning requirements and a waste reduction goal that are substantially equivalent to the planning requirements and waste reduction goal contained in this part~~.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, written verification may be executed by an administrative official or employee of the host local government only if that person has been authorized to provide the written verification by ordinance or resolution of the governing authority. In the absence of such authorization, written verification shall be executed by the chief elected official of the governing authority of the host local government.

(3) Such written verification from the host local government shall constitute a determination that the facility or proposed facility or major modification is consistent with the applicable requirements of subsection (e) of Code Section 12-8-31.1.

(h) No permit for a disposal facility shall be issued to any regional solid waste management authority created under Part 2 of this article, the 'Regional Solid Waste Management Authorities Act,' until local and regional solid waste management plans consistent with this part have been developed for all jurisdictions participating in such authority and ~~such plans~~ are ~~found to be~~ consistent with the state solid waste management plan ~~pursuant to~~ described in subsection ~~(d)~~ (c) of Code Section ~~12-8-31.1~~ 12-8-31."

SECTION 4.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-8-25.3, relating to further restrictions on sites within significant ground-water recharge area or near military air space used as bombing range, by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

(a) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 12-8-25.2, no permit shall be issued for a municipal solid waste landfill which accepts solid waste generated from outside the county in which such landfill is located or, in the case of a regional landfill, from outside any of the counties or special districts empowered to engage in solid waste management activities constituting such region if any part of such site is within any area that has been designated by the director as a significant ground-water recharge area~~ Reserved.

(b) ~~In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, in the case of a regional municipal solid waste landfill where any part of such site is within any area that has been designated by the director as a significant ground-water recharge area, no permit shall be issued for such regional landfill unless the boundaries of the counties or special~~

~~districts empowered to engage in solid waste management activities are contiguous and such counties or special districts have entered into a joint contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste~~ Reserved."

SECTION 5.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 12-8-26, relating to public meetings on site selection, notice, and decision, as follows:

"12-8-26.

(a) Any county, municipality, group of counties, or government authority beginning a process to select a site ~~for~~ on which such county, municipality, group of counties, or government authority intends to own or operate a municipal solid waste disposal facility must first call at least one public meeting to discuss waste management needs of the local government or region and to describe the process of siting facilities to the public. Notice of this meeting shall be published within a newspaper of general circulation serving such county or municipality at least ~~once a week for two weeks~~ 14 days and again at least seven days immediately preceding the date of such meeting. A regional solid waste management authority created under Part 2 of this article must hold at least one meeting within each jurisdiction participating in such authority, and notice for these meetings must be published within a newspaper of general circulation serving each such jurisdiction at least ~~once a week for two weeks~~ 14 days and again at least seven days immediately preceding the date of such meeting.

(b) ~~The governing authority of any county or municipality taking action resulting in a publicly or privately owned municipal solid waste disposal facility siting decision shall cause to be published within a newspaper of general circulation serving such county or municipality a notice of the meeting at which such siting decision is to be made at least once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date of such meeting. Such notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting and the meeting shall be conducted by the governing authority taking the action. A siting decision shall include, but is not limited to, such activities as the final selection of property for landfilling and the execution of contracts or agreements pertaining to the location of municipal solid waste disposal facilities within the jurisdiction, but shall not include zoning decisions~~ Before a host local government verifies in writing that a proposed new public or private municipal solid waste disposal facility or a major modification expanding the permit boundaries of an existing facility is consistent with the local, multijurisdictional, or regional solid waste management plan adopted by the host local government and local zoning or land use ordinances, as required by subsection (g) of Code Section 12-8-24, the governing authority of the host local government shall comply with the notice and meeting requirements set forth in this part. Prior to issuing written verification, such governing authority shall cause a notice of the meeting at which the public will be informed of the proposed new facility or major modification expanding the permit boundaries of an existing facility to be published in a newspaper of general circulation serving such local government. The meeting notice shall be published at least 14 days and again at least seven days preceding the date of such meeting. The meeting notice shall identify the

governing authority of the host local government jurisdiction that will conduct the meeting and shall include the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. During the meeting on the proposed new facility or major modification expanding the permit boundaries of an existing facility, the governing authority of the host local government shall inform the public of:

(1) The location of the proposed new facility or major modification expanding the permit boundaries of an existing facility;

(2) The type of facility and operations proposed; and

(3) The process by which such governing authority shall provide the written verification described in subsection (g) of Code Section 12-8-24."

SECTION 6.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-8-27.1, relating to Solid Waste Trust Fund, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) If the director determines that a solid waste ~~or special solid waste~~ handling facility has been abandoned, that the owner or operator thereof has become insolvent, or that for any other reason there is a demonstrated unwillingness or inability of the owner or operator to maintain, operate, or close the facility, to carry out postclosure care of the facility, or to carry out corrective action required as a condition of a permit to the satisfaction of the director, the director may implement the applicable financial responsibility mechanisms. The proceeds from any applicable financial responsibility mechanisms shall be deposited into the Solid Waste Trust fund."

SECTION 7.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-8-31.1, relating to local, multijurisdictional, or regional solid waste plans, reporting by cities and counties, and annual reporting requirements for landfill owners and operators, by revising subsections (a) and (d) through (h) as follows:

"(a)(1) Each city and county in Georgia shall develop or be included in a comprehensive solid waste management plan. Said plan may be developed independently as a local plan or jointly with other jurisdictions as a multijurisdictional or regional solid waste plan.

(2)~~(A) The Department of Community Affairs under the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 50 shall promulgate solid waste planning guidance that a city or county may use to update or amend such city's or county's solid waste plan.~~

~~(B)~~ Any city or county that proposes to update or amend its solid waste management plan shall publish notice of such proposed action in the county legal organ or the city's or county's ~~Internet~~ website, as applicable, at least two weeks prior to adopting such update or amendment to its plan in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section."

"(d) Each city and county may report annually to the ~~Department of Community Affairs~~ division on the status of solid waste management in the jurisdiction or may post such reports on its website. Such reports may be individual or collective in nature or, in lieu

of local reports, a regional report may be filed by any of the several regional commissions for political jurisdictions within their region. The annual report may include but not be limited to:

(1) The amount of solid waste collected, processed, and disposed of in the area;

(2) The progress on the reduction in solid waste, as evidenced by the solid waste received at disposal facilities in the planning area since the previous reporting period and total cumulative progress made toward meeting the waste reduction goals of the state;

(3) The remaining permitted capacity of disposal facilities;

(4) Recycling and composting activities in existence;

(5) Public information and education activities during the reporting period; and

(6) Any other pertinent information as may be required.

(e) ~~After July 1, 1992, no permit, grant, or loan shall be issued for any municipal solid waste disposal facility or any solid waste handling equipment or recycling equipment used in conjunction therewith in a county or region which is not consistent with a local, multijurisdictional, or regional solid waste management plan.~~ Each application for a permit, major modification, grant, or loan ~~issued after July 1, 1992,~~ shall include the following:

(1) Certification that the facility for which a permit or major modification is sought complies with local land use ~~and~~ or zoning requirements, if any;

(2) Verification that the facility for which a permit, major modification, grant, or loan is sought ~~meets the ten-year capacity needs identified in the~~ is consistent with the applicable local, multijurisdictional, or regional solid waste management plan; and

(3) Demonstration that the host ~~jurisdiction and all jurisdictions generating solid waste destined for the applicant's facility are part of an approved~~ local government has adopted a solid waste management plan ~~or updated plan developed consistent with standards promulgated pursuant to this part, and are actively involved in, and have a strategy for, meeting the state-wide goal for reduction of solid waste disposal~~ in accordance with the requirements of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to~~:~~

~~(1) Any~~ any solid waste disposal facility which is operated exclusively by a private solid waste generator on property owned by the private solid waste generator for the purpose of accepting solid waste exclusively from the private solid waste generator so long as the operation of the solid waste disposal facility does not adversely affect the public health or the environment. After commencement of operation by a private solid waste generator of a solid waste disposal facility which is permitted but not included in a local or regional solid waste management plan, an amendment into a local or regional solid waste management plan shall be required for any solid waste which is to be no longer disposed of by the private solid waste generator in its own solid waste disposal facility prior to any substantial reduction in the amount of solid waste accepted by the solid waste disposal facility or its closure~~; or~~.

~~(2) Any privately owned solid waste handling facility seeking a permit or major modification of an existing permit where the host local governing authority has failed~~

~~to make a good faith effort, as determined by the Department of Community Affairs, to develop and adopt a local solid waste management plan or to be included in a multijurisdictional or regional solid waste management plan; provided, however, that the permit applicant continues to be obligated to demonstrate that all generating jurisdictions from which waste will be received are part of an approved solid waste management plan developed in accordance with planning guidance promulgated pursuant to this part and have a strategy to meet and are actively engaged in meeting the state-wide goal of reducing waste.~~

(g) ~~Effective July 1, 1991, it~~ It shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator of each municipal solid waste disposal facility to keep an accurate written record of all amounts of solid waste measured in tons received at the facility. Measurement in tons of solid waste received shall be accomplished by one or more of the following methods:

(1) The provision of stationary or portable scales at the disposal facility for weighing incoming waste;

(2) Implementation of contractual or other arrangements for the use of scales at a location other than the disposal facility for weighing all waste destined for disposal at the facility; or

(3) Implementation of contractual or other arrangements for the use of scales at a location other than the disposal facility to weigh representative samples of the solid waste received at the disposal facility on a basis which is sufficiently frequent to estimate accurately the amount of solid waste received at the disposal facility.

(h) The provisions of subsection (d) of this Code section notwithstanding, each public or private owner or operator of a municipal solid waste landfill shall report annually to the ~~Department of Community Affairs~~ division on the status of solid waste management for each municipal solid waste landfill it owns or operates in this state. The annual report for each such landfill shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The amount of solid waste collected, processed, and disposed of at such landfill;

(2) The remaining permitted capacity of the landfill;

(3) ~~Recycling and composting activities in existence~~ Quantities of material recycled and composted annually at such landfill; and

(4) Any other pertinent information as may be required by the ~~Department of Community Affairs~~ division."

SECTION 8.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 12-8-39, relating to cost reimbursement fees, surcharges, exempt contracts, and reporting, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) Effective January 1, 1992, when a municipal solid waste disposal facility is operated as a joint venture by more than one city or county or combination thereof, by a ~~special~~ solid waste district, or by an authority, the cost reimbursement fee specified in this Code section shall be imposed by the joint operators, district, or authority and the cost reimbursement fee received shall be administered as outlined in subsection (b) of this Code section and shall be remitted into a restricted account established by the participating local governments."

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 175, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 677. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, so as to provide for certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility in certain circumstances; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to patient protection, so as to provide for per diem payments to hospitals or psychiatric residential treatment facilities in certain circumstances; to amend Chapter 21A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Medicaid Care Management Organizations Act," so as to provide for per diem payments to hospitals or psychiatric residential treatment facilities in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, so as to provide for certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-1-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Acute psychiatric care' means a level of care that is highly structured for patients who are a risk to themselves or others.

(2) 'Multi-Agency Treatment for Children' or 'MATCH' team means a collection of professionals with the purpose of determining the best placement option for a child following a discharge order from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility. Such teams shall be composed of a licensed psychiatrist, and representatives from the hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility, Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of Early Care and Learning; the Department of Public Health; the

Department of Community Health; the Department of Insurance; the Department of Education; the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; and the Department of Corrections. Additionally, such term may include the referring physician.

(b) Every hospital and psychiatric residential treatment facility in this state shall adhere to the following procedures for instances in which the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who has received psychiatric care or acute psychiatric care at such hospital or facility fails to take physical custody of such child within 48 hours of a physician's discharge order from such hospital or facility:

(1) Assemble a MATCH team to determine the best placement for the child; and

(2) Without delay, place such child into an appropriate environment which may include, but is not limited to, the child's family home, a foster home, a kinship home, a community based or medical facility, or such other environment as the MATCH team may determine appropriate. If necessary to ensure that such placement occurs without delay, the MATCH team shall meet on an emergency basis."

SECTION 2.

Each MATCH team affected by this Act shall submit such information as may be requested by the Department of Human Services. Such department shall submit a report to the chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee by December 31 of the year following the year in which this Act becomes effective. Such report shall include the number of children and length of stay of such children at a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility during the year that the report is submitted but for a period time no later than December 1 of that year.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act making specific reference to this Act and shall become effective when such funds so appropriated become available for expenditure.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, so as to provide for certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-1-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Acute psychiatric care' means a level of care that is highly structured for patients who are a risk to themselves or others.

(2) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for major medical, hospitalization, or other healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or any similar entity. Such term shall not include contracts executed by the State of Georgia on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45.

(b) Every hospital and psychiatric residential treatment facility in this state shall adhere to the following procedures for instances in which the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child not in the custody of the Department of Human Services through the Division of Children and Family Services who has received psychiatric care or acute psychiatric care at such hospital or facility fails to take physical custody of such child within 48 hours of a physician's discharge order from such hospital or facility:

(1) A task force shall be assembled which shall consist of a care coordinator, the child's treating psychiatrist at the hospital or facility, or, if unavailable, the hospital or facility's medical director, and, if applicable, a representative of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the health benefit policy of the child, and the Medicaid care management organization of such child; and

(2) Such task force shall meet without delay to determine an appropriate medical or community placement of such child into an appropriate environment."

SECTION 2.

Each task force affected by this Act shall submit by the end of each month following the effective date of this Act such information as may be requested by the Multi-Agency Treatment for Children (MATCH) Committee within the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Such department shall submit a report to the chairpersons of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee by December 31 of the year following the year in which this Act becomes effective. Such report shall include the number of children and length of stay of such children at a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility during the year that the report is submitted but for a period of time no later than December 1 of that year.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	E Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 173, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 652. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Holcomb of the 101st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to provide for an exception for collection of motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to provide for an exception for collection of motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, is amended in Code Section 48-9-2, relating to definitions relative to motor fuel tax, by revising subparagraph (G) of paragraph (5) as follows:

"(G) Consumes, uses, or sells electricity as a motor fuel through an electric vehicle charging station for both highway and nonhighway use; provided, however, that such term shall not include any electric vehicle charging stations in operation as of January 1, 2025, that are owned or operated by nonprofit organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that deliver electricity for no exchange of consideration or payment, and that are located upon federal interstate right of way;"

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-9-3, relating to levy of excise tax, rate, taxation of motor fuels not commonly sold or measured by gallon, rate, prohibition of tax on motor fuel by political subdivisions, exception, and exempted sales, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(7)(B)(ii)(I) as follows:

"(2) In the event any motor fuels which are not commonly sold or measured by the gallon or which are not otherwise provided for by this Code section are used in any motor vehicles on the public highways of this state, the commissioner may assess, levy,

and collect a tax upon such fuels, under such regulations as the commissioner may promulgate, in accordance with and measured by the nearest power potential equivalent to that of one gallon of regular grade gasoline; provided, however, that no tax shall be imposed upon such fuel dispensed from an electric vehicle charging station in operation as of January 1, 2025, that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that delivers electricity for no exchange of consideration or payment, and that is located upon federal interstate right of way. Any determination by the commissioner of the power potential equivalent of such motor fuels shall be prima-facie correct. Upon each such quantity of such fuels used upon the public highways of this state, a tax at the same rate per gallon imposed on motor fuel under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be assessed and collected."

"(ii)(I) Any special fuel sold by a distributor to a purchaser who has a storage receptacle which has a connection to a withdrawal outlet that may be used for highway use, as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 48-9-2, and any special fuel delivered from an electric vehicle charging station, is not exempt from the motor fuel and road taxes imposed by this article unless: (1) the purchaser is at the time of sale a valid licensed distributor of that type of motor fuel, ~~or~~ (2) such fuel dispensed is from an electric vehicle charging station in operation as of January 1, 2025, that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that delivers electricity for no exchange of consideration or payment, and that is located upon federal interstate right of way, or (3) an exemption certificate has been obtained on forms furnished by the Department of Revenue showing that there is no highway use of such fuels and the person obtaining such fuel is not a reseller of such fuels. Each exemption certificate shall be valid for a period of not more than three years and shall be kept by the distributor as one of the records specified in Code Section 48-9-8. It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to notify the distributor when the purchaser is no longer qualified for the nonhighway exemption. All applicable taxes ~~must~~ shall be charged the purchaser until the purchaser is granted a valid distributor's license for that type of motor fuel."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 635. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd, Reeves of the 99th, Persinger of the 119th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to revise provisions relating to the State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors; to revise and clarify qualifications for licensure as a residential or commercial general contractor; to revise provisions relating to examination of applicants; to revise provisions

relating to the refusal to grant a license, revocation of a license, or other disciplinary action of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 567. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions and conditions; to provide for authorized practices; to provide for a referred dentist; to provide for ownership of documents; to provide for a limited number of dental hygienists to perform teledentistry under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to allow for coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions and conditions; to provide for authorized practices; to provide for a referred dentist; to provide for ownership of documents; to provide for a limited number of dental hygienists to perform teledentistry under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to allow for coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-11-54.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Authorizing dentist' means a dentist licensed by and in good standing with the board and practicing in the State of Georgia.

(2) 'Dental hygienist' means a licensed dental hygienist in good standing with the board who meets the requirements to perform the specific dental hygiene functions permitted under general supervision under Code Section 43-11-74.

(3) 'Digital scan' means a computer generated replica of the hard and soft tissues of the oral cavity created with digital technology and enhanced digital photography.

(4) 'Direct supervision' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-l1-74.

(5) 'General supervision' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-11-74.

(6) 'Referred dentist' means a dentist licensed by and in good standing with the board practicing in this state to provide in-person dental treatment to patients receiving dental care through a teledentistry interaction under this Code section.

(7) 'Store and forward technologies' means technologies that allow for the electronic transmission of dental and health information, including images, photographs, documents, and health histories, through a secure communication system.

(8) 'Synchronous, real-time communication' means a live, two-way interaction between the authorizing dentist and a dental hygienist or patient permitted under this Code section using audiovisual telecommunications technology but shall not constitute direct supervision for the purposes of Code Section 43-l1-74 and the practice of dentistry in this state.

(9) 'Teledentistry' means the delivery of dental care through the use of synchronous, real-time communication in conjunction with and supported by store and forward technologies under the general supervision of the authorizing dentist when dental care is provided to a patient physically located at a site in this state that is different from the site where the authorizing dentist is physically located. A teledentistry interaction shall not constitute or be considered the equivalent of an in-person, clinical examination by a licensed dentist.

(b) No licensed dentist in this state shall provide dental care through teledentistry except under the conditions specified in this Code section.

(c) A licensed dentist who intends to provide dental care through teledentistry pursuant to this Code section shall notify the board of such intent and provide written documentation evidencing that such dentist has:

(1) A physical office for the provision of dental services in this state; and

(2) Established a referral relationship with a referred dentist who practices dentistry and treats patients in a physical and operational dental office located in this state.

Such dentist shall provide any other pertinent information as prescribed by the board.

(d) Subject to the conditions specified in subsection (e) of this Code section, an authorizing dentist shall only be allowed to:

(1) Authorize a dental hygienist to perform the specific dental hygiene functions permitted under general supervision in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 43-11-74, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of this Code section;

(2) Prescribe a medication that is not a controlled substance for a patient receiving dental care through a teledentistry interaction;

(3) Authorize the performance of digital scans by a dentist or dental hygienist;

(4) Authorize the use of store and forward technologies to transmit patient records, images, digital scans, X-rays, and other relevant health information between the authorizing dentist and a dental hygienist for the purposes of evaluating a patient's oral health condition and authorizing the performance of dental care permitted under this Code section. The authorizing dentist shall be the custodian of all patient records for the purposes of this Code section unless the patient is treated by a referred dentist. In such instance, the referred dentist shall be the custodian of the patient's records associated with the dental care the referred dentist provides to the patient, and such referred dentist shall furnish copies of these records to the authorizing dentist;

(5) Provide consultation to another provider regarding the patient's care; and

(6) Provide the following teledentistry services that are appropriately delivered without an in-person clinical examination:

(A) Emergency evaluation;

(B) Rendering second options; and

(C) Assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, and monitoring of a patient.

Teledentistry services described in this paragraph do not include orthodontics, delivering of dental appliances, or the supervision of a dental hygienist.

(e) Authorizing and referring dentists as well as those acting under their supervision shall be subject to the following conditions when providing dental care through teledentistry as authorized in subsection (d) of this Code section:

(1) Teledentistry services shall be consistent with how dental treatment is provided in person and shall adhere to the standards of appropriate patient care required in other dental care settings, including, but not limited to, appropriate patient examination, the taking and review of X-rays, and review of a patient's medical and dental history;

(2)(A) Initial consultations with new patients may be conducted via teledentistry, provided that the authorizing dentist establishes a bona fide dentist-patient relationship by reviewing the patient's medical and dental history and verifying the patient's identity and physical location to ensure the patient is physically located in this state when dental care is provided and shall obtain the requisite consent from a parent or guardian if the patient is a minor.

(B) An in-person clinical examination shall be performed immediately prior to providing or authorizing services or treatments to patients that are not reversible or that otherwise result in increased risk to the patient as set forth in regulations by the board. For ongoing dentist-patient relationships, dentists shall strongly encourage patients to be seen in person at least annually.

(3) The authorizing dentist shall prepare a written authorization, which shall be given to the patient and included in the patient's record, providing the name and license number of the authorizing dentist and the name and license number of the dental hygienist treating the patient during the teledentistry interaction, as well as any other information the authorizing dentist or board deems appropriate;

(4) Prior to each teledentistry interaction, informed consent shall be obtained from the patient, or from the parent or guardian if the patient is a minor, explaining the alternatives to and the capabilities and limitations of teledentistry, which shall include a written statement advising that a teledentistry interaction is not equivalent to an in-person clinical examination and that the authorizing dentist shall not be physically present during the delivery of dental care. Such informed consent shall also be documented and included in the patient's record;

(5) The authorizing dentist shall provide dental services through teledentistry only if such dental services are appropriate for the patient, as determined by such authorizing dentist;

(6)(A) The authorizing dentist shall provide the name, license number, office mailing address, and office phone number of the referred dentist to the patient after each teledentistry interaction.

(B) The referred dentist shall accept a referral to treat all dental emergencies and provide all necessary dental care, as determined by and in consultation with the authorizing dentist.

(7)(A) An authorizing dentist may only authorize up to four dental hygienists to perform the functions permitted in subsection (d) of this Code section at any one time.

(B) A dental hygienist performing the functions permitted in subsection (d) of this Code section via teledentistry shall have at least two years of experience in the practice of dental hygiene, shall be in compliance with continuing education requirements pursuant to Code Section 43-11-73.1 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements contained in Code Section 43-11-73, and shall be licensed in good standing.

(C) A dental hygienist practicing under general supervision via teledentistry pursuant to this Code section shall maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with board rules and regulations; provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not apply to an entity covered under sovereign immunity;

(8) No authorizing dentist or dental hygienist shall attempt to waive liability for teledentistry services in advance of delivering such services, and no authorizing dentist or dental hygienist shall attempt to prevent a patient from filing any complaint with any governmental agency or authority relating to the provision of dental care through teledentistry; and

(9) The authorizing dentist shall ensure that the use of teledentistry complies with the privacy and security requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, in effect on January 1, 2025, as well as those of Chapter 33 of Title 31.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Require a licensed dentist in this state to practice teledentistry;

(2) Require a licensed dentist to authorize a dental hygienist to perform the functions permitted in this Code section via teledentistry;

(3) Require a school or facility receiving dental hygiene services provided pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of Code Section 43-ll-74 to purchase any equipment to provide dental care through teledentistry; or

(4) Expand the scope of practice for dental hygienists or establish independent dental hygiene practice.

(g) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations that are reasonably necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, is amended by revising Code Section 33-24-59.15 as follows:

"33-24-59.15.

(a) As used in this Code section:

(1) 'Care management organization' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-21A-2.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Covered dental services' means dental care services for which a reimbursement is available under a covered person's dental benefit plan, or for which a reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, waiting periods, annual or lifetime maximums, frequency limitations, alternative benefit payments, or any other limitation.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Covered person' means any subscriber, enrollee, member, beneficiary, or participant, or his or her dependent, for whom benefits are payable when that covered person receives dental care services rendered or authorized by a dentist licensed under Chapter 11 of Title 43.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Dental benefit plan' means any individual or group plan, policy, contract, or subscription agreement which includes or is for dental care services that is issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state whether by a ~~health care~~ healthcare insurer, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, ~~health care~~ healthcare plan, or any other person, firm, corporation, joint venture, or other similar business entity that pays for, purchases, or furnishes dental care services to patients, insureds, beneficiaries, or covered dependents in this state.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Dental insurer' means any person, firm, corporation, joint venture, or other similar business entity that offers dental benefit plans in consideration of periodic payments.

(b) No contract between a dental insurer and a dentist shall require a dentist to accept an amount set by the dental insurer as payment for dental care services that are not covered dental services under the covered person's dental benefit plan.

(c) A dental insurer or other person or entity providing third-party administrator services shall not make available any providers in its dentist network to a plan that sets dental fees for any services except covered services.

(d) A dental insurer shall not draft, publish, disseminate, or circulate explanation of benefit forms that include language which directly or indirectly implies that a dentist may or should extend discounts to patients for noncovered dental services. Statements by a dental insurer which are prohibited by this Code section include but are not limited to, 'Our members value the services you provide and we encourage you to continue extending the discount on noncovered services.

(e) Any dental benefit plan issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, between a dental insurer, contracted vendor thereof, or a care management organization and a healthcare provider for the provision of healthcare services to a plan enrollee may provide coverage for the cost of dental care provided through teledentistry as directed through regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

(f) A dental insurer, contracted vendor thereof, or care management organization shall not:

(1) Exclude a service appropriately provided through teledentistry from coverage solely because the service is provided through teledentistry and is not provided through in-person consultation or contact between an authorizing dentist and a patient; or

(2) Require its insureds to receive dental care through teledentistry in lieu of an in-person, clinical examination."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 174, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 582. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 17, and 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, and evidence, respectively, so as to provide for defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim; to provide a privilege for participation in victim centered programs and victim-offender dialogues; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for civil immunity for facilitators in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 17, and 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, and evidence, respectively, so as to provide for

defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim; to provide for petitions for the opportunity to present such evidence; to revise provisions for the defense of coercion and to provide for the application of such defense in all criminal cases; to provide for resentencing for certain murder convictions; to provide a privilege for participation in victim centered programs and victim-offender dialogues; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for civil immunity for facilitators in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Survivor Justice Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to justification and excuse under defenses to criminal prosecutions, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 16-3-21, relating to use of force in defense of self or others and evidence of belief that force was necessary in murder or manslaughter prosecution, as follows:

"(d) In a prosecution for ~~murder or manslaughter~~ any offense prohibited under Chapter 5 of this title, if a defendant raises as a defense a justification provided by subsection (a) of this Code section, the defendant shall be permitted to offer relevant evidence that the defendant had been subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, in order to establish the defendant's reasonable belief that the threat or use of force or deadly force was immediately necessary~~, may be permitted to offer:~~

~~(1) Relevant evidence that the defendant had been the victim of acts of family violence or child abuse committed by the deceased, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1 and 19-15-1, respectively; and~~

~~(2) Relevant expert testimony regarding the condition of the mind of the defendant at the time of the offense, including those relevant facts and circumstances relating to the family violence or child abuse that are the bases of the expert's opinion~~. Relevant evidence includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Evidence pertaining to the alleged victim's prior acts, including, but not limited to:

(A) Evidence indicating the defendant sought law enforcement assistance;

(B) Evidence indicating the defendant sought services from a counselor, social worker, domestic violence program, or other relevant agency or service provider;

(C) Evidence indicating the defendant sought medical attention;

(D) Evidence of the effects of battering and post-traumatic stress disorder on the defendant; and

(E) Temporary protective order petitions, ex parte orders, and final orders in which the alleged victim is the respondent;

(2) Expert testimony, including, but not limited to, testimony as to relevant facts and circumstances relating to the family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, that are the bases of such expert's opinion; and

(3) Any other evidence the court determines is of sufficient credibility or probative value."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 16-3-26, relating to coercion, as follows:

"16-3-26.

A person is not guilty of a crime, except malice murder, if the act upon which the supposed criminal liability is based is performed under such coercion that ~~the person~~ he or she reasonably believes that performing the act is ~~the only way~~ necessary to prevent ~~his~~ imminent death or great bodily injury to himself or herself or a third person."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 5, relating to homicide, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 16-5-1, relating to murder, malice murder, felony murder, and murder in the second degree, as follows:

"(e)(1) A person convicted of the offense of murder shall be punished by death, by imprisonment for life without parole, or by imprisonment for life.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of murder in the second degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 30 years.

(3) A person convicted of the offense of murder under subsection (c) of this Code section and sentenced under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be resentenced under paragraph (2) of this subsection if the felony offense that was the predicate for such conviction was cruelty to children in the second degree occurring prior to July 1, 2004."

SECTION 5.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 10, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 17-10-1, relating to fixing of sentence, suspension or probation of sentence, change in sentence, eligibility for parole, prohibited modifications, and exceptions, as follows:

"(f)(1) Within one year of the date upon which the sentence is imposed, or within 120 days after receipt by the sentencing court of the remittitur upon affirmance of the judgment after direct appeal, whichever is later, the court imposing the sentence has the jurisdiction, power, and authority to correct or reduce the sentence and to suspend or probate all or any part of the sentence imposed. The time periods prescribed in this subsection require the defendant to file a motion within such time periods; however,

the court shall not be constrained to issue its order or hear the matter within such time periods. Prior to entering any order correcting, reducing, or modifying any sentence, the court shall afford notice and an opportunity for a hearing to the prosecuting attorney. Any order modifying a sentence which is entered without notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided in this subsection shall be void. This subsection shall not limit any other jurisdiction granted to the court in this Code section or as provided for in subsection (g) of Code Section 42-8-34.

(2)(A) A person who is serving a sentence may submit a petition to the court requesting to be sentenced under Code Section 17-10-22. Such petition shall be served upon the district attorney. The state shall file its response, if any, within 60 days of being served with such petition.

(B) There shall be a presumption in favor of granting a hearing on a petition filed pursuant to this paragraph unless the court determines that there is a lack of circumstantial guarantees of trustworthiness, an inherent unreliability of the facts asserted, or a deficiency in the factual allegations in the petition. If the court decides that the petitioner is not entitled to a hearing, the court shall enter an order denying relief and shall include written findings of fact outlining the reasons for such order.

(C) A hearing on a petition filed pursuant to this paragraph, if granted, shall be scheduled not more than 90 days from the date such petition is filed. The state shall be given notice and the opportunity to respond at any such hearing.

(D)(i) If, based upon evidence presented at the hearing, the court determines that the petitioner has met the criteria provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-10-22, the court shall enter an order reducing the defendant's sentence pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 17-10-22.

(ii) If, based upon the petition or evidence presented at the hearing, the court determines that the petitioner has not met the criteria provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-10-22, the court shall notify the petitioner, dismiss his or her petition without prejudice, and enter an order to such effect. Such an order shall include written findings of fact outlining the reasons for such order.

(E) Any order issued by a court pursuant to this paragraph shall include written findings of fact and the reasons for such order.

(F) Any judgments pursuant to this paragraph shall be final judgments and appealable under Code Section 5-6-34."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"17-10-22.

(a) At the time of sentencing, the defendant may present evidence that he or she was subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, and that such acts were a significant contributing factor to the offense for which the defendant is being sentenced. The rules of evidence shall apply to such presentation of evidence except that the following evidence shall be admissible:

(1) Hearsay;
(2) Character evidence;
(3) Evidence indicating the defendant sought law enforcement assistance;
(4) Evidence indicating the defendant sought services from a counselor, social worker, domestic violence program, or other relevant agency or service provider;
(5) Evidence indicating the defendant sought medical attention;
(6) Evidence of prior statements regarding the acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively;
(7) Evidence of the effects of battering and post-traumatic stress disorder on the defendant;
(8) Evidence pertaining to the alleged perpetrator's history of other acts of family violence, dating violence or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, including, but not limited to, temporary protective order petitions, ex parte orders, and final orders in which the alleged perpetrator is the respondent;
(9) Expert testimony, including facts and circumstances relating to the family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, that are the bases of such expert's opinion; and
(10) Any other evidence that the court determines is of sufficient credibility or probative value.

(b) The court shall impose a sentence as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section if the court finds that:
(1) The defendant was subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, and such acts were a significant contributing factor to the offense; or
(2) The best interest of justice and welfare of society would be served.

(c) Upon a finding provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section:
(1) A person convicted of a crime punishable by death or by life imprisonment shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 30 years.
(2) A person convicted of a felony other than a felony punishable by death or life imprisonment shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than one-half the maximum period of time for which he or she could have been sentenced, by one-half the maximum fine to which he or she could have been subjected, or both."

SECTION 7.

Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating evidence, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to privileges relative to evidence, by revising paragraphs (8) and (9) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) of Code Section 24-5-501, relating to certain communications privileged, to read as follows:

"(8) Communications between or among any psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, licensed

marriage and family therapist, and licensed professional counselor who are rendering psychotherapy or have rendered psychotherapy to a patient, regarding that patient's communications which are otherwise privileged by paragraph (5), (6), or (7) of this subsection; ~~and~~

(9) Communications between accountant and client as provided by Code Section 43-3-29; and

(10) Communications made in the context of victim centered practices or victim-offender dialogues as provided for in Code Section 24-5-511."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"24-5-511.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Facilitator' means a person who is trained to facilitate a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue.

(2) 'Party' means a person, including a facilitator, a victim, an offender, a community member, and any other participant, who voluntarily consents to participate with others in a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue.

(3) 'Proceeding' means any legal action subject to the laws of this state, including, but not limited to, civil, criminal, juvenile, or administrative hearings.

(4) 'Victim centered practice' or 'practice' means a gathering in which parties gather to identify and respond to wrongdoing, repair harm, reduce the likelihood of further harm, and strengthen community ties by focusing on the needs and obligations of all parties involved through a participatory process.

(5) 'Victim-offender dialogue' or 'dialogue' means a process in which the victim of a crime, or his or her surviving family members, and the offender who committed the crime meet in a secure setting to engage in a dialogue facilitated by a facilitator with the goal of repairing harm and addressing trauma.

(b)(1) Any communication or action made at any time while preparing for or participating in a victim centered practice or a victim-offender dialogue or as a follow up to such practice or dialogue, or the fact that such practice or dialogue has been planned or convened, shall be privileged and shall not be referred to, used, or admitted in any proceeding unless such privilege is waived. Such waiver may be made during the proceeding or in writing by the party or parties protected by the privilege. Privileged information shall not be subject to discovery or disclosure in any judicial or extrajudicial proceeding and shall not be subject to public inspection as provided by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(2) Parties of a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue may refuse to disclose communications relating to a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue and prevent others from disclosing such communications.

(3) Any waiver of privilege shall be limited to the participation and communications of the waiving party only, and the participation or communications of any other party shall remain privileged unless waived by such other party.

(c) Evidence that is created or discovered outside of the victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue shall not become inadmissible or protected from discovery solely because it was discussed or used in a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue.

(d)(1) The privilege afforded by this Code section shall not extend to a situation in which:

(A) There are threats of imminent violence to self or others; or

(B) The facilitator believes that a child is being abused or that the safety of any party or other person is in danger.

(2) A court, tribunal, or administrative body may require a report on a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue, but such report shall be limited to the fact that a practice or dialogue has taken place and whether further practices or dialogues are expected.

(e) The privilege created by this Code section shall not be grounds to fail to comply with mandatory reporting requirements as set forth in Code Section 19-7-5 or Chapter 5 of Title 30, the 'Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act.'

(f) No facilitator shall be held liable for civil damages for any statement, action, omission, or decision made in the course of a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue unless that statement, action, omission, or decision is:

(1) Grossly negligent and made with malice; or

(2) Made with willful disregard for the safety or property of any party to the victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue."

SECTION 9.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 577. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Ridley of the 6th, Dempsey of the 13th, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to enact the "Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to enact the "Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act"; to provide for definitions; to require the establishment and maintenance of a directory of nicotine

vapor products authorized for sale in this state; to prohibit the sale of any vapor product containing nicotine that is not listed in the directory; to provide for compliance checks and enforcement; to provide for seizure and destruction of contraband; to provide for civil penalties and enforcement; to provide procedures for the revocation and suspension of licenses for violations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for rules and regulations; to require an annual report to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by designating Code Sections 48-11-1 through 48-11-30 as Article 1 of Chapter 11 and enacting a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

48-11-40.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act.'

48-11-41.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Directory' means the directory of nicotine vapor products the commissioner is required to develop and maintain as provided in this article.

(2) 'FDA' means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(3) 'Foreign business entity' means an entity formed under a law other than the law of this state.

(4) 'Licensee' means any vapor product dealer, vapor product distributor, vapor product importer, or vapor product manufacturer licensed under Article 1 of this chapter.

(5) 'Nicotine vapor product' means any consumable vapor product that contains any amount of nicotine and any vapor device developed or intended to deliver any consumable vapor product that contains nicotine. Such term shall not include a consumable vapor product contained within an open system or any vapor device that utilizes or is designed to utilize an open system.

(6) 'Timely filed premarket tobacco product application' means an application pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for a nicotine vapor product marketed in the United States as of August 8, 2016, that was submitted to the FDA on or before September 9, 2020, and accepted for filing.

48-11-42.

(a)(1) The commissioner shall develop a process by which vapor product manufacturers can submit the certification required under subsection (b) of this Code section and any other information required under this article to be used to create the directory listing required under Code Section 48-11-43 and for such other purposes as provided in this article. Such process may include a portal or software application accessible through an internet website. The commissioner may allow a vapor product manufacturer to file a single certification for all of its nicotine vapor products or require a separate certification for each nicotine vapor product.

(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner shall be authorized to disclose the certifications and any other information received pursuant to this chapter, Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10, and Title 16 with federal, state, or local courts or agencies for purposes of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10, and Title 16, or the corresponding laws of other states.

(b) Within 12 months of the effective date of this article, and annually thereafter, every vapor product manufacturer that sells nicotine vapor products in this state or sells nicotine vapor products to a licensee shall execute and deliver a certification to the commissioner in a format prescribed by the commissioner through rules and regulations. In such certification, the vapor product manufacturer shall attest, under penalty of perjury, as to each nicotine vapor product:

(1) The vapor product manufacturer in offering such nicotine vapor product for sale in this state or in selling such nicotine vapor product to a licensee for the purpose of selling in it in this state is compliant with federal law and this chapter;

(2) The nicotine vapor product does not contain any substance or exceed the quantity of any substance that is illegal to be sold in this state pursuant to federal law or the laws of this state; and

(3)(A) The vapor product manufacturer has submitted a timely filed premarket tobacco product application for the nicotine vapor product pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j to the FDA, and the application either remains under review by the FDA or has received a marketing denial order that has been and remains stayed by the FDA or court order, rescinded by the FDA, or vacated by a court; or

(B) The vapor product manufacturer has received a marketing granted order under 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for the nicotine vapor product from the FDA.

(c) The certification under subsection (b) of this Code section shall require each vapor product manufacturer to set forth:

(1) The name under which the vapor product manufacturer transacts or intends to transact business;

(2) The license identification information for any license issued to the vapor product manufacturer by the commissioner under Article 1 of this chapter;

(3) The address of the location of the vapor product manufacturer's principal place of business;

(4) The vapor product manufacturer's email address;

(5) The brand name, category or type, product name, flavor, and description of each of such vapor product manufacturer's nicotine vapor product that it seeks to have made part of the directory; and

(6) Such other information as may be required by the commissioner pursuant to rules and regulations.

(d) In addition to the certification required under subsection (b) of this Code section, each vapor product manufacturer shall submit to the commissioner for each nicotine vapor product a copy of:

(1)(A) The cover page of the marketing granted order issued pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j;

(B) A copy of the acceptance letter issued by the FDA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for a timely filed premarket tobacco product application; or

(C) A document issued by the FDA or by a court confirming that the premarket tobacco product application has received a denial order that is not yet in effect; and

(2) A payment of $1,000.00 for each nicotine vapor product the first time the vapor product manufacturer submits a certification for that nicotine vapor product and a payment of $250.00 annually thereafter for each such nicotine vapor product.

(e) The information submitted by the vapor product manufacturer pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be considered confidential commercial or financial information for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50. The vapor product manufacturer may redact certain confidential commercial or financial information provided under paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, subject to approval by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not disclose such information except as required or authorized by law.

(f) Any vapor product manufacturer that submits a certification pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall notify the commissioner within 30 days after any material change to such certification as to any nicotine vapor product, including, but not limited to:

(1) Issuance or denial of a marketing authorization or other order by the FDA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j;

(2) Any other order by the FDA or a court or any action required by the FDA concerning the content or quality of the nicotine used in a nicotine vapor product requiring a vapor product manufacturer to remove such nicotine vapor product from the market either temporarily or permanently;

(3) Any notice of action taken by the FDA affecting the ability of the nicotine vapor product to be introduced or delivered into interstate commerce for commercial distribution in the United States; or

(4) Any other change deemed material by the commissioner pursuant to the rules and regulations.

(g) The commissioner may by rules and regulations establish a procedure to allow vapor product manufacturers to renew certifications without having to resubmit all the information required by this Code section, if there has not been any change as to such information.

48-11-43.

(a) The commissioner shall develop and maintain a directory listing all the nicotine vapor products for which a certification has been submitted that complies with this article. Such directory listing shall include information as to the vapor product manufacturer that submitted the certification and may include the status of any marketing authorization, order, or other action of the FDA or any court provided under subsection (b) of Code Section 48-11-42. The commissioner shall make the directory available on the department's public website within 14 months of the effective date of this article. The commissioner on at least a monthly basis shall update the directory to correct mistakes, ensure accuracy, and add or remove nicotine vapor products as may be necessary. The commissioner shall establish by rules and regulations a process to provide any vapor product manufacturer that submits a certification pursuant to Code Section 48-11-42 and all licensees notice of the initial publication of the directory and changes made to the directory in the prior month.

(b)(1) The commissioner shall provide a vapor product manufacturer with notice of any deficiencies in the submitted certification and an opportunity to cure such deficiencies before removing a nicotine vapor product of such vapor product manufacturer from the directory.

(2) The commissioner shall not remove from the directory a nicotine vapor product of such vapor product manufacturer until at least 15 days after the vapor product manufacturer has been given notice of such intended action. Notice shall be sufficient and deemed immediately received by a vapor product manufacturer if the notice is sent either electronically or by facsimile to an email address or facsimile number provided by the vapor product manufacturer in its most recent certification form for such nicotine vapor product.

(3) The vapor product manufacturer shall have 15 days from the date of service of the notice of the commissioner's intended action provided pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection to cure any deficiencies or otherwise establish to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such nicotine vapor product of such vapor product manufacturer should be included in the directory.

(4) A determination by the commissioner not to include in or to remove from the directory a nicotine vapor product shall be subject to judicial review in the same manner as is provided by law for judicial review of contested cases under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

48-11-44.

(a) Beginning on the date that the commissioner first makes the directory available on the department's public website, nicotine vapor products not included in the directory shall not be sold or purchased in this state except as provided in this Code section.

(b)(1) Each vapor product dealer shall have six months from the date that the commissioner first makes the directory available on the department's public website to sell nicotine vapor products that were in its inventory and not included in the directory or to remove those nicotine vapor products from its inventory and return those nicotine

vapor products to the vapor product manufacturer or vapor product distributor from whom it was acquired for a full refund.

(2) Each vapor product distributor shall have six months from the date that the commissioner first makes the directory available on the department's public website to remove those nicotine vapor products intended for sale or purchase in this state from its inventory and return those nicotine vapor products to the vapor product manufacturer from whom it was acquired for a full refund.

(3) After six months following publication of the directory, nicotine vapor products not listed in the directory and intended for sale or purchase in this state shall be subject to seizure, forfeiture, storage, and destruction consistent with the provisions of Code Section 48-11-48 and shall not be sold or purchased in this state except as otherwise provided in this article.

(c)(1) If a nicotine vapor product is removed from the directory, each vapor product dealer and vapor product distributor shall have 30 days from the date notice is received that such nicotine vapor product has been removed from the directory to sell such nicotine vapor product or remove such nicotine vapor product from its inventory and return such nicotine vapor product to the vapor product manufacturer from whom it was acquired for a full refund. Each such nicotine vapor product manufacturer shall provide to the commissioner information regarding the return of such nicotine vapor product within 21 days after receipt.

(2) After 30 days following removal of a nicotine vapor product from the directory, it shall be unlawful to purchase or sell such nicotine vapor product identified in the notice of removal in this state and such nicotine vapor product shall be subject to seizure consistent with the provisions of Code Section 48-11-48. Such prohibition on the purchase and sale of such nicotine vapor products shall not prohibit the vapor product manufacturer or vapor product distributor from providing a refund pursuant to this Code section.

48-11-45.

Each vapor product dealer and vapor product distributor that sells or distributes vapor products in this state shall be subject to compliance checks by the department for purposes of enforcing this article. Unannounced follow-up compliance checks conducted on behalf of the department of all noncompliant vapor product dealers and vapor product distributors shall be conducted within 30 days after any violation of this Code section. The commissioner on an annual basis shall make available on the department's public website the results of all compliance checks.

48-11-46.

(a) In addition to any other provision of law, a vapor product dealer or a vapor product distributor that has a nicotine vapor product that is not included in the directory and is available for sale or is offered for sale in this state in violation of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows:

(1) A violation of a total quantity of 20 nicotine vapor product units or less shall be punishable:

(A) For a first violation, no penalty if the nicotine vapor products are removed as provided in this chapter;

(B) For a second violation within a 12 month period, by a fine of ten times the retail value of the units of nicotine vapor products involved;

(C) For a third violation within an 18 month period, by a fine of 25 times the retail value of the units of nicotine vapor products involved; and

(D) For a fourth violation within a 24 month period, by a fine of 25 times the retail value of the units of nicotine vapor products involved and revocation of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6;

(2) A violation of a total quantity of more than 20 nicotine vapor product units shall be punishable:

(A) For a first violation, no penalty if the nicotine vapor products are removed as provided in this chapter;

(B) For a second violation within a 12 month period, by a fine of $10,000.00 or 50 times the retail value for each unit of nicotine vapor product involved, whichever is greater;

(C) For a third violation within an 18 month period, by a fine of $20,000.00 or 50 times the retail value for each unit of nicotine vapor product involved, whichever is greater, and a 60 day suspension of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6; and

(D) For a fourth violation within a 24 month period, by a fine of $30,000.00 or 50 times the retail value for each unit of nicotine vapor product involved, whichever is greater, and revocation of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6; and

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a fourth violation of any quantity of units of nicotine vapor products shall result in a revocation of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6.

For purposes of this subsection, each unit of a nicotine vapor product that may be sold individually shall be counted separately to determine the quantity of nicotine vapor products.

(b) A vapor product manufacturer whose nicotine vapor products are not listed in the directory and that causes the nicotine vapor products that are not listed to be sold in this state, whether directly or through a vapor product importer, vapor product distributor, vapor product dealer, or any other person, shall be subject to a civil penalty of $10,000.00 per day for each individual nicotine vapor product offered for sale in violation of this chapter until the offending nicotine vapor product is either removed from the market or properly listed on the directory. In addition, any vapor product manufacturer that falsely represents any information on the certification or that is required under this chapter to be

provided to the commissioner or the department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for each false representation.
(c) A repeated violation of this Code section shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under Part 1 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.'

48-11-47.
In an action for any violation brought under this chapter, the commissioner may recover reasonable expenses incurred in investigating and preparing the case and attorneys' fees if successful in the initial action, unless such action is successfully appealed and reversed.

48-11-48.
(a) Any nicotine vapor products offered for sale or sold in violation of this article are declared to be contraband goods and shall be seized by the commissioner, the commissioner's agents or employees, or any law enforcement officer of this state if directed by the commissioner to do so.
(b) Upon seizure, the person from whom the contraband property was seized, if known, shall be provided with a receipt identifying the contraband property seized and indicating from whom the contraband property was seized and the place of seizure. Such contraband shall be stored pending a hearing and appeal provided for in subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section and thereafter destroyed, if authorized.
(c) A copy of the receipt shall be:
(1) Filed with the department and shall be a public record open to public inspection; and
(2) Posted at the courthouse of the county in which the contraband was seized.
(d) Any person desiring to make claim to the contraband property shall file a claim with the commissioner within ten days from the day of seizure. The commissioner, within 30 days of receipt of any such claim, shall afford the claimant a hearing in which to show entitlement to the seized items. The burden of proof at such hearing shall be upon the claimant to establish a claim as to the items seized and to show compliance with or justification for noncompliance with this article. The commissioner shall enter a written order granting or denying the claim within 30 days from the date of the hearing.
(e) An appeal from the commissioner's order may be taken to the Superior Court of Fulton County by filing with the commissioner, within 15 days from the date of the decision, a copy of the petition for review filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County. The proceedings on the petition for review shall be governed by Chapter 3 of Title 5 except as provided otherwise in this Code section. The appeal shall be based upon the record made before the commissioner. The commissioner shall transmit the record and appropriate documents to the superior court within 30 days after the date the petition for review is received. The superior court shall review the record for errors of law, violation of constitutional or statutory provisions, violation of the statutory authority of the agency, lawfulness of the procedure, lack of any evidence to support the commissioner's decision,

and arbitrariness and abuse of discretion. However, the court shall not substitute its judgment as to the weight of evidence on questions of fact.

(f) The cost of such seizure, forfeiture, storage, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the nicotine vapor products determined to be contraband are confiscated.

48-11-49.

(a) Any nonresident vapor product manufacturer that has not registered to do business in this state as a foreign business entity shall, as a condition precedent to being included in the directory, appoint and continually engage without interruption the services of an agent in this state to act as agent for the service of process on whom all process, and any action or proceeding against it concerning or arising out of the enforcement of this article, may be served in any manner authorized by law. Such service shall constitute legal and valid service of process on the vapor product manufacturer. The vapor product manufacturer shall provide the name, address, telephone number, and proof of the appointment and availability of such agent to the commissioner.

(b) The vapor product manufacturer shall provide notice to the commissioner 30 days prior to termination of the authority of an agent and shall further provide proof to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the appointment of a new agent no less than five days prior to the termination of an existing agent appointment. In the event an agent terminates an agency appointment, the vapor product manufacturer shall notify the commissioner of the termination within five days and shall include proof to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the appointment of a new agent.

(c) Any vapor product manufacturer whose nicotine vapor products are offered for sale or sold in this state that has not appointed and engaged the services of an agent as required by this Code section shall be deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as its agent for service of process. The appointment of the Secretary of State as agent shall not satisfy the condition precedent required in subsection (a) of this Code section to be included or retained in the directory.

48-11-50.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as limiting the commissioner in the exercise of his or her authority, as provided under Article 1 of this chapter, to suspend or refuse to renew a license for violations of Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10, Title 16, Title 48, or any other provisions of law and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

48-11-51.

Starting on January 31 of the first year after the year in which this article becomes effective, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall provide a report to the General Assembly regarding the status of the directory, the nicotine vapor products included in the directory, revenue, and expenditures related to administration of this article, and enforcement activities undertaken pursuant to this article."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act making specific reference to this Act and shall become effective when funds so appropriated become available for expenditure.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	N Powell	N Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 12.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 586. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Hatchett of the 155th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intangible recording tax, so as to revise the notes for which such tax is imposed; to provide for procedures; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 630. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to remove the used car division and the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; to confer the powers and duties of such divisions to the board; to revise the membership of the board; to revise the powers and duties of the board; to revise and clarify provisions relating to applications for and requirements of licenses; to revise provisions relating to the change of location by licensees; to revise and provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapters 7A and 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practice of applied behavior analysis and used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to professional licensure; to revise the definition of "certifying entity"; to remove the used car division and the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; to confer the powers and duties of such divisions to the board; to revise the membership of the board; to revise the powers and duties of the board; to revise and clarify provisions relating to applications for and requirements of licenses; to revise provisions relating to the change of location by licensees; to revise and provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, is amended in Code Section 43-47-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (3) and subparagraph (A) of paragraph (17) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2.1) 'Division director' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-1-1.

(3) 'Established place of business' means a salesroom or sales office in a building or on an open lot of a retail used car dealership or at which a permanent business of bartering, trading, offering, displaying, selling, buying, dismantling, or rebuilding wrecked or used motor vehicles or parts is carried on, or the place at which the books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business are kept. Each such place of business shall be furnished with a working telephone listed in the name of the licensee for use in conducting the business, ~~and shall~~ be marked by an appropriate permanent sign as prescribed by the ~~appropriate division under this chapter~~ board, and meet or exceed any size requirements and standards prescribed by the board."

"(17)(A) 'Used motor vehicle dealer' or 'used car dealer' ~~'Used motor vehicle dealer,' 'used car dealer,' or 'licensee'~~ means any person who, for commission or with intent to make a profit or gain of money or other thing of value, sells, exchanges, rents with option to purchase, offers, or attempts to negotiate a sale or exchange of an interest in used motor vehicles or who is engaged wholly or in part in the business of selling used motor vehicles, whether or not such motor vehicles are owned by such person. A motor vehicle wholesaler and a motor vehicle broker shall be deemed to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used car dealer for the purposes of this chapter. Any independent motor vehicle leasing agency which sells or offers for sale used motor vehicles shall be deemed to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used car dealer for the purposes of this chapter. Any motor vehicle auction company selling or offering for sale used motor vehicles to independent motor vehicle dealers or to individual consumers shall be deemed to be a used motor vehicle dealer or used car dealer for the purposes of this chapter except as otherwise provided in division (x) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. Without limiting any of the foregoing, the sale of five or more used motor vehicles in any one calendar year shall be prima-facie evidence that a person is engaged in the business of selling used motor vehicles. A pawnbroker who disposes of all repossessed motor vehicles by selling or exchanging his or her interest in such motor vehicles only to licensees under this chapter shall not be considered a used motor vehicle dealer under this chapter as long as such pawnbroker does not otherwise engage in activities which would bring him or her under the licensing requirements of this chapter."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-3, relating to creation of board, composition, terms of office, vacancies, election of chairperson, and divisions, as follows:

"43-47-3.

(a) There is created a State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers. The board shall be ~~comprised of 14~~ composed of ten members:

(1) Three members shall be independent used car dealers;

(2) One member ~~Three members~~ shall be appointed from the public at large and shall have no connection whatsoever with the sale of used cars or parts;

(3) The state revenue commissioner, or a designated agent, shall be a permanent ex officio member and shall be authorized to vote on all matters before the board;

~~(4) Reserved;~~

~~(5)~~(4) One member shall be a representative of the automobile auction industry;

~~(6) One member shall be an auto salvage pool operator;~~

~~(7)~~(5) ~~Two~~ Three members shall be used motor vehicle parts dealers ~~who are not rebuilders~~; and

~~(8) One member shall be a rebuilder;~~

~~(9) One member shall be a pawnbroker as defined in Code Section 44-12-130 who is in the business of pawning automobile titles and is licensed as a used car dealer; and~~

~~(10)~~(6) One member shall be a representative of the automobile insurance industry.

(b) The members of the board ~~referred to in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection (a) of this Code section~~ shall be appointed by the Governor and ~~shall take office on July 1, 1995, or as soon thereafter as appointed. The initial terms of those 13 appointed members shall expire as follows: three on June 30, 1996; three on June 30, 1997; three on June 30, 1998; and four on June 30, 1999. Thereafter, the appointed members of the board~~ shall serve terms of four years. All members shall be residents of this state. ~~No more than two of the appointed members shall be from the same congressional district. The terms of the two ex officio members~~ The term of the ex officio member shall be coextensive with ~~their~~ his or her term of office.

(b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, all members serving on the board as of June 30, 2025, shall continue to serve as members of the board for the remainder of their terms of office but shall only be reappointed in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

(c) Any vacancies on the board shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of the board shall annually elect one of their number to serve as chairperson for a term of two years. ~~The board chairperson shall not also serve contemporaneously as the chairperson of either division under this chapter. The first term as chairperson of the board shall be served by a member or members elected from either division under this chapter; thereafter, the chairperson for each succeeding term shall not be elected from the same division as that of the chairperson from the immediately preceding term.~~ In the event a chairperson of the board is unable to complete

his or her term, ~~his or her~~ a successor for the remainder of the term shall be elected from the members of the board ~~same division as was the chairperson who is unable to complete the term. The chairperson of the board shall be an ex officio member of both divisions under this chapter, however, the chairperson of the board shall not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present in the division meeting for the division in which he or she is not a regular member~~.

~~(d)(1) The board shall be composed of two divisions, a used car division and a used parts division.~~

~~(2) The members of the used car division shall be the three independent used car dealers, two of the members from the public at large, the state revenue commissioner or a designated agent, the representative of the automobile auction industry, and the pawnbroker. All powers and duties relating to used car dealers which are not specifically reserved to the board shall be assigned to the used car division. The used car division shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson of the division for a period of one year.~~

~~(3) The members of the used parts division shall be the third member from the public at large, the state revenue commissioner or a designated agent, the auto salvage pool operator, the two used motor vehicle parts dealers who are not rebuilders, the rebuilder, and the representative of the automobile insurance industry. All powers and duties relating to used parts dealers which are not specifically reserved to the board shall be assigned to the used parts division. The used parts division shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson of the division for a period of one year.~~

~~(4) The chairperson of the board shall determine which of the two members from the public at large will serve in the used car division and which shall serve in the used parts division.~~"

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-4, relating to division director as secretary of board, as follows:

"43-47-4.

The division director shall be the secretary of the board ~~and of the divisions~~. He or she shall issue licenses and certificates and perform such other duties as the board ~~or the divisions~~ may direct to carry out this chapter or as provided in Chapter 1 of this title."

SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-5, relating to reimbursement of board members, as follows:

"43-47-5.

The members of the board shall be reimbursed for their duties as board members ~~and as division members~~ as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2."

SECTION 1-5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-6, relating to general powers and duties of the board, as follows:

"43-47-6.

~~All powers and duties under this chapter not specifically reserved to the board shall be the powers and duties of the division.~~ The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To receive applications for registration of licensees ~~and to forward them to the appropriate division~~;

(2) To make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the administration and enforcement of this chapter and to protect the health, safety, and financial well-being of the public;

(3) To arrange for all new applicants to have a criminal background check, which background check shall be mandatory. The applicant's fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Georgia Crime Information Center which shall run a criminal background check on the applicant and provide the results of the background check to the board. Additionally, the applicant's fingerprints will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check;

(4) To publish in print or electronically on or before September 1 of each year an alphabetical listing of all licensees pursuant to this chapter and to distribute copies of the same, if requested, to the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Revenue, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to all sheriffs in this state, and to all county and municipal police departments in this state;

(5) To establish a fee for a license for each principal place of business and a fee for a supplemental license for each place of business not immediately adjacent to the principal place of business. The board may establish separate schedules of fees for such licenses depending on whether the applicant begins to do business as a licensee prior to or after the issuance of any such license; ~~and~~

(6) To do all other things necessary and proper to carry out the powers and duties listed in this Code section; and

(7) To set the minimum size requirements and standards of an established place of business."

SECTION 1-6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-7, relating to required license and records, as follows:

"43-47-7.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a used motor vehicle dealer in this state without first registering and obtaining a license from the ~~used car division~~ board as provided in this chapter.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a used motor vehicle parts dealer in this state without first registering and obtaining a license from the ~~used parts division~~ board as provided in this chapter.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any used car dealer or any used parts dealer willfully to fail to keep the records required to be kept by this chapter."

SECTION 1-7.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-47-8, relating to license applications, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental license, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings, and by enacting a new Code Section 43-47-8 to read as follows:

"43-47-8.

(a) Any person desiring a license to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used motor vehicle parts dealer in this state shall submit an application on a form and in such manner as may be prescribed by the board, which shall be accompanied by any applicable fees and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(1) Maintains an established place of business;

(2) Has, within the preceding 12 months, attended a board approved training and information seminar, which shall not exceed one day in length, or passed a board approved examination, either of which shall relate to the requirements of licensees provided in this chapter, including books and records to be kept, requirements of the Department of Revenue applicable to licensees, and such other topics as in the opinion of the board promote good business practices of licensees;

(3) Has applied for or obtained a certificate of registration, Department of Revenue Form ST-2;

(4) Has posted or has made provision for the posting of the bond required under subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(5) Maintains any liability and property damage insurance required under subsection (e) of this Code section.

(b) Applications for a used motor vehicle dealer license or a used motor vehicle parts dealer license shall be made under oath and shall state the applicant's full name; date and place of birth; date and place of any conviction or arrest for any crime, including the plea of nolo contendere or a plea entered pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment; and such additional information as the board may require to investigate the qualifications, character, competence, and integrity of the applicant. Each applicant shall submit with his or her application photographs or other renderings of his or her established place of business that show the complete facility, appropriate sign, and entire display area of the established place of business.

(c) Each applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer license or a used motor vehicle parts dealer license shall furnish to the board a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted on the applicant so as to determine the applicant's suitability to be licensed under this chapter. The board shall submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center. If no criminal record is identified at the state level, the Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the board in writing

of the results of such criminal background investigation, which shall be used by the board for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter, shall not be a public record, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background investigation.

(d)(1) Licensees shall be required, for each license or supplemental license issued in connection with an established place of business, to post a bond that is executed with a surety company duly authorized to do business in this state. Such bond shall be payable to the Governor for the use and benefit of any purchaser and vendees or successors in title of any used motor vehicle and shall be conditioned to pay all losses, damages, and expenses that may be sustained by such purchaser, his or her vendees, or successors in title that may be occasioned by reason of any misrepresentation, deceptive practice, or unfair practice or by reason of any breach of warranty as to such used vehicle. Such bond shall be in the amount of $35,000.00 for used car dealers and $10,000.00 for used parts dealers and shall be filed, prior to or immediately upon the granting of a license under this chapter, with the division director by the licensee and shall be approved by the division director as to form and as to the solvency of the surety.

(2) No licensee shall cancel, or cause to be canceled, a bond issued pursuant to this subsection unless the board is informed in writing by a certified letter at least 30 days prior to the proposed cancellation.

(3) If a surety or licensee cancels a bond issued pursuant to this subsection and the licensee fails to submit, within ten days of the effective date of the cancellation, a new bond, the board may revoke his or her license.

(e)(1) Except for any person licensed under Chapter 6 of this title, who shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection, licensees shall maintain, for each license or supplemental license issued in connection with an established place of business, public liability and property damage insurance with liability limits of not less than $50,000.00 per person and $100,000.00 per accident, personal insurance liability coverage, and $25,000.00 property damage liability coverage.

(2) No licensee shall cancel or cause to be canceled an insurance policy issued pursuant to this subsection unless the board is so informed in writing by certified mail at least 30 days prior to the proposed cancellation.

(3) If an insurance company or licensee cancels an insurance policy required under this subsection and the licensee fails to submit, within ten days of the effective date of such cancellation, a new insurance policy, the board may revoke his or her license.

(f)(1) Each license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be in connection with a single established place of business, and licensees shall be required to obtain a supplemental license for each additional established place of business that is operated or proposed to be operated by the licensee that is not contiguous to an established place of business for which a license or supplemental license has been issued; provided, however, that a supplemental license shall not be required for any temporary site of a licensee.

(2) A licensee applying for a supplemental license shall submit an application on a form and in such a manner as may be prescribed by the board accompanied by any applicable fees. Such application shall include:

(A) The licensee's license number;

(B) Photographs or other renderings of the licensee's additional established place of business for which a supplemental license is sought that shows the complete facility, appropriate sign, and entire display area of the additional established place of business;

(C) Evidence that the licensee has posted, or has made provision for the posting, of the bond required under subsection (d) of this Code section for such additional established place of business; and

(D) Evidence that the licensee maintains any liability and property damage insurance required under subsection (e) of this Code section for such additional established place of business.

(g) All licenses issued under this chapter shall be renewable biennially. The board may establish continuing education requirements for license renewals."

SECTION 1-8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-8.2, relating to place of business, temporary sites, and penalties, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(5) The fee for each application for a temporary site permit shall be ~~$100.00~~ established by the board."

SECTION 1-9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-9, relating to contents of licenses, display of licenses, and endorsement of change of business location on licenses, as follows:

"43-47-9.

(a) The licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall specify the location of each place of business or branch or other location occupied or to be occupied by the licensee in conducting his or her business; and the license or supplemental license issued therefor shall be conspicuously displayed on each of such premises. ~~In the event any such location is changed, the appropriate division shall endorse the change of location on the license without charge.~~

(b) If such location, as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, of a licensee is changed, the licensee shall, at least 30 days prior to relocating to a new location, submit a change of location application, together with any additional fees as established by the board, to the division director. Such application shall be submitted in a form and manner as prescribed by the division director and shall include the licensee's license number and photographs of the new location in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 43-47-8. If the division director determines that the new location meets the requirements of this chapter and of the rules and regulations of the board, the division director shall approve the application and issue a new license that specifies the new location."

SECTION 1-10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-10, relating to investigation of licensees by board, suspension or revocation of license, and other sanctions, as follows:

"43-47-10.

The board ~~or each division~~ may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, investigate the actions of any licensee or anyone who shall assume to act in such capacity. The board ~~Each division~~ shall have power, in addition to the other powers authorized by this chapter, to revoke or to suspend a license for a specified time, to be determined in its discretion, or to invoke such other lesser sanctions, including but not limited to the imposition of fines and penalty fees, which the board is hereby authorized to create by rule, where:

(1) The licensee is found by a majority of the members of the board to have committed any one or more of the following:

(A) Material misstatement in an application for a license;

(B) Willful and intentional failure to comply with any provisions of this chapter or any lawful rule or regulation issued by the board under this chapter;

(C) Making any substantial misrepresentation;

(D) Making any false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce;

(E) Pursuing a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation or the making of false promises through agents, salespersons, advertising, or otherwise;

(F) Failure to account for or to remit any moneys coming into his or her possession which belong to others;

(G) Having demonstrated unworthiness or incompetency to act as a licensee in such manner as to safeguard the interest of the public;

(H) Fraud or fraudulent practice, unfair and deceptive acts or practices, misleading acts or practices, or untrustworthiness or incompetency to act as a licensee, including, but not limited to, the failure to provide the appropriate odometer disclosure forms required by law or knowingly selling or offering for sale any used car on which the odometer has been tampered with to reflect lower than the actual mileage the car has been driven;

(I) The intentional use of any false, fraudulent, or forged statement or document or the use of any fraudulent, deceitful, dishonest, or immoral practice in connection with any of the licensing requirements as provided for in this chapter;

(J) The commission of any crime involving violence, a used motor vehicle, illegal drugs, tax evasion, failure to pay taxes, or any crime involving the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a dangerous weapon; the conviction of, plea of guilty to, or plea of nolo contendere to a crime involving violence, a used motor vehicle, illegal drugs, tax evasion, failure to pay taxes, or any crime involving the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a dangerous weapon shall be conclusive evidence of the commission of such crime;

(K) Use of untruthful or improbable statements or flamboyant or extravagant claims concerning such licensee's excellence or abilities;

(L) The performance of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, mislead, unfairly treat, or harm the public;
(M) The use of any false or fraudulent statement in any document in connection with the business as a licensee;
(N) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to (i) the failure to maintain the certificate of registration required by Code Section 43-47-8 and (ii) the failure to keep records required by this chapter;
(O) Any other conduct, whether of the same or a different character than heretofore specified, which constitutes dishonest dealing;
(P)(i) Any of the following activities by an automobile auction:
(I) Allowing a motor vehicle to be sold through an auction where the seller's name does not appear on the face of the title;
(II) Failing to refund all of the purchase price to the buyer when the title and tag receipt are not assigned to and processed for the buyer within 21 days of the purchase;
(III) Failing to make available to the board, for investigative purposes, auction records of a seller, for the purpose of determining if a seller sold more than five motor vehicles in a calendar year; provided, however, that the board shall give the auction reasonable notice during normal working hours;
(IV) Failing to disclose in a conspicuous manner on the bill of sale that a buyer is entitled to a refund of all of the purchase price when the title and tag receipt are not assigned and processed within 21 days of the purchase;
(V) Failing to include on the bill of sale any warranty disclaimer; or
(VI) Accepting or delivering a certificate of title signed in blank.
(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply where:
(I) The sale of the motor vehicle is not open to the general public;
(II) Either the seller or purchaser of the vehicle is a licensed used car dealer;
(III) The motor vehicle is sold as a repossessed or abandoned vehicle; or
(IV) The motor vehicle is sold on behalf of any government agency or by court order.
(iii) A violation of this subparagraph shall also be grounds for suspension or censure of a license under Code Section 43-6-18, and any auction violating this subparagraph may be required by the board to surrender its master tag;
(Q) Acting to obtain or holding a license on behalf of another person who was previously denied a license or had a license suspended or revoked under this chapter; in making determinations under this subparagraph, the ~~division~~ board may look at any competent evidence, including, but not limited to, who actually directs the activities at the business and who actually receives the proceeds from the business;
(R) Having purchased, concealed, possessed, or otherwise acquired or disposed of a vehicle, knowing the same to be stolen;

(S) Having failed to meet and maintain the requirements for issuance of a license as provided for in this chapter;

(T) Having failed to pay within 30 days after written demand from the board any fees or penalties due on vehicles acquired for dismantling or rebuilding; ~~or~~

(U) Having willfully failed to keep or maintain the records required to be kept by this chapter; or

(V) Having vacated the location of its place of business for thirty days or more without having submitted a change of location application pursuant to Code Section 43-47-9; or

(2) A majority of the members of the ~~division~~ board find that the licensee failed to establish, maintain, or monitor procedural safeguards to ensure that the following activities do not occur at the business, regardless of whether the licensee had actual knowledge of any such activity or activities or regardless of whether there was an intent on the part of any person to engage in any such activity or activities:

(A) Unfair and deceptive acts or practices as defined in Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Fair Business Practices Act of 1975';

(B) Any of those activities described in paragraphs (1) through (6) of Code Section 40-3-90; or

(C) Failure to obtain a certificate of title for a purchaser."

SECTION 1-11.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-12, relating to maintenance of records by licensees and possession of vehicle or parts as evidence of purchase for resale, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) Any other records which the ~~appropriate division~~ board may reasonably require to protect the public, as relating to the licensee's method of operation and personnel employed."

SECTION 1-12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-14, relating to fines for violation of chapter, as follows:

"43-47-14.

The ~~Each division or the~~ board may impose a fine not to exceed $500.00 for each violation of any provision of this chapter. Such fines shall be listed in a schedule contained in the rules and regulations of the board. The licensee shall pay the fine within 30 days after receiving written notification from either the ~~appropriate division~~ board or a representative of the ~~division~~ board unless the licensee requests in writing a hearing before the ~~division~~ board. Such request for a hearing must be received by the ~~division~~ board within 30 days after receipt of the written notification from the ~~division~~ board. Failure either to pay the fine or request a hearing shall result in immediate suspension of the license pending a hearing by the board to determine whether revocation or other disciplinary action should be imposed on the licensee."

SECTION 1-13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-17, relating to consent to inspection as condition of licensure, as follows:

"43-47-17.

Every person required to be licensed under this chapter shall, as a condition of licensure, be deemed to have granted authority and permission to the board~~, to either division,~~ or to any peace officer to inspect any record or document and any motor vehicle or motor vehicle part or accessory at or on the premises of his or her principal place of business, or any additional place of business, at any reasonable time during the day or night during reasonable business hours."

SECTION 1-14.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-21, relating to civil penalty, civil action, right of private action, and persons already licensed to make changes at time of renewal of license, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The penalty provided in subsection (a) of this Code section and any restitution due to specifically named consumers for violations of this chapter shall be recoverable by a civil action brought by ~~the division,~~ the board, the Attorney General, or any district attorney, solicitor-general, or municipal or county attorney in any superior or state court having proper jurisdiction. The proceeds of any civil penalty shall be remitted to the board by the clerk of the court in which such case is filed; provided, however, that in an action brought on behalf of a county or municipality one-half of the proceeds of such civil penalty shall be paid into the treasury of such county or municipality. The court shall order any restitution recovered on behalf of any consumer to be paid over directly to the consumer by the defendant."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 7A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to practice of applied behavior analysis, is amended in Code Section 43-7A-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) 'Certifying entity' means the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or its successor~~,~~<u>; the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board, or its successor;</u> or another entity that conducts programs to certify professional practitioners of behavior analysis that are accredited by the National Commission ~~on~~ <u>for</u> Certifying Agencies or the American National Standards Institute as identified by the board."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	E Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	N Sanchez
Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	E Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 82. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions; to require the Office of Charter School Compliance to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions; to revise reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 100. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of a new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, so as to provide for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to certain adult persons who were adopted; to provide for a fee; to provide for the form of such copy; to standardize terminology relating to birth certificates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 140. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Still of the 48th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to provide for doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 162. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical

Board, so as to provide for the board to implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House stood at ease until 9:15 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 191. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Echols of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to revise certain notice provisions relating to benefits and appeals; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 252. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 35th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 37 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and disposition of real and personal property generally, so as to provide for conveyance of municipal property interests to independent school systems; to provide for municipal replacement of such conveyed property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 549. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Oliver of the 84th, Miller of the 62nd, Westbrook of the 163rd, Roberts of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Paula Lawton Bevington; and for other purposes.

HR 550. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Kenneth Wayne Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 551. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Norman Joseph Stuckey Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 552. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Gaines of the 120th, Cannon of the 172nd, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Michael Ernest Sumner; and for other purposes.

HR 553. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending City of Hope; and for other purposes.

HR 554. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Taylor of the 173rd, Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th anniversary of the nationwide Polio Vaccination Campaign; and for other purposes.

HR 555. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Craig and Diana Barrow, the inaugural recipients of the Vince and Barbara Dooley Friends of the UGA Libraries Award; and for other purposes.

HR 556. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Blackmon of the 146th, Newton of the 127th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Richard L. Jackson, recipient of the 2025 Leaders in Corporate Citizenship Ann Cramer Lifetime Achievement Award; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 506. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd, Stephens of the 164th and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation treatments; to provide for requirements; to provide for submission of a state plan amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	N McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	N Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
N Barrett	Y Dempsey	N Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	N Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
N Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	N Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
N Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 142, nays 31.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 645. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to repeal certain provisions requiring COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	E Scott
N Barnes	E DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	E Smith, TP
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N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 123, nays 49.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 217. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Martin of the 49th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, so as to make the Dual Achievement Program a permanent statewide program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to extend the Dual Achievement Program for an additional five years; to provide updated eligibility requirements for the program beginning July 1, 2026; to provide for continued eligibility for students already enrolled in the program; to provide for QBE funding and accountability assessments to be included in the program; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for participation agreements; to provide for reporting; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by revising Article 6, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, as follows:

"ARTICLE 6

20-4-140.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Dual Achievement Program' or 'program' means the program provided for in this article.
(2) 'Eligible student' means a student who meets the qualifications to participate in the program.
(3) 'Extracurricular activities' and 'interscholastic activities' shall have the same respective meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-2-319.6.
(4) 'QBE formula earnings' means funds earned for the Quality Basic Education Formula pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161 and shall include the portion of such funds that are calculated as the local five mill share in accordance with Code Section 20-2-164. QBE formula earnings shall include the salary portion of direct instructional costs, the adjustment for training and experience, the nonsalary portion of direct instructional costs, and earnings for psychologists and school social workers, school administration, facility maintenance and operation, media centers, and staff development, as determined by the Department of Education.
~~(3)~~(5) 'State board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.
(6) 'Resident school' means the public school in which an eligible student is or would be enrolled based on his or her primary residence.
(7) 'Resident school system' means the public school system in which an eligible student is or would be enrolled based on his or her primary residence.
~~(4)~~(8) 'Technical college system' means the Technical College System of Georgia.

20-4-141.
(a)(1) The state board shall, in coordination with the State Board of Education, Department of Education, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Corrections, and the Office of Planning and Budget, establish a pilot program to allow students who meet eligibility requirements to qualify for enrollment in the Dual Achievement Program at a participating unit of the technical college system and, upon successful completion of the program, be awarded a high school diploma. The purpose of the pilot program is to assess the feasibility of implementing a state-funded program for eligible students who have withdrawn from high school to enroll in a unit of the technical college system to participate in an academic and technical education and training program which, upon successful completion, allows the student to earn a high school diploma while also earning a technical college associate degree, a technical college diploma, or technical college certificates of credit in specific career pathways.
(2) To implement the pilot program, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the ~~State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia~~ state board and the State Board of Education shall be authorized to waive or provide variances to state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures and to provisions of this title that may be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the pilot program, including, but not limited to, such rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and provisions as relate to the calculation, allocation, and distribution of QBE formula earnings. Such waivers or variances shall automatically expire at the end of ~~five~~ ten years unless an earlier expiration is provided for. The ~~State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia~~

state board and the State Board of Education shall be authorized to seek waivers or variances of federal laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures that may be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the pilot program.

(3) The pilot program, as determined by the state board, may include up to five units of the technical college system for a period of ~~five~~ ten years. In an effort to pilot the program under various conditions present in the state, the state board shall seek to include in the pilot program units of the technical college system from various geographic areas in the state.

(4) The state board shall review the results of the pilot program and shall no later than ~~February 1~~ November 15 each year during the program provide ~~the General Assembly~~ the Office and Planning and Budget and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee with a comprehensive report on the program with any recommendations for its continued use and any needed changes in the program. Such report shall include a comprehensive list of any such waivers or variances implemented or requested as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a statement of necessity for each waiver or variance, and with respect to any such requests, ~~request, and~~ whether each request was granted in whole or in part.

(b) The pilot program established by the state board pursuant to this article shall provide for the award of a high school diploma by the state board to students who successfully complete the program.

(c) The state board shall determine the specific competencies concerning the skills and knowledge needed for completion of each component of the program; provided, however, that the state board shall make such determination regarding the skills and knowledge needed to meet the requirements for a high school diploma as provided for in this program in consultation with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education.

(d) ~~In order to minimize the risk of prospective students prematurely withdrawing from a secondary school in order to participate in the program, the~~ The state board shall provide for preliminary review of academic records, including, but not limited to official secondary school transcripts, submitted by prospective students to determine whether such students meet the requirements provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of this Code ~~Section~~ section. If a prospective student meets such requirements, the student shall be so notified and allowed to complete a readiness assessment required by the technical college system. Students who meet the requirements provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of this Code ~~Section~~ section and attain ~~a~~ an acceptable score of admission ~~acceptable~~ on the readiness assessment shall be notified that they are eligible to participate in the program, subject to meeting the requirements provided for in the applicable paragraphs ~~(4) and (5)~~ of subsection ~~(e)~~ (f) of this Code ~~Section~~ section.

(e) To be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall:

(1) Be 16 years of age or older;

(2) Have completed at least six of the nine following state required ninth and tenth grade level high school courses: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, two social studies courses, and one health and physical education course; and any state required tests associated with any such courses;
(3) Receive ~~a~~ an acceptable score of admission ~~acceptable~~ on the readiness assessment required by the technical college system; and
(4) Meet the requirements provided for in the applicable paragraph of subsection (f) of this Code section.
(f)(1) Before July 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall be withdrawn from a public secondary school of this state, shall meet the requirements provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section, and shall provide ~~Provide~~ the following:
(A) If an unemancipated minor:
(i) Verification that the student's parent or legal guardian attended a conference with the student's high school principal or the principal's designee as provided for in subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1;
(ii) A copy of the form provided for in subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1 signed by the student's parent or legal guardian;
(iii) Written acknowledgment by the student's parent or guardian that withdrawal of the student from secondary school may result in loss of eligibility for accommodations, specialized instruction, and other services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 ~~U.S.C.A.~~ U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 ~~U.S.C.A.~~ U.S.C. Section 701, et seq.; and
(iv) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program; or
(B) If an emancipated minor or a student who is 18, 19, or 20 years of age:
(i) Written acknowledgment that the student has conferred with his or her secondary school principal or the principal's designee or a qualified designated official of the technical college system and discussed alternatives to withdrawing from high school without completing graduation requirements and potential consequences of not having a high school diploma, including lower lifetime earnings, fewer jobs for which the student will be qualified, and the inability to avail oneself of higher educational opportunities;
(ii) Written acknowledgment by the student's parent or guardian that withdrawal of the student from secondary school may result in loss of eligibility for accommodations, specialized instruction, and other services pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 ~~U.S.C.A.~~ U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 ~~U.S.C.A.~~ U.S.C. Section 701, et seq.; and
(iii) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program~~; and~~.
~~(5) Be withdrawn from a public secondary school of this state.~~

(2) Beginning July 1, 2026, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student shall be enrolled in a public secondary school of this state, shall not have reached 21 years of age, shall meet the requirements provided for in subsection (e) of this Code section, and shall provide the following:

(A) Written acknowledgment that such student shall not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, or control of such student's resident school or resident school system; and

(B) Written acknowledgment that the high school diploma available through the Dual Achievement Program requires successful completion of the program.

(g) Any student who is enrolled in the program on June 30, 2026, shall remain eligible to participate in the program according to the terms and conditions of such student's original eligibility to participate in the program.

(h) By March 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall adopt any policies, rules, or regulations that are necessary to ensure that any student who withdraws from his or her resident school or resident school system and subsequently wishes to participate in the program shall be permitted to re-enroll in such resident school or resident school system in order to participate in the program on and after July 1, 2026. Such policies, rules, and regulations shall provide for such students to complete such re-enrollment without having to appear at such resident school or resident school system. Upon collaboration with the state board, such policies, rules, and regulations may provide for such re-enrollment to be facilitated by the technical college system.

~~(f)~~(i) The state board shall award a high school diploma to a student enrolled in the program provided for in this article who:

(1) Completes all student counseling and assessment requirements of the program;

(2) Completes rigorous coursework at a participating unit of the technical college system; and

(3) Completes:

(A) A technical college associate degree program;

(B) A technical college diploma program; or

(C) At least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career pathway.

~~(g)~~(j) A student who meets the requirements of ~~subsections (f)~~ subsection (h) of this Code section shall be deemed to have met all graduation requirements of the State Board of Education and shall not be subject to any assessments otherwise required for purposes of graduation.

~~(h)~~(k) The state board, in consultation with the State Board of Education, Department of Education, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Corrections, and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this article.

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(a) By January 1, 2026, the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the state board, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the Office of Student Achievement, shall

establish whatever policies, rules, and regulations are necessary to implement the requirements of this article, including, but not limited to, any such policies, rules, or regulations that are necessary to accurately account for each student who is participating in the program pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 20-4-141 in the counts required by Code Section 20-2-160.

(b) For each eligible student enrolled in the program on or after July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall pay to the state board an amount not less than a proportional share of QBE formula earnings, QBE grants, and federal funds earned by the resident school system for such eligible student. Such proportional share shall be calculated pro rata based on the number of one-sixth segments of the school day such eligible student attends at a participating unit of the technical college system.

(c)(1) By April 1, 2026, and by April 1 each year thereafter, the state board and the State Board of Education shall publish on the public website of the technical college system a comprehensive list of courses at participating units of the technical college system that shall be counted towards high school diploma requirements and shall be considered a one-sixth segment of the school day for the purposes of this article. Once such a comprehensive list is published on the public website of the technical college system, it may only be revised upon written agreement by the state board and the State Board of Education detailing the reasons for each revision. In the event such comprehensive list is revised pursuant to such a written agreement, the comprehensive list published on the public website of the technical college system shall be updated immediately along with a copy of such written agreement.

(2) Each revision to the comprehensive list required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be prospective, and no revision to such comprehensive list shall result in any adverse action for any student enrolled and in good standing at the time of such revision.

(d) Beginning July 1, 2026, each resident school system with an eligible student who is participating in the program pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 20-4-141 shall enter into a participation agreement with the state board agreeing that each such student:

(1) Is enrolled in the resident school system and resident school for administrative purposes and for the purposes of education accountability assessment programs provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title only; and

(2) Shall not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic activities under the sponsorship, direction, or control of such student's resident school or resident school system.

20-4-142.

This article shall stand repealed on July 1, ~~2026~~ 2031."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 371. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th, Greene of the 154th, Dubnik of the 29th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds generally under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for an increase of the state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding from $300 million to $375 million annually; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	E Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	E Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Smith of the 70th, and Wiedower of the 121st.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #4
THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 28th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HB 270 Eviction Service and Airplane Evictions Act; enact (Substitute) (Judy-Reeves-99th)

HB 397 Elections; allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections (Substitute)(GAff-Fleming-114th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 3558S)

HB 471 Health; licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; require (Substitute)(P&CH-Cheokas-151st)

HB 529 Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act; enact (Substitute)(A&CA-Barrett-24th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 55 0589S)

Structured Rule

HB 266 Income tax; exempt income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States (Substitute) (W&M-Sainz-180th)

HB 328 Revenue and taxation; increase annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations (Substitute)(W&M-Carpenter-4th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 471. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Dubnik of the 29th, Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to require that licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; to provide for a form; to provide for department duties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to require that licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; to provide for a form to be developed by the Department of Community Health; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'water safety education' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-779.4.

(b)(1) Prior to discharge, a licensed general hospital or birthing center shall make available to each newborn infant's parent or guardian a video presentation on water safety education to be viewed onsite.

(2) Such hospital and birthing center shall provide such parent or guardian with a water safety education form to be developed by the department.

(c) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis

Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 270. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jenkins of the 136th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuances, so as to provide for the continuance and stay of proceedings related to eviction of tenants at certain airports; to provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 44-7-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of summons, service, time for answer, and defenses and counterclaims, so as to provide for service by an approved process server; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 44-7-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of summons, service, time for answer, and defenses and counterclaims, so as to provide for service by an approved process server; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Eviction Service Act."

SECTION 2.
Code Section 44-7-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of summons, service, time for answer, and defenses and counterclaims, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) When the affidavit provided for in Code Section 44-7-50 is made, the judge of the superior court, the state court, or any other court with jurisdiction over the subject matter or the judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of the magistrate court shall grant and issue a summons to the sheriff or his or her deputy, ~~or to~~ any lawful constable of the county where the land

is located, or an approved process server. A copy of the summons and a copy of the affidavit shall be personally served upon the defendant. If the sheriff, constable, or approved process server is unable to serve the defendant personally, service may be had by delivering the summons and the affidavit to any person who is sui juris residing on the premises or, if after reasonable effort no such person is found residing on the premises, by posting a copy of the summons and the affidavit on the door of the premises and, on the same day of such posting, by enclosing, directing, stamping, and mailing by first-class mail a copy of the summons and the affidavit to the defendant at his or her last known address, if any, and making an entry of this action on the affidavit filed in the case."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 266. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation certain income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by revising paragraph (5.1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(5.1)(A) ~~Up to $17,500.00 of income~~ Income received by an individual who is less than ~~62~~ 65 years of age paid to such individual as retirement benefits from military service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof ~~and an additional amount of up to $17,500.00 of such income, provided that he or she has~~

~~Georgia earned income otherwise included in his or her Georgia taxable net income in an amount that exceeds $17,500.00~~ in an amount that shall not exceed $35,000.00 for the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2027; provided, however, that such maximum amount shall be increased by $5,000.000 annually thereafter until such amount reaches $65,000.00.

(B) In the case of a married couple filing jointly, each spouse who is otherwise qualified for an exclusion allowed by this paragraph shall be individually entitled to exclude retirement income received by that spouse up to the exclusion amount.

(C) The exclusions provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to or affect and shall be in addition to those adjustments to net income provided for under any other paragraph of this subsection; provided, however, that no individual shall be allowed an exclusion provided for in this paragraph in addition to any exclusion provided for in paragraph (5) of this subsection;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House, having previously been read, was again taken up for consideration:

HB 529. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Holcomb of the 101st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and continuous service offers; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Committee substitute, having previously been read, was withdrawn.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to revise exceptions; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and continuous service offers; to revise exceptions; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, is amended by revising Chapter 12, relating to automatic renewal provisions, as follows:

"CHAPTER 12

13-12-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Automatic renewal provision' means a provision under which a service contract is renewed for a specified period of more than one month ~~if the renewal causes the service contract to be in effect more than six months after the day of the initiation of the service contract. Such renewal is effective unless the consumer gives notice to the seller of the consumer's intention to terminate the service contract~~.

(2) 'Consumer' means a natural person or a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 receiving service, maintenance, or repair benefits under a service contract. Such ~~The~~ term does not include a natural person engaged in business or employed by or otherwise acting on behalf of a governmental entity if the person enters into the service contract as part of or ancillary to the person's business activities or on behalf of the business or governmental entity.

(3) 'Seller' means any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in commerce that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract.

(4) 'Service contract' means a written contract for the performance of services for a specified period of time.

13-12-2.

(a) No ~~Any~~ seller ~~that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to~~ shall enter into a service contract with a consumer that has an automatic renewal provision unless such seller first:

(1) Discloses ~~shall disclose~~ the automatic renewal provision clearly and conspicuously in the contract or contract offer; and

(2) Gives such consumer the option of having the service contract terminate after its specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision.

(b) Any option to have a service contract terminate after its specified period rather than being subject to an automatic renewal provision given by a seller pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section that is exercised by a consumer shall, at the seller's sole cost and expense, be incorporated into the service contract or otherwise memorialized in a writing that is signed by both the seller and consumer and shall render any automatic renewal provision in the service contract void and unenforceable.

13-12-3.

(a) Any seller that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract for a specified period of 12 months or more and that automatically renews for a specified period of more than one month, unless the consumer cancels the contract, shall provide the consumer with written or electronic notification of the automatic renewal provision. Notification shall be provided to the consumer no less than 30 days or no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic renewal provision. Such notification shall disclose clearly and conspicuously:

(1) That unless the consumer cancels the contract, the contract will automatically renew; and

(2) The methods by which the consumer may obtain details of the automatic renewal provision and cancellation procedure, including contacting the seller at a specified telephone number or address, referring to the contract, or any other method.

(b) For any contract for service to a consumer that automatically renews for a specified period of more than ~~24 months~~ one year, the seller shall, in addition to providing the notification required under subsection (a) of this Code section, obtain the following for the automatic renewal provision of such contract to be enforceable:

(1) Written or electronic acknowledgment from the consumer of receipt of the notification required under subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) An affirmative written or electronic response that the consumer does not intend to terminate the service contract.

13-12-4.

This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) A financial institution listed in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (6) of Code Section 7-1-911 or any subsidiary or affiliate of such institution ~~as provided in Chapter 1 or 2 of Title 7 or any depository institution as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(c)(2)~~;

(2) A bank holding company, as such term is defined in Code Section 7-1-605 ~~foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under the laws of any state of the United States~~;
(3) ~~Any subsidiary or affiliate of an entity provided in paragraph (1) or (2) of this Code section;~~
~~(4)~~ Any electric supplier, as such term is defined in Code Section 46-3-3 ~~utility as provided in Chapter 3 of Title 46~~;
(4) Any service provided by a business or its affiliate when either the business or its affiliate is regulated by the Public Service Commission, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Communications Commission, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
(5) Any service provided by a business or its affiliate when either the business or its affiliate is doing business as a franchise issued by a political subdivision of this state;
(6) Any entity regulated by the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner;
~~(5)~~(7) Any entity regulated pursuant to Chapter 45 of Title 43; or
~~(6)~~(8) Any county, municipal corporation, authority, or local government or governing body.

13-12-5.
A violation of any provision of this chapter ~~renders the~~ shall render any automatic renewal provision ~~of~~ in a service contract void and unenforceable."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by revising Part 8 of Article 15 of Chapter 1, the "Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act," as follows:

"Part 8

10-1-439.5.
This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act.'

10-1-439.6.
(a) The purpose of this part shall be to stop the practice of creating unnecessary barriers for customers who wish to cancel automatic renewal or continuous service subscriptions online, particularly when such subscriptions are offered online. It is the intent of the General Assembly that such practice be swiftly stopped, and this part shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes and policies.
(b) It is the further intent of the General Assembly that this part be interpreted and construed consistently with interpretations given by the Federal Trade Commission in the

federal courts pursuant to Section 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. Section 45(a)(1)), as from time to time amended.

10-1-439.7.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Automatic renewal' means a plan or arrangement in which an online paid subscription or purchasing agreement is automatically renewed at the end of a definite term of more than ~~31 days~~ one month for a subsequent definite term of more than ~~31 days~~ one month.

(2) 'Consumer' means a natural person residing in this state who enters into a transaction primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

(3) 'Continuous service' means a plan or arrangement for a paid definite term of more than ~~31 days~~ one month renewing for a subsequent definite term of more than ~~31 days~~ one month in which an online subscription or purchasing agreement continues until the consumer cancels such service.

(4) 'Offer terms' means the following clear and conspicuous disclosures to the consumer:

(A) The description of the cancellation policy as applicable to the automatic renewal offer or arrangement;

(B) The recurring charges to be charged to the consumer's credit or debit card or payment account with a third-party ~~payment account~~ as part of the online automatic renewal plan or arrangement, and that the amount of such charge may change, and the amount to which such charge will change, if known;

(C) The length of the automatic renewal term or an indication that the service is continuous, unless the length of the term is chosen by the consumer; and

(D) The minimum purchase obligation, if any.

10-1-439.8.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall allow a consumer to cancel the automatic renewal or continuous service online. The business shall provide a method of cancellation that is available online, which ~~may~~ shall include:

(1) A clear and conspicuous link to a public website or other online cancellation service; ~~or~~ and

(2) A cancellation email formatted and provided by the business that a consumer can send to the business without additional information.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, a business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online may require a consumer to enter account information or otherwise authenticate their account online before online cancellation of the automatic renewal or continuous service if the consumer has an account with the business. A consumer who is unwilling or unable to enter account information or otherwise authenticate online before online cancellation of the automatic renewal or continuous service shall not be precluded from cancelling the automatic

renewal or continuous service offline using an alternate method pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(c) A business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall provide a toll-free telephone number, email address, postal address if the seller directly bills the consumer, or another cost-effective, timely, and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation that shall be described in an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel.

(d) The requirements of this Code section apply to the automatic renewal terms and continuous service terms of the contract entered into online, and the remaining provisions of the contract shall continue to be governed by all applicable laws and regulations.

10-1-439.9.

(a) It shall be unlawful in this state for any business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online to:

(1) Fail to present the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner before the subscription or purchasing agreement is fulfilled and in visual proximity, or in the case of an offer conveyed by voice, in temporal proximity, to the request for consumer consent to the offer;

(2) Charge the consumer's credit or debit card, or the consumer's third-party payment account for an automatic renewal or continuous service without first obtaining the consumer's consent to the agreement containing such automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms;

(3) Fail to provide an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms. Such acknowledgment may be from the business's own public website or it may be provided via a link to a separate resource that provides instructions for unique platforms and services or other means that provide such offer terms in a manner easily retained by the consumer; or

(4) Fail to provide a consumer with notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) A business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall provide the consumer with a notice prior to or within three days after charging the consumer's credit or debit card or payment account with a third party, provided that the consumer has not opted out of receiving such notice. Such notice shall clearly and conspicuously state:

(1) That the automatic renewal or continuous service shall automatically renew unless it is canceled by the consumer;

(2) The length and any additional terms of the renewal period;

(3) If sent electronically, the notice shall include either a link or another reasonably accessible electronic method that directs the consumer to the cancellation process; and

(4) Contact information for the business.

(c) In the case of a material change in the terms of the online automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer that has been accepted by a consumer in this state, a business

shall provide the consumer with a clear and conspicuous notice of the material change and shall provide information to the consumer regarding how to cancel such automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer in a manner that is easily retained by the consumer.

10-1-439.10.
When a business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online sends any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to a consumer under an automatic renewal of purchase or a continuous service agreement, without first obtaining the consumer's consent pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-439.9, such goods, wares, merchandise, or products shall for all purposes be deemed an unconditional gift to the consumer, who may use or dispose of such goods, wares, merchandise, and products in any manner he or she sees fit without obligation to the business, including, but not limited to, bearing the cost of or responsibility for shipping any goods, wares, merchandise, or products to the business.

10-1-439.11.
The requirements of this part shall apply only prior to the completion of the initial order for the online automatic renewal or continuous service; provided, however, that an acknowledgment that includes the automatic renewal offer terms or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy, and information regarding how to cancel, and the notice required pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-439.9 may be fulfilled after the completion of the initial order.

10-1-439.12.
The following are exempt from the requirements of this part:
(1) Any service provided by a business or its affiliate when either the business or its affiliate is doing business as a franchise issued by a political subdivision of this state;
(2) Any service provided by a business or its affiliate when either the business or its affiliate is regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, the Federal Communications Commission, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
(3) Any entity regulated by the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner;
(4) Any financial institution ~~as defined in Code Section 7-1-4~~ listed in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (6) of Code Section 7-1-911 or any subsidiary or affiliate of such institution, or any bank holding company as defined in Code Section 7-1-605; and
(5) ~~Any foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under federal law or under the laws of any state of the United States~~ Any electric supplier, as such term is defined in Code Section 46-3-3.

10-1-439.13.
(a) The Attorney General shall be authorized to bring an action under this part to obtain a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting the use of any method, act, or practice in violation of this part and to obtain restitution for consumers who are residents of this state and who incurred a loss of money or property as the direct result of a violation of this part.
(b) If a business that allows a consumer to accept an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online complies with the provisions of this part in good faith, it shall not be subject to civil penalty or damages.
(c) There shall be no private right of action for a violation of this part, nor shall a violation of this part serve as the basis for a private right of action under any other provision of law.
(d) If any provision of this part or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this part that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this part are severable.

10-1-439.14.
Nothing in this part shall be construed as impairing the application of the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 13 to service contracts, as such term is defined in Code Section 13-12-1. To the extent any provision of this part is incompatible, inconsistent, or otherwise in conflict with the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 13, the provisions of Chapter 12 of Title 13 shall supersede any such incompatible, inconsistent, or otherwise conflicting provisions of this part."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on December 31, 2025, and shall apply to contracts entered into on or after such date.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk,

On the vote for HB 529 I pushed the button in favor of the bill, but the vote did not register. Please update the journal for me.

Thank you,

/s/ J. Carter Barrett
HD 24

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Ways & Means:

HB 341. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; to provide for terms, conditions, and limitations; to provide for preapproval; to provide for aggregate annual limits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 397. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the timelines for calling special elections and the dates on which special elections can be held; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise procedures for the removal of members of the State Election Board who were elected by a house of the General Assembly; to allow municipalities to opt out of providing advance voting on certain Saturdays for certain

municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the timelines for calling special elections and the dates on which special elections can be held; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-30, relating to creation, membership, terms of service, vacancies, quorum, bylaws, meetings, and executive director, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A member elected by a house of the General Assembly shall take office on the day following the adjournment of the regular session in which elected and shall serve for a term of two years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed. An elected member of the board may be removed at any time the General Assembly is in session by a majority vote of the house which elected him or her, or at any time when the General Assembly is not in session by the President of the Senate if such member was elected by the Senate or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives if such member was elected by the House of Representatives. In the event a vacancy should occur in the office of such a member of the board at a time when the General Assembly is not in session, then the President of the Senate shall thereupon appoint an elector to fill the vacancy if the prior incumbent of such office was elected by the Senate or appointed by the President of the Senate; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall thereupon appoint an elector to fill the vacancy if the prior incumbent of such office was elected by the House of Representatives or appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A member appointed to fill a vacancy may be removed ~~at any time by a majority vote of the house whose presiding officer appointed him or her~~ in the same manner as a member elected by a house of the General Assembly."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-385, relating to procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(1) There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence:

(A) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election; and

(B) As soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff

and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election

during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.; provided, however, that, if such second Saturday is a public and legal holiday pursuant to Code Section 1-4-1, if such second Saturday follows a public and legal holiday occurring on the Thursday or Friday immediately preceding such second Saturday, or if such second Saturday immediately precedes a public and legal holiday occurring on the following Sunday or Monday, such advance voting shall not be held on such second Saturday but shall be held on the third Saturday prior to such primary or election beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the registrars may extend the hours for voting to permit advance voting from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. and may provide for additional voting locations pursuant to Code Section 21-2-382 to suit the needs of the electors of the jurisdiction at their option; provided, however, that voting shall occur only on the days specified in this paragraph and counties and municipalities shall not be authorized to conduct advance voting on any other days. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph to the contrary, the governing authority of a municipality may opt out of conducting voting on one or more Saturdays during the period of advance voting in any municipal election for such municipality, by action taken during a duly called public meeting of the governing authority; provided, however, that the provisions of this sentence shall not apply to any municipal election that is held concurrent with and on the same date as any county or state primary, election, or runoff thereof."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, by revising subsection (b) and paragraph (2) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(b) At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special primary and the holding of same, and at least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. The period during which candidates may qualify to run in a special primary or a special election shall remain open for a minimum of two and one-half days. Special elections to present questions to the voters which are to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary, a state-wide general primary, ~~or~~ state-wide general election, state-wide special primary, or state-wide special election shall be called at least 90 days prior to the date of such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, ~~or~~ state-wide general election, state-wide special primary, or state-wide special election; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to special elections to present questions to the voters held on the same date as such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, ~~or~~ state-wide general election, state-wide special primary, or state-wide special election but conducted completely separate and apart from such state-wide general primary or state-wide general election using different ballots or voting equipment, facilities, poll workers, and paperwork."

"(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on ~~the~~:

(i) The third Tuesday in March ~~or on the~~;

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; ~~and~~ or

(iii) The date of and in conjunction with any state-wide special primary or special election if one is held that year, regardless of whether or not such special primary or special election is held pursuant to the terms of this chapter; provided, however, that the 90 days call provision of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to a special election held pursuant to this division; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

(ii) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;

(iii) The date of the general primary; or

(iv) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct and timing of special primaries and special elections generally, effective on July 1, 2026, as follows:

"21-2-540.

(a)(1) Every special primary and special election shall be held and conducted in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this chapter relating to general primaries and general elections; and the provisions of this chapter relating to general primaries and general elections shall apply thereto insofar as practicable and as not inconsistent with any other provisions of this chapter. All special primaries and special elections held at the time of a general primary, as provided by Code Section 21-2-541, shall be conducted by the poll officers by the use of the same equipment and facilities, insofar as practicable, as are used for such general primary. All special primaries and special elections held at the time of a general election, as provided by Code Section 21-2-541, shall be conducted by the poll officers by the use of the same equipment and facilities, insofar as practicable, as are used for such general election.

(2) If a vacancy occurs in a partisan office to which the Governor is authorized to appoint an individual to serve until the next general election, a special primary shall precede the special election.

(b) At least ~~29~~ 60 days shall intervene between the call of a special primary and the holding of same, and at least ~~29~~ 60 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. The period during which candidates may qualify to run in a special primary or a special election shall remain open for a minimum of two and

one-half days. Special elections to present questions to the voters which are to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary, a state-wide general primary, state-wide general election, state-wide special primary, or state-wide special election shall be called at least 90 days prior to the date of such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, state-wide general election, state-wide special primary, or state-wide special election; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to special elections to present questions to the voters held on the same date as such presidential preference primary, state-wide general primary, state-wide general election, state-wide special primary, or state-wide special election but conducted completely separate and apart from such state-wide general primary or state-wide general election using different ballots or voting equipment, facilities, poll workers, and paperwork.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special primary or special election to fill a vacancy in a county or municipal office shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least ~~29~~ 60 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special primary or special election shall only be held on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March;

(ii) The third Tuesday in June; or

(iii) ~~The third Tuesday in September; or~~

~~(iv)~~ The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special primary or special election shall only be held on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that in the event that a special primary or special election is to be held under this provision in a year in which a presidential preference primary is to be held, then any such special primary or special election shall be held on the date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary;

(ii) The date of the general primary; or

(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November;

provided, however, that, in the event that a special primary or special election to fill a federal or state office on a date other than the dates provided in this paragraph has been scheduled and it is possible to hold a special primary or special election to fill a vacancy in a county, municipal, or school board office in conjunction with such special primary or special election to fill a federal or state office, the special primary or special election to fill such county, municipal, or school board office may be held on the date of and in conjunction with such special primary or special election to fill such federal or state office, provided all other provisions of law regarding such primaries and elections are met.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special election to present a question to the voters shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least ~~29~~ 45 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The third Tuesday in March;

(ii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; or

(iii) The date of and in conjunction with any state-wide special primary or special election if one is held that year, regardless of whether or not such special primary or special election is held pursuant to the terms of this chapter; provided, however, that the 90 days call provision of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to a special election held pursuant to this division; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

(i) The date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary if one is held that year;

(ii) ~~The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that such special election shall occur prior to July 1, 2024, and present a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48;~~

~~(iii)~~ The date of the general primary; or

~~(iv)~~(iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

(A) Special elections held pursuant to Chapter 4 of this title, the 'Recall Act of 1989,' to recall a public officer or to fill a vacancy in a public office caused by a recall election; and

(B) Special primaries or special elections to fill vacancies in federal or state public offices.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the superintendent of each county or municipality shall publish the call of the special primary or special election.

(e)(1) Candidates in special elections for partisan offices that are not preceded by special primaries shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot and may choose to designate on the ballot their party affiliation. The party affiliation selected by a candidate shall not be changed following the close of qualifying.

(2) Candidates in special primaries shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot."

SECTION 5.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

(b)(1) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(2) Section 4 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise procedures for the removal of members of the State Election Board who were elected by a house of the General Assembly; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended in Code Section 21-2-30, relating to creation, membership, terms of service, vacancies, quorum, bylaws, meetings, and executive director, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A member elected by a house of the General Assembly shall take office on the day following the adjournment of the regular session in which elected and shall serve for a term of two years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed. An elected member of the board may be removed at any time the General Assembly is in session by a majority vote of the house which elected him or her, or at any time when the General Assembly is not in session by the President of the Senate if such member was elected by the Senate or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives if such member was elected by the House of Representatives. In the event a vacancy should occur in the office of such a member of the board at a time when the General Assembly is not in session, then the President of the Senate shall thereupon appoint an elector to fill the vacancy if the prior incumbent of such office was elected by the Senate or appointed by the President of the Senate; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall thereupon appoint an elector to fill the vacancy if the prior incumbent of such office was elected by the House of Representatives or appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A member appointed to fill a vacancy may be removed ~~at any time by a majority vote of the house whose presiding officer appointed him or her~~ in the same manner as a member elected by a house of the General Assembly."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	N Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
N Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 13.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HB 328. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Hilton of the 48th, Carson of the 46th, Ridley of the 6th, Gaines of the 120th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase the annual aggregate limit for tax credits available for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the time allowed after being preapproved to make the contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise a tax credit for certain contributions to student scholarship organizations; to increase the annual aggregate limit; to decrease the amount allowed for insurance companies; to provide that such credits shall not carry forward; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, is amended in Code Section 48-7-29.16, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, by revising subsections (c.1), (e), and (f) as follows:

"(c.1) A business enterprise shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 33-8-4 in an amount equal to its qualified education expenses or ~~75~~ 30 percent of the business enterprise's state insurance premium tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4, whichever is less~~; provided, however, that the amount of such credit shall not exceed $1 million~~."

"(e) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit allowed to any taxpayer or business enterprise under this Code section for a taxable year exceed such taxpayer's income tax liability or such business enterprise's state insurance premium tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4~~, provided that any unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against up to its succeeding three years' tax liability~~. No unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against succeeding years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against prior years' tax liability.

(f)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed~~:~~

~~(A) Fifty-eight million dollars for the year ending on December 31, 2018;~~

~~(B) For 2019 through 2022, $100 million per year; and~~

~~(C) For 2023 and all subsequent years, $120~~ $140 million per year.

~~(1.1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section to all business enterprises for state insurance premium tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4 exceed $6 million for any year.~~

(2) The commissioner shall allow the tax credits on a first come, first served basis.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a student scholarship organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a student scholarship organization, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by

the department, of the total amount of contributions that the taxpayer or business enterprise intends to make to the student scholarship organization. The commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate the requested amount within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer or business enterprise and shall provide notice to the taxpayer or business enterprise and the student scholarship organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer or business enterprise. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall make the contribution to the student scholarship organization within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer or business enterprise does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limit prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subsection ~~or the additional limitation specific to business enterprises prescribed in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection~~. The department shall establish a web based donation approval process to implement this subsection.

(4) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based ~~solely~~ on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection ~~or the additional limitation specific to business enterprises prescribed in paragraph (1.1) of this subsection~~. The department shall maintain an ongoing, current list on its website of the amount of tax credits available under this Code section.

(5)(A) For the period beginning on July 1 and ending on December 31 of each year, to the extent that the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section has not been reached, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate additional requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer and the qualified scholarship organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration.

(B) A taxpayer that is preapproved for the tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section during the period provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall only be allowed such credit in an amount that shall not exceed 95 percent of the amount otherwise allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(6) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to student scholarship organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the student scholarship organization is removed from the Department of Education list pursuant to Code Section 20-2A-7, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection.

~~(6)~~(7) In addition to the reporting requirements in Code Section 20-2A-3, each student scholarship organization shall file an annual report with the department showing any fees or assessments retained by the student scholarship organization during the calendar year."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	N Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	E Scott
N Barnes	E DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	N Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 75.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HR 128. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Barton of the 5th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION compensating Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and withdrawn:

A RESOLUTION

Compensating individuals who have been exonerated following a wrongful conviction and incarceration; and for other purposes.

PART I

Compensating Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins

WHEREAS, on the evening of January 11, 2000, while driving north on Highway 27 toward Rome, Georgia, a man saw a small blue car driving erratically in front of him and interacting aggressively with a truck, and shortly thereafter the man observed a flash and saw the truck veer over the median and opposite lanes and then crash; and

WHEREAS, 20-year-old Mr. Isaac Dawkins was driving north in his truck on Highway 27 when he was shot in the head, causing Mr. Dawkins to crash his truck and later die from the injuries he suffered; and

WHEREAS, on the same evening of January 11, 2000, 18-year-old Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins drove his white truck south from his home in Rome to the home of his girlfriend in Cedartown, making several calls on his cell phone and passing the scene of Mr. Dawkins's crash on the way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins's cell phone records and testimonial evidence regarding a shot dog were introduced at trial; and

WHEREAS, the prosecution and defense presented cell phone experts who agreed that there was no possibility that Mr. Watkins's cellphone was located at or near the scene at the time the shooter's blue car would have been located at the scene; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2001, a Floyd County jury convicted Mr. Watkins for the murder of Mr. Dawkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins's co-defendant, who was the alleged shooter, was acquitted by a different jury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins continued to maintain his innocence and pursued appeals and other post-conviction relief; and

WHEREAS, years later, the podcast *Undisclosed* and the Georgia Innocence Project learned that during jury deliberations at Mr. Watkins's trial, one of the jurors had improperly conducted her own "drive test" related to the cell phone records, causing her to erroneously determine that Mr. Watkins could have been present at the crime scene, a determination which she then shared with other jurors; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Innocence Project discovered that although more than 15 years had passed, a former medical examiner for GBI had retained a personal autopsy log from the timeframe that he worked at the GBI, which included a previously unknown case number; and

WHEREAS, the new case number assisted GBI in providing documents that established that the bullet taken from the shot dog was of another caliber than the bullet used to shoot Mr. Dawkins; and

WHEREAS, after discovering the evidence of the unauthorized juror drive test and the bullet, Mr. Watkins filed a second petition for habeas corpus; and

WHEREAS, following a three-day evidentiary hearing in February and March, 2022, the state habeas court granted the habeas corpus petition, overturning Mr. Watkins's convictions, and granting him a new trial; and

WHEREAS, in a unanimous decision on December 20, 2022, the Supreme Court of Georgia affirmed the state habeas court's grant of relief to Mr. Watkins, holding that the habeas court did not err by concluding that Mr. Watkins showed that the juror's improper drive test during deliberations, conducted to see whether Mr. Watkins could have been physically present at the time and place Isaac Dawkins was shot, caused Mr. Watkins actual prejudice; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, Mr. Watkins was granted bond and released, but the charges against him remained pending and the State could have sought to retry him; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2023, based on a review of all of the available evidence, including the evidence presented at trial and new investigations, the State moved for entry of an order of nolle prosequi, which the Superior Court of Floyd County granted, thereby dismissing all the charges and officially exonerating Mr. Watkins; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Watkins occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only eleven states that does not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,688,527.40 to Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Watkins's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Watkins shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch or political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Watkins or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Watkins shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch or political subdivisions thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $535,000.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Watkins. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches or political subdivisions thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Watkins's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Watkins shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Watkins. Upon the death of Mr. Watkins, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Watkins pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART II

Compensating Mr. Daryl Lee Clark

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1996, fifteen-year-old Mr. Brian Bowling tragically lost his life while playing "Russian Roulette" with his friend, seventeen-year-old Mr. Cain Joshua Storey, in the bedroom of Mr. Brian Bowling's home in Floyd County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, several months later, seventeen-year-old Mr. Daryl Lee Clark, an acquaintance of Mr. Brian Bowling, was arrested, and both he and Mr. Storey were charged with the murder and conspiracy to commit the murder of Mr. Bowling; and

WHEREAS, one of the State's two key witnesses was Ms. Angela Bruce, who claimed that during a party at her home after Mr. Bowling's death, she heard Mr. Storey say he had shot and killed Mr. Bowling, and heard Mr. Clark say he was present at the time of the shooting; and

WHEREAS, the second of the State's two key witnesses was Mr. Charlie Childers, a functionally illiterate and severely hearing and speech impaired man with limited and unique sign language skills, who testified that he had seen a person named "Daryl" flee from Mr. Bowling's yard immediately after the shooting and identified Mr. Clark in a police photo lineup; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 1998, Mr. Clark and Mr. Storey were both convicted of murder and conspiracy to commit murder and sentenced to life imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, in late 2021, Ms. Bruce admitted for the first time to reporters and the Georgia Innocence Project that her incriminating testimony concerning Mr. Clark's and Mr. Storey's admissions was false; and

WHEREAS, the independent investigation further established for the first time that Mr. Childers's translator at Mr. Clark's trial later questioned the accuracy of her own translation of Mr. Childers's testimony, and regretted providing the translation at trial, because Mr. Childers's manner of communication was not standard American Sign Language ("ASL"), but instead a communication method unique to Mr. Childers and his former teacher (an ASL expert who knew and understood Mr. Childers's unique communication method, having worked with him from the time he has been a child); and

WHEREAS, through interpretation by a new translator (his former teacher) in 2021, Mr. Childers indicated that testimony given by him over 20 years earlier had not been accurately interpreted to the jury; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, Georgia Innocence Project lawyers filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial (EMNT) and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2022, Mr. Clark's convictions were overturned and vacated by the Superior Court of Floyd County; and

WHEREAS, on that same date, the District Attorney's Office for the Rome Judicial Circuit sought, and a Floyd County Superior Court Judge granted, dismissal of all charges against Mr. Clark based upon evidentiary considerations; and

WHEREAS, after more than twenty-five years of wrongful imprisonment by the State of Georgia, Mr. Clark was finally exonerated and freed from his incarceration on December 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Clark occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting, just, and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only eleven states that does not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,917,128.00 to Mr. Daryl Lee Clark as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Clark's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Clark shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch or political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Clark or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Clark shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch or political subdivisions thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $632,652.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Clark. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions,

commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches or political subdivisions thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Clark's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Clark shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Clark. Upon the death of Mr. Clark, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Clark pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART III

Compensating Mr. Michael Woolfolk

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2004, a jury convicted Mr. Michael Woolfolk and Mr. Mario Stinchcomb of murder and aggravated assault in the death of Ms. Jaketha Young; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfolk consistently maintained a claim of self-defense; and

WHEREAS, a witness present at the scene, Mr. Jamario Ford, was presumed dead and could not be located for trial; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2018, Mr. Stinchcomb filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial, based on newly discovered evidence, as the witness, Mr. Ford, was located; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Fulton County Superior Court entered an order denying Mr. Stinchcomb's motion; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, a motion for permission to file a discretionary appeal was filed in the Georgia Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Georgia Supreme Court ordered that an evidentiary hearing be held to allow the witness, Mr. Jamario Ford, to testify; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office of Conviction Integrity Unit reinvestigated the case and concluded that the witness, Mr. Ford, was clear in his testimony that Ms. Young fired at Mr. Woolfolk and Mr. Stinchcomb, who both returned fire in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, Superior Court Judge Shukura Millender ordered the case against Mr. Stinchcomb dismissed; and

WHEREAS, May 17, 2021, Mr. Woolfolk's conviction was likewise vacated and dismissed; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Woolfolk occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only 11 states that do not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following a wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,350,000.00 to Mr. Michael Woolfolk as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Woolfolk's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Woolfolk shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch or political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Woolfolk or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Woolfolk shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, or against any current and former members, officers,

employees, or agents of the state or any branch or political subdivisions thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $445,500.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Woolfolk. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches or political subdivisions thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Woolfolk's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Woolfolk shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of the Mr. Woolfolk. Upon the death of Mr. Woolfolk, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Woolfolk pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART IV

Compensating Mr. Mario Stinchcomb

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2004, a jury convicted Mr. Michael Woolfolk and Mr. Mario Stinchcomb of murder and aggravated assault in the death of Ms. Jaketha Young; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stinchcomb consistently maintained a claim of self-defense; and

WHEREAS, a witness present to the scene, Mr. Jamario Ford, was presumed dead and could not be located for trial; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2018, Mr. Stinchcomb filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial, based upon newly discovered evidence, as the witness, Mr. Ford, was located; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Fulton County Superior Court entered an order denying Mr. Stinchcomb's motion; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, a motion for permission to file a discretionary appeal was filed in the Georgia Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Georgia Supreme Court ordered that an evidentiary hearing be held to allow the witness, Mr. Jamario Ford, to testify; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office of Conviction Integrity Unit reinvestigated the case and concluded that the witness, Mr. Jamario Ford, was clear in his testimony that Ms. Young fired at Mr. Woolfolk and Mr. Stinchcomb, who both returned fire in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, Superior Court Judge Shukura Miller ordered the case against Mr. Stinchcomb dismissed; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Mr. Woolfolk's conviction was likewise vacated and dismissed; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Stinchcomb occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only 11 states that do not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following a wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $975,000.00 to Mr. Mario Stinchcomb as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Stinchcomb's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Stinchcomb shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been

asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch or political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Stinchcomb or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Stinchcomb shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch or political subdivisions thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $321,750.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Stinchcomb. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches or political subdivisions thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Stinchcomb's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Stinchcomb shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Stinchcomb. Upon the death of Mr. Stinchcomb, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Stinchcomb pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART V

Compensating Mr. Sedrick Moore

WHEREAS, on the night of February 15, 1993, three men broke into a Colquitt County, Georgia, home where they robbed and sexually assaulted a woman at gunpoint; and

WHEREAS, the victim was only able to identify one of the three perpetrators, Mr. Tyrone White; and

WHEREAS, during his interview with police, Mr. White implicated Mr. Sedrick Moore and Mr. Kerry Robinson as the two other perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, over six years after the incident, Mr. Moore was arrested in connection with the incident and charged, along with Mr. Robinson, with rape and other offenses related to robbery and possession of a firearm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White made a deal with the State for a more lenient sentence in exchange for his testimony against Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson were tried at the same time; and

WHEREAS, other evidence against Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson was a statement from Mr. Johnny Brown, III, a neighbor of the victim, placing Mr. Moore in the area that night and testimony from a DNA expert that DNA from a sexual assault exam performed on the victim on the night of the incident matched Mr. Moore's and Mr. Robinson's DNA; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2002, a jury convicted Mr. Moore of one count of rape, three counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, one count of armed robbery, and one count of burglary, and Mr. Moore was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson maintained their innocence and pursued appeals of their convictions; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation began using a new DNA testing method and Mr. Robinson sought new DNA testing as further post-conviction relief; and

WHEREAS, the new DNA testing did not support a valid DNA match to Mr. Robinson or Mr. Moore; and

WHEREAS, based on this new DNA evidence, Mr. Robinson filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial (EMNT) and was ultimately exonerated on January 8, 2020, after the State declined to further prosecute his case; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore subsequently filed an EMNT and, on May 12, 2023, a Colquitt County Superior Court Judge granted Mr. Moore's EMNT; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, the State moved for entry of an order of nolle prosequi, which a Colquitt County Superior Court Judge granted, thereby dismissing all charges and officially exonerating Mr. Moore after more than 21 years of wrongful imprisonment by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Moore occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting, just, and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,691,280.00 to Mr. Sedrick Moore as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Moore's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Moore shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch or political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Moore or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Moore shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or any political subdivisions thereof, or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch or political subdivisions thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $558,122.40. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Moore. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, subdivisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches or political subdivisions thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Moore's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Moore shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Moore. Upon the death of Mr. Moore, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Moore pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Compensating individuals who have been exonerated following a wrongful conviction and incarceration; and for other purposes.

PART I

Compensating Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins

WHEREAS, on the evening of January 11, 2000, while driving north on Highway 27 toward Rome, Georgia, a man saw a small blue car driving erratically in front of him and interacting aggressively with a truck, and shortly thereafter the man observed a flash and saw the truck veer over the median and opposite lanes and then crash; and

WHEREAS, 20-year-old Mr. Isaac Dawkins was driving north in his truck on Highway 27 when he was shot in the head, causing Mr. Dawkins to crash his truck and later die from the injuries he suffered; and

WHEREAS, on the same evening of January 11, 2000, 18-year-old Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins drove his white truck south from his home in Rome to the home of his girlfriend

in Cedartown, making several calls on his cell phone and passing the scene of Mr. Dawkins's crash on the way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins's cell phone records and testimonial evidence regarding a shot dog were introduced at trial; and

WHEREAS, the prosecution and defense presented cell phone experts who agreed that there was no possibility that Mr. Watkins's cellphone was located at or near the scene at the time the shooter's blue car would have been located at the scene; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2001, a Floyd County jury convicted Mr. Watkins for the murder of Mr. Dawkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins's co-defendant, who was the alleged shooter, was acquitted by a different jury; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins continued to maintain his innocence and pursued appeals and other post-conviction relief; and

WHEREAS, years later, the podcast *Undisclosed* and the Georgia Innocence Project learned that during jury deliberations at Mr. Watkins's trial, one of the jurors had improperly conducted her own "drive test" related to the cell phone records, causing her to erroneously determine that Mr. Watkins could have been present at the crime scene, a determination which she then shared with other jurors; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Innocence Project discovered that although more than 15 years had passed, a former medical examiner for GBI had retained a personal autopsy log from the timeframe that he worked at the GBI, which included a previously unknown case number; and

WHEREAS, the new case number assisted GBI in providing documents that established that the bullet taken from the shot dog was of another caliber than the bullet used to shoot Mr. Dawkins; and

WHEREAS, after discovering the evidence of the unauthorized juror drive test and the bullet, Mr. Watkins filed a second petition for habeas corpus; and

WHEREAS, following a three-day evidentiary hearing in February and March, 2022, the state habeas court granted the habeas corpus petition, overturning Mr. Watkins's convictions, and granting him a new trial; and

WHEREAS, in a unanimous decision on December 20, 2022, the Supreme Court of Georgia affirmed the state habeas court's grant of relief to Mr. Watkins, holding that the

habeas court did not err by concluding that Mr. Watkins showed that the juror's improper drive test during deliberations, conducted to see whether Mr. Watkins could have been physically present at the time and place Isaac Dawkins was shot, caused Mr. Watkins actual prejudice; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, Mr. Watkins was granted bond and released, but the charges against him remained pending and the State could have sought to retry him; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2023, based on a review of all of the available evidence, including the evidence presented at trial and new investigations, the State moved for entry of an order of nolle prosequi, which the Superior Court of Floyd County granted, thereby dismissing all the charges and officially exonerating Mr. Watkins; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Watkins occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only eleven states that does not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,688,527.40 to Mr. Joseph Samuel Watkins as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Watkins's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Watkins shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia but not including any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members,

officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch but not including any political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Watkins or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Watkins shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia, or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $535,000.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Watkins. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Watkins's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Watkins shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Watkins. Upon the death of Mr. Watkins, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Watkins pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART II

Compensating Mr. Daryl Lee Clark

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1996, fifteen-year-old Mr. Brian Bowling tragically lost his life while playing "Russian Roulette" with his friend, seventeen-year-old Mr. Cain Joshua Storey, in the bedroom of Mr. Brian Bowling's home in Floyd County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, several months later, seventeen-year-old Mr. Daryl Lee Clark, an acquaintance of Mr. Brian Bowling, was arrested, and both he and Mr. Storey were charged with the murder and conspiracy to commit the murder of Mr. Bowling; and

WHEREAS, one of the State's two key witnesses was Ms. Angela Bruce, who claimed that during a party at her home after Mr. Bowling's death, she heard Mr. Storey say he had shot and killed Mr. Bowling, and heard Mr. Clark say he was present at the time of the shooting; and

WHEREAS, the second of the State's two key witnesses was Mr. Charlie Childers, a functionally illiterate and severely hearing and speech impaired man with limited and unique sign language skills, who testified that he had seen a person named "Daryl" flee from Mr. Bowling's yard immediately after the shooting and identified Mr. Clark in a police photo lineup; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 1998, Mr. Clark and Mr. Storey were both convicted of murder and conspiracy to commit murder and sentenced to life imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, in late 2021, Ms. Bruce admitted for the first time to reporters and the Georgia Innocence Project that her incriminating testimony concerning Mr. Clark's and Mr. Storey's admissions was false; and

WHEREAS, the independent investigation further established for the first time that Mr. Childers's translator at Mr. Clark's trial later questioned the accuracy of her own translation of Mr. Childers's testimony, and regretted providing the translation at trial, because Mr. Childers's manner of communication was not standard American Sign Language ("ASL"), but instead a communication method unique to Mr. Childers and his former teacher (an ASL expert who knew and understood Mr. Childers's unique communication method, having worked with him from the time he has been a child); and

WHEREAS, through interpretation by a new translator (his former teacher) in 2021, Mr. Childers indicated that testimony given by him over 20 years earlier had not been accurately interpreted to the jury; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, Georgia Innocence Project lawyers filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial (EMNT) and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2022, Mr. Clark's convictions were overturned and vacated by the Superior Court of Floyd County; and

WHEREAS, on that same date, the District Attorney's Office for the Rome Judicial Circuit sought, and a Floyd County Superior Court Judge granted, dismissal of all charges against Mr. Clark based upon evidentiary considerations; and

WHEREAS, after more than twenty-five years of wrongful imprisonment by the State of Georgia, Mr. Clark was finally exonerated and freed from his incarceration on December 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Clark occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting, just, and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only eleven states that does not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,917,128.00 to Mr. Daryl Lee Clark as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Clark's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Clark shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia but not including any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch but not including any political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Clark or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Clark shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia, or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $632,652.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Clark. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Clark's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Clark shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Clark. Upon the death of Mr. Clark, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Clark pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART III

Compensating Mr. Michael Woolfolk

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2004, a jury convicted Mr. Michael Woolfolk and Mr. Mario Stinchcomb of murder and aggravated assault in the death of Ms. Jaketha Young; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woolfolk consistently maintained a claim of self-defense; and

WHEREAS, a witness present at the scene, Mr. Jamario Ford, was presumed dead and could not be located for trial; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2018, Mr. Stinchcomb filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial, based on newly discovered evidence, as the witness, Mr. Ford, was located; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Fulton County Superior Court entered an order denying Mr. Stinchcomb's motion; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, a motion for permission to file a discretionary appeal was filed in the Georgia Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Georgia Supreme Court ordered that an evidentiary hearing be held to allow the witness, Mr. Jamario Ford, to testify; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office of Conviction Integrity Unit reinvestigated the case and concluded that the witness, Mr. Ford, was clear in his testimony that Ms. Young fired at Mr. Woolfolk and Mr. Stinchcomb, who both returned fire in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, Superior Court Judge Shukura Millender ordered the case against Mr. Stinchcomb dismissed; and

WHEREAS, May 17, 2021, Mr. Woolfolk's conviction was likewise vacated and dismissed; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Woolfolk occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only 11 states that do not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following a wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,350,000.00 to Mr. Michael Woolfolk as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Woolfolk's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Woolfolk shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever

discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia but not including any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch but not including any political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Woolfolk or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Woolfolk shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $445,500.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Woolfolk. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Woolfolk's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Woolfolk shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of the Mr. Woolfolk. Upon the death of Mr. Woolfolk, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Woolfolk pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART IV

Compensating Mr. Mario Stinchcomb

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2004, a jury convicted Mr. Michael Woolfolk and Mr. Mario Stinchcomb of murder and aggravated assault in the death of Ms. Jaketha Young; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stinchcomb consistently maintained a claim of self-defense; and

WHEREAS, a witness present to the scene, Mr. Jamario Ford, was presumed dead and could not be located for trial; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2018, Mr. Stinchcomb filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial, based upon newly discovered evidence, as the witness, Mr. Ford, was located; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Fulton County Superior Court entered an order denying Mr. Stinchcomb's motion; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, a motion for permission to file a discretionary appeal was filed in the Georgia Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Georgia Supreme Court ordered that an evidentiary hearing be held to allow the witness, Mr. Jamario Ford, to testify; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County District Attorney's Office of Conviction Integrity Unit reinvestigated the case and concluded that the witness, Mr. Jamario Ford, was clear in his testimony that Ms. Young fired at Mr. Woolfolk and Mr. Stinchcomb, who both returned fire in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, Superior Court Judge Shukura Miller ordered the case against Mr. Stinchcomb dismissed; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Mr. Woolfolk's conviction was likewise vacated and dismissed; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Stinchcomb occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only 11 states that do not have a statutory regime for compensating innocent individuals who have been exonerated following a wrongful conviction and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a statutory regime for compensation requires introduction of a resolution to secure such compensation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $975,000.00 to Mr. Mario Stinchcomb as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Stinchcomb's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Stinchcomb shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia but not including any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch but not including any political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Stinchcomb or his heirs, successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Stinchcomb shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $321,750.00. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Stinchcomb. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or

related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Stinchcomb's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Stinchcomb shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Stinchcomb. Upon the death of Mr. Stinchcomb, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Stinchcomb pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

PART V

Compensating Mr. Sedrick Moore

WHEREAS, on the night of February 15, 1993, three men broke into a Colquitt County, Georgia, home where they robbed and sexually assaulted a woman at gunpoint; and

WHEREAS, the victim was only able to identify one of the three perpetrators, Mr. Tyrone White; and

WHEREAS, during his interview with police, Mr. White implicated Mr. Sedrick Moore and Mr. Kerry Robinson as the two other perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, over six years after the incident, Mr. Moore was arrested in connection with the incident and charged, along with Mr. Robinson, with rape and other offenses related to robbery and possession of a firearm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White made a deal with the State for a more lenient sentence in exchange for his testimony against Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson were tried at the same time; and

WHEREAS, other evidence against Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson was a statement from Mr. Johnny Brown, III, a neighbor of the victim, placing Mr. Moore in the area that night and testimony from a DNA expert that DNA from a sexual assault exam performed on the victim on the night of the incident matched Mr. Moore's and Mr. Robinson's DNA; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2002, a jury convicted Mr. Moore of one count of rape, three counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, one count of armed robbery, and one count of burglary, and Mr. Moore was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Moore and Mr. Robinson maintained their innocence and pursued appeals of their convictions; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation began using a new DNA testing method and Mr. Robinson sought new DNA testing as further post-conviction relief; and

WHEREAS, the new DNA testing did not support a valid DNA match to Mr. Robinson or Mr. Moore; and

WHEREAS, based on this new DNA evidence, Mr. Robinson filed an Extraordinary Motion for New Trial (EMNT) and was ultimately exonerated on January 8, 2020, after the State declined to further prosecute his case; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore subsequently filed an EMNT and, on May 12, 2023, a Colquitt County Superior Court Judge granted Mr. Moore's EMNT; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, the State moved for entry of an order of nolle prosequi, which a Colquitt County Superior Court Judge granted, thereby dismissing all charges and officially exonerating Mr. Moore after more than 21 years of wrongful imprisonment by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the conviction, incarceration, and subsequent loss of liberty and other damages suffered by Mr. Moore occurred through no fault or negligence on his part, and it is only fitting, just, and proper that he be compensated for his losses for each year of wrongful imprisonment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Department of Administrative Services is authorized and directed to pay the sum of $1,691,280.00 to Mr. Sedrick Moore as compensation as provided above. Said sum shall be paid from funds appropriated to or available to the Department of Administrative Services and shall be in full and complete satisfaction of all claims against the state arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Moore's wrongful conviction and incarceration and shall be paid subject to the provisions of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to the payment of the compensation, Mr. Moore shall sign a release and waiver which shall release, satisfy, quitclaim, and forever discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, specifically including, but not limited to, all claims asserted or which could have been asserted, on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors, and assigns, forever releasing the state and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the State of Georgia but not including any political subdivisions thereof, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, and agents of the state, or any branch but not including any political subdivisions thereof, from all past, present, or future claims that Mr. Moore or his heirs,

successors, and assigns may have against such individuals or entities in any capacity arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Moore shall not be authorized to receive compensation pursuant to this resolution if he has a lawsuit pending against the state or any offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, or entities of the State of Georgia or against any current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any branch thereof in state or federal court requesting compensation arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection to his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said sum shall be paid in the form of an annuity in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of $558,122.40. The remainder of said sum shall be paid immediately into a commercial annuity account bearing interest at the prevailing market rate, payable in equal monthly installments over a ten-year period of time beginning in 2026 with interest payable to Mr. Moore. Compensation paid pursuant to this resolution is intended to provide the sole, final, and exclusive compensation by the state and any and all offices, authorities, agencies, departments, units, divisions, instrumentalities, institutions, commissions, boards, branches, and entities of the state, and any and all current and former members, officers, employees, or agents of the State of Georgia or any branches thereof, for any and all present and future claims arising out of or related to any and all facts in connection with Mr. Moore's wrongful conviction and incarceration. No estate of or personal representative for Mr. Moore shall be entitled to requisition or otherwise seek compensation on behalf of Mr. Moore. Upon the death of Mr. Moore, all payments and all obligations of the State of Georgia with respect to any and all future payments with respect to the annuity shall continue to be made to his estate or heirs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amount received by Mr. Moore pursuant to this resolution shall be excluded from his taxable net income for state income tax purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	E Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	E McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	E DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	E Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	E Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	N Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	E Lumsden	N Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 151, nays 12.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 93. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Esteves of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-153.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," so as to prohibit the three-cuing system from inclusion in high-quality instructional materials or

structured literacy; to prohibit public schools from employing the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading; to provide for criteria for core curricula for state approved educator preparation programs; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 119. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Hatchett of the 50th, Jones II of the 22nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for manufactured or mobile homes, so as to provide for limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; to provide for preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes; to provide for notice and application requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 121. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-7-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, so as to increase the minimum uninsured motorist coverage required under motor vehicle liability policies for a individual convicted of driving under the influence or reckless driving; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 132. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 41st and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insanity and mental incapacity, so as to require a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial; to provide for the release of reports of such evaluations; to establish different procedures in cases where the subject has been accused only of one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, including automatic dismissal in some cases, subject to exceptions; to provide for such different procedures and such exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 173. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Esteves of the 35th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to authorize movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts and state courts; to provide for uncontested motions to be deemed granted; to provide for review by chief judge of any judge with two uncontested motions deemed granted on his or her docket; to require management reports regarding each such review; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 213. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to ban commercial cheating services that target students and examinees seeking a professional license as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 236. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Payne of the 54th, Merritt of the 9th, Goodman of the 8th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility for enrollment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that certain students whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the United States armed forces are eligible for enrollment in the public school of the attendance zone in which they intend to reside regardless of whether they have entered into a lease, purchased a house, or otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 245. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, meditation, hearing, and

notification to family members of child's participation in events, to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 298. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, March 10, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, March 10, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, March 10, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cox	E Henderson	Martinez	Sainz
Adeyina	Crawford	Herring	Mathiak	Sampson
Alexander	Crowe	Hilton	Mathis	Sanchez
Anderson	Davis	Hitchens	McClain	Santos
Au	Dawson	Holcomb	McCollum	Schofield
Baker	Dempsey	Holland	McDonald	E Scoggins
Ballard	Dickey	Holly	McQueen	Scott
Ballinger	Donatucci	Hong	Meeks	Seabaugh
Barnes	Douglas	Horner	Miller	Sharper
Barrett	Draper	Howard, J	Momtahan	Silcox
Barton	Dubnik	E Howard, K	New	Smith, M
Bazemore	Dunahoo	Huddleston	Newton	Smith, TP
Beckles	Efstration	Hugley	Okoye	Smith, V
Bennett	Ehrhart	E Hutchinson	Olaleye	Stephens
Berry	Erwin	Jackson, D	Oliver	Tarvin
Blackmon	Evans	Jackson, E	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Bonner	Fleming	Jackson, M	Panitch	Taylor, R
Buckner	Flournoy	Jasperse	Park	Thomas
Burchett	Ford	Jenkins	Parrish	Townsend
Burnough	Franklin	Jones, A	Parsons	Wade
Cameron	Frye	Jones, J	Persinger	Washburn
Camp	Gaines	Jones, S	Petrea	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Gambill	Jones, T	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kahaian	Prince	Wiedower
Cannon, P	Glaize	Kelley	Reese	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Greene	Kendrick	Reeves	Williams, A
Chastain	Griffin	LaHood	Rhodes	Williams, MF
Cheokas	Gullett	Leverett	Rice	Williams, N
Clark, D	Gunter	Lewis-Ward	Richardson	Williamson
Clark, J	Hagan	Lim	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Clifton	Hatchett	Lumsden	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Cooper	Hawkins	Lupton	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Heffner	Martin	Romman	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Campbell of the 35th, Carter of the 93rd, Cummings of the 39th, DeLoach of the 167th, Drenner of the 85th, Mitchell of the 88th, Myles of the 126th, Smith of the 70th, Stinson of the 150th, and Tran of the 80th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Michael-Angelo James, Emmanuel's International Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Waycross, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 732. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Glynn County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 733. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Tran of the 80th, Holcomb of the 101st, Smith of the 18th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to increase transparency and accountability in the insurance industry and at the office of the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for the approval of rate increases under certain conditions; to authorize such advocate to review and investigate complaints; to provide for such advocate to request a hearing; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight.

HB 734. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Vidalia, Georgia to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 735. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Lyons, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 736. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-751.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to policies prohibiting bullying and

cyberbullying required, enforcement of policies including assignment to alternative school, notice, antibullying training programs and materials, limitation of liability, and noncompliance, so as to add and revise definitions; to revise provisions of school policies regarding the prevention of bullying; to require the provision of certain information regarding antibullying programs; to provide for reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 737. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Haralson County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 738. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Butts County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 739. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd, Efstration of the 104th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville, approved May 4, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3904), as amended, so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 740. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for development of promotional standards and criteria for first grade readiness by the Department of Education; to provide for placement and promotion policies for kindergarten and grades one and two; to provide for a timetable for implementation; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 741. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 513. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hagan of the 156th, Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress to investigate the dispersion of chemicals into the sky by aircraft, so as to understand the effects of such dispersion on air, soil, and water quality in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources & Environment.

HR 539. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 165th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Nolan Sental Smith, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 540. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Glaize of the 67th, Lupton of the 83rd and Henderson of the 113th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation requiring the Medicare program to provide for lifelong coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for liver, heart, and lung transplant recipients; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 547. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mother Essie Frankie Mae Stegall Arnold and dedicating a road in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 548. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mayor Betty Hannah and dedicating a road in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 719
HB 720
HB 721
HB 722
HB 723
HB 724
HB 725
HB 726
HB 727
HB 730
HB 731
HR 480
HR 512
SB 9
SB 36
SB 63
SB 91
SB 110
SB 112
SB 124
SB 126
SB 144

SB 154	SB 160
SB 177	SB 180
SB 193	SB 199
SB 201	SB 241
SR 8	SR 231

Representative Hatchett of the 155th District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 68 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hatchett of the 155th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 514	Do Pass	HB 548	Do Pass
HB 587	Do Pass	HB 623	Do Pass
HB 624	Do Pass	HB 685	Do Pass
HB 697	Do Pass	HB 698	Do Pass
HB 703	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 514. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Parsons of the 44th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 548. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Yearta of the 152nd, Cheokas of the 151st and Sampson of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority, approved March 30, (Ga. L. 1977, p. 4220), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 4, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3954), so as to restate the law governing the authority; provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the existence and membership of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for conflicts of interest; to provide for powers of the authority; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for rules, regulations, and other procedures; to provide for immunity; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide that authority property is not subject to levy and sale; to provide for the Act's effect on other governments; to provide for earnings and dissolution; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 587. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Cartersville in the County of Bartow, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3697), as amended, so as to provide for a finance director; to remove the duties of an ex officio treasurer from the city clerk; to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Cartersville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 623. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 624. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 685. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Bartow County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for general obligation bonds, notes, and other obligations of said districts; to provide for construction; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A. shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the boards' bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 697. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 698. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who have lived in such district for five years or more and who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 703. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Peachtree City ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over and whose income does not exceed $30,000.00, approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3719), so as to increase the income cap related to qualifying for such exemption to $60,000.00; to increase the value of the exemption to $30,000.00 of the

assessed value; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	E Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	E Howard, K	Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
E Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 4. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to the fundamental roles of local boards of education and local school superintendents; to provide for requirements for the model code of ethics for local boards of education to be promulgated by the State Board of Education; to provide for public complaints alleging ethics code violations by members of local boards of education; to provide for required and prohibited topics in training programs for local board of education members; to provide for a sanction for noncompliance; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 17. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require local school systems to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 27. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Georgia Code Annotated, relating to stalking, so as to provide for the offense of doxxing; to provide for penalties; to provide for a protective order; to provide for a civil action; to provide for venue; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 33. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Cowsert of the 46th, Watson of the 11th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide limits on the total THC concentration of consumable hemp products; to revise provisions concerning the certificate of analysis applicable to consumable hemp products; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 61. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to delinquency, so as to provide for additional offenses over which superior courts are authorized to exercise exclusive original jurisdiction for the trials of children 13 to 17 years of age to include the offenses of certain terroristic threats or acts involving public and private schools and attempt or criminal conspiracy to commit certain offenses; to provide for which such cases shall be subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602 upon transfer to a juvenile court; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 82. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions; to require the Office of Charter School Compliance to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions; to revise reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 93. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Esteves of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-153.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," so as to prohibit the three-cuing system from inclusion in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy; to prohibit public schools from employing the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading; to provide for criteria for core curricula for state approved educator preparation programs; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 100. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of a new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, so as to provide for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to certain adult persons who were adopted; to provide for a fee; to provide for the form of such copy; to standardize terminology relating to birth certificates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 105. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teletriage under certain circumstances; to authorize licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine under certain circumstances; to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

SB 109. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Walker III of the 20th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 119. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Hatchett of the 50th, Jones II of the 22nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for manufactured or mobile homes, so as to provide for limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; to provide for preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes; to provide for notice and application requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banks & Banking.

SB 121. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-7-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, so as to increase the minimum uninsured motorist coverage required under motor vehicle liability policies for a individual convicted of driving under the influence or reckless driving; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 129. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to increase the amount of a state-wide homestead exemption for certain totally disabled veterans; to create new state-wide homestead exemptions for certain partially disabled veterans and partially or totally disabled first responders; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a short title; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 132. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 41st and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insanity and mental incapacity, so as to require a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial; to provide for the release of reports of such evaluations; to establish different procedures in cases where the subject has been accused only of one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, including automatic dismissal in some cases, subject to exceptions; to provide for such different procedures and such exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 140. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Still of the 48th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to provide for doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

SB 147. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally relative to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to provide consent for the release of certain criminal history, vocational, and educational information for inmates upon release; to provide for issuance of an identification card and a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

SB 148. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 149. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 162. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the board to implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 163. By Senators Moore of the 53rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law regulations, so as to revise standards for bringing an action against the government for an unauthorized act relating to regulation of weapons; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 170. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such council; to provide for reporting of activities; to provide for compensation; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 173. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Esteves of the 35th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to authorize movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts and state courts; to provide for uncontested motions to be deemed granted; to

provide for review by chief judge of any judge with two uncontested motions deemed granted on his or her docket; to require management reports regarding each such review; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 179. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided by such student's previous school to the receiving school within five days; to reduce the number of days by which a parent or guardian of a transferring student shall receive copies of such records; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 191. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Echols of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to revise certain notice provisions relating to benefits and appeals; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

SB 204. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 44th, James of the 28th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-70.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial upon accusations in certain felony and misdemeanor cases and trial upon plea of guilty or nolo contendere, so as to allow for offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to

provide for definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 207. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia Crime Information Center; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offenders; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 212. By Senators Still of the 48th, Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Hodges of the 3rd and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit the disclosure of public student directory information to political candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, political organizations, or persons or groups acting on their behalf; to amend Article 15 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to miscellaneous offenses relative to elections and primaries; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for government transparency and campaign finance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 213. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair

Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to ban commercial cheating services that target students and examinees seeking a professional license as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 218. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to provide for exemptions for current and retired members, staff, and other employees of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 220. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to rename low THC oil as medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16, Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses against the public health and morals, regulation of controlled substances, and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to clarify and revise criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 233. By Senator Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, so as to revise the subcommittees; to extend the

automatic repeal date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

SB 236. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Payne of the 54th, Merritt of the 9th, Goodman of the 8th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility for enrollment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that certain students whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the United States armed forces are eligible for enrollment in the public school of the attendance zone in which they intend to reside regardless of whether they have entered into a lease, purchased a house, or otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

SB 244. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the assessment and payment of costs of criminal proceedings, so as to provide for the award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon such defendant making a successful motion to disqualify the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case; to provide for procedures for assessing and paying such fees and costs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 245. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, meditation, hearing, and

notification to family members of child's participation in events, to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 252. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 35th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 37 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and disposition of real and personal property generally, so as to provide for conveyance of municipal property interests to independent school systems; to provide for municipal replacement of such conveyed property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

SB 254. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Hemp Farming Act," so as to provide milligram limits on delta-9-THC in consumable hemp products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

SB 255. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to codify a process for the authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; to provide for oaths and subpoena powers related to such investigatory powers; to provide for confidentiality of certain materials; to explicitly preserve any authority, immunity, privilege, or power granted to or possessed by the General Assembly or its members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 256. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, so as to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain acquisitions and other information to its members within a certain time frame; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

SB 259. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to provide for certain procedures to be followed when there is a determination of suspected child abuse or neglect; to provide for a physician holding temporary physical custody of a child based on a suspicion of child abuse or neglect to provide certain information to a parent or legal guardian and to the Division of Family and Children Services; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

SB 260. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Brass of the 6th, Watson of the 1st, Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for membership and appointment of members of the authority; to provide for terms of the members; to prohibit employees and members from having certain interests; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for the authority's purpose; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for successor interests; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination.

SB 268. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to provide for the crime of interference with a first responder; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

SB 276. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a healthcare item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to an inquiry from the Department of Community Health regarding a healthcare claim within 60 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

SB 284. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Brass of the 6th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," so as to authorize the issuance of orders by the Commissioner of Securities directing persons who have violated certain securities provisions to return to investors, customers, or clients sums paid in connection with securities purchases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SB 291. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 293. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

SB 298. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Pursuant to HR 407, the House recognized and commended MEAG Power on its 50th anniversary.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Meeks of the 178th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Dickey of the 134th et al., and Jackson of the 128th et al.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bonner of the 73rd, and Bell of the 75th et al.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Thirtieth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Corbett	Heffner	Mathis	Sainz
Alexander	Cox	E Henderson	McClain	Sampson
Anderson	Crawford	Herring	McCollum	Sanchez
Au	Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Santos
Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McQueen	E Schofield
Ballard	Davis	Holcomb	Meeks	Scoggins
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Miller	Scott
Barnes	DeLoach	Holly	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Barrett	Dempsey	Hong	Moore	Silcox
Barton	Dickey	Horner	Myles	Smith, L
Bazemore	Donatucci	Howard, J	New	Smith, M
Beckles	Draper	Howard, K	Newton	Smith, TP
Bell	Drenner	Huddleston	Okoye	Smith, V
Bennett	Dubnik	Hugley	Olaleye	Stephens
Berry	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Oliver	Stinson
Blackmon	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Bonner	Erwin	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Buckner	Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Taylor, R
Burchett	Fleming	Jones, A	Park	Thomas
Burnough	Flournoy	Jones, J	Parrish	Townsend
Byrd	Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Tran
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, T	Persinger	Wade
Camp	Frye	Kahaian	Petrea	Washburn
Campbell, J	Gaines	Kelley	Powell	Werkheiser
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kendrick	Prince	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Gilliard	LaHood	Reese	Wiedower
Cannon, P	Glaize	Leverett	Reeves	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Greene	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	E Williams, A
Carson	Griffin	Lim	Rice	Williams, MF
Chastain	Gullett	Lumsden	Richardson	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gunter	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Williamson
Clark, D	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jor	Willis
Clark, J	Hatchett	Martinez	Roberts	Yearta
Clifton	Hawkins	Mathiak	Romman	Burns, Speaker
Cooper				

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Carter of the 93rd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Jackson of the 165th, Jackson of the 68th, Mitchell of the 88th, Neal of the 79th, and Sharper of the 177th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Steve Taylor, McConnell Baptist Church, Hiawassee, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Pursuant to HR 313, the House honored the inspiring journey and achievements of Nolan Sental Smith, Jr.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 742. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Broxton, Georgia, in the County of Coffee, approved April 6, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 3597), as amended, so as to increase the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 743. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Williamson of the 112th and Martinez of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Social Circle ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 744. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Walnut Grove ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 745. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Williamson of the 112th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Loganville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 746. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Monroe ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 747. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Parsons of the 44th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carson of the 46th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 748. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the coroner of Carroll County on an annual salary, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2924), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3716), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 749. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act amending, revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws pertaining to the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, approved February 28, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3546), as amended, so as to change the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for contractual expenditures; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 750. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Clark of the 100th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 751. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th, Lupton of the 83rd, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to authorize the Department of Community Health to submit a Section 1115 waiver request to the United States Department of Health and Human

Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; to authorize additional qualifying activity types; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 752. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Hugley of the 141st, Beckles of the 96th, Flournoy of the 74th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25, Code Section 31-11-52, and Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training, certification and recertification of, and training for, paramedics and cardiac technicians, and employment and training of peace officers, respectively, so as to provide for training on encounters with individuals with physical, mental, or neurological conditions that impede the ability to communicate; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the development of a Peach Envelope Program by the Department of Driver Services to promote effective communication during encounters with individuals with physical, mental, or neurological conditions that impede the ability to communicate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 753. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Frye of the 122nd, Herring of the 145th, Olaleye of the 59th and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to establish the Better Georgia Without Blight Fund for the purpose of providing financing and technical assistance for the rehabilitation of blighted properties; to provide for definitions; to provide for such fund; to provide for criteria and standards; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for reporting; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date conditioned upon appropriations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs.

HB 754. By Representatives Horner of the 3rd and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Catoosa County, Georgia, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4258), as amended, so as to require an internal audit function of the board and to establish the position of internal auditor; to provide for the selection, powers, and duties of the internal auditor; to provide for internal cooperation; to provide a sunset date on the provisions governing such internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 557. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Holcomb of the 101st, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 558. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Jones of the 25th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HR 559. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th and Wade of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Mrs. Ruby Floyd Grogan and Mr. Loy James Grogan and dedicating an intersection in their memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 560. By Representative Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Michelle Au; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 561. By Representative Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Congresswoman Nikema Williams; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 562. By Representative Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Raphael G. Warnock; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 563. By Representative Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Senator Jon Ossoff; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 564. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Ballard of the 147th, Camp of the 135th, New of the 40th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mesha Mainor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 565. By Representative Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 566. By Representative Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Congresswoman Lucy McBath; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 732
HB 733
HB 734
HB 735
HB 736
HB 737
HB 738
HB 739
HB 740
HB 741
HR 513
HR 539
HR 540
HR 547
HR 548
SB 4
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Pursuant to HR 336, the House recognized and commended the Shepherd Center upon its 50th anniversary.

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 6 Do Pass
SB 58 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 139 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 30th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HB 68 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 (Substitute)(App-Burns-159th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate and House:

SB 281. By Senator Mallow of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Port Wentworth Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for the appointment, terms, removal, and compensation of authority members; to provide for officers of the authority; to provide for an executive director and employees; to provide for meetings, quorums, and majorities; to provide for the duties and powers of the authority; to provide for tax statutes of the authority; to limit liabilities; to provide for budget oversight; to authorize the use of hotel-motel tax proceeds to fund the authority; to provide for inspections; to place limitations on authority contracts, agreements, obligations, and indebtedness; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 316. By Senator Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Clinch County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the administration of such technology fee and funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 317. By Senator Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Clinch County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the administration of such technology fee and funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 15. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th, Dickey of the 134th, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to banking and finance, so as to update terminology; to revise procedures concerning incorporators of credit unions; to revise requirements of articles of incorporation of credit unions; to revise licensure requirements for money transmissions, cashing payment instruments, mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, foreign banking institutions, and installment loans; to provide for revised auditing procedures for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to provide for corporate governance requirements for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to provide for liquidity requirements for mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; to revise requirements for applications to relocate for foreign banking institutions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 355. By Representative Tran of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess. p. 2154), as amended, so as to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of councilmember or mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 411. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Banks County, approved August 19, (Ga. L. 1916, p. 349), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4500), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 448. By Representative Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Gilmer County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 538. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Schley County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 553. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Taylor County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 568. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Euharlee to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 591. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Cleveland to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 592. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Cleveland; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a mayor pro tem; to provide for a city manager and powers and duties thereof; to provide for acting city managers; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 281. By Senator Mallow of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Port Wentworth Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for the appointment, terms, removal, and compensation of authority members; to provide for officers of the authority; to provide for an executive director and employees; to provide for meetings, quorums, and majorities; to provide for the duties and powers of the authority; to provide for tax statutes of the authority; to limit liabilities; to provide for budget oversight; to authorize the use of hotel-motel tax proceeds to fund the authority; to provide for inspections; to place limitations on authority contracts, agreements, obligations, and indebtedness; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 316. By Senator Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Clinch County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the administration of such technology fee and funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 317. By Senator Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Clinch County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the administration of such technology fee and funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives New of the 40th et al., Dempsey of the 13th, Hugley of the 141st et al., Dawson of the 65th et al., Clark of the 108th et al., Lim of the 98th, Hilton of the 48th et al., Bonner of the 73rd, and Fleming of the 114th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to

provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

Total Funds	**$73,068,224,497**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$22,465,926,753**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$19,443,317
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$93,241,269
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$76,201,989
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,345,504
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$12,698,932,272
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,852,222
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,005,246
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$55,774,355
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$540,354,435
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,548,771
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$396,226,387
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,561,725,021
Federal Recovery Funds	**$13,394,235**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,394,235
Other Funds	**$7,093,733,517**
Agency Funds	$4,651,188,443
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$908,344,742
Records Center Storage Fee	$704,472
Research Funds	$1,394,109,336
State Funds	**$37,711,205,201**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,225,567
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491
Hospital Provider Payment	$464,183,027
Lottery Funds	$1,662,486,955
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,476,442,802
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837
State General Funds	$32,467,130,891

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,615,900
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,783,964,791**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$141,551,101
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

Section 1: Georgia Senate

Total Funds	**$17,714,273**
State Funds	**$17,714,273**
State General Funds	$17,714,273

1.1. Lieutenant Governor's Office

Total Funds	$2,196,940
State Funds	$2,196,940
State General Funds	$2,196,940

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
Increase funds for projected expenditures and growth of the field constituent program.	$50,000	$50,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,196,940	$2,196,940

1.2. Secretary of the Senate's Office

Total Funds	$1,553,243
State Funds	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243

1.3. Senate

Total Funds	$13,964,090
State Funds	$13,964,090
State General Funds	$13,964,090

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$273,805	$273,805
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,964,090	$13,964,090

Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives

Total Funds	**$26,464,595**
State Funds	**$26,464,595**
State General Funds	$26,464,595

2.1. House of Representatives

Total Funds	$26,464,595

State Funds $26,464,595
State General Funds $26,464,595

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$425,000	$425,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,464,595	$26,464,595

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

Total Funds **$23,364,111**
State Funds **$23,364,111**
State General Funds $23,364,111

3.1. Ancillary Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

Total Funds $14,776,476
State Funds $14,776,476
State General Funds $14,776,476

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$344	$344
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$51,593	$51,593
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,776,476	$14,776,476

3.2. Legislative Fiscal Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

Total Funds $1,400,401
State Funds $1,400,401
State General Funds $1,400,401

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($29,899)	($29,899)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,400,401	$1,400,401

3.3. Office of General Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government.

Total Funds $700,000
State Funds $700,000
State General Funds $700,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$700,000	$700,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$700,000	$700,000

3.4. Office of Legislative Counsel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

Total Funds	$6,487,234
State Funds	$6,487,234
State General Funds	$6,487,234

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.	$3,144	$3,144
Increase funds for legislative operations.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,487,234	$6,487,234

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

Total Funds	**$48,290,436**
Other Funds	**$60,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	**$48,230,436**
State General Funds	$48,230,436

4.1. Audit and Assurance Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

Total Funds	$39,741,133
Other Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$60,000
State Funds	$39,681,133
State General Funds	$39,681,133

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$38,038,788	$38,098,788
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,081	$2,081
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,831	$8,831

Provide personal services funds for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for three data analytics positions and three quality standards positions.	$974,808	$974,808
Provide funds for operating expenses.	$656,625	$656,625
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,681,133	$39,741,133

4.2. Departmental Administration (DOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

Total Funds	$3,255,621
State Funds	$3,255,621
State General Funds	$3,255,621

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$133	$133
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$567	$567
Provide personal services funds for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for operating expenses.	$42,150	$42,150
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,255,621	$3,255,621

4.3. Legislative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

Total Funds	$2,243,000
State Funds	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000

4.4. Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

Total Funds	$3,050,682
State Funds	$3,050,682
State General Funds	$3,050,682

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$162	$162
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$689	$689
Provide personal services funds for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*(H:No)*	$0	$0

Provide funds for operating expenses.	$51,225	$51,225
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,050,682	$3,050,682

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

Total Funds	**$29,135,697**
Other Funds	**$150,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	**$28,985,697**
State General Funds	$28,985,697

5.1. Court of Appeals

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

Total Funds	$29,135,697
Other Funds	$150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
State Funds	$28,985,697
State General Funds	$28,985,697

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,678,028	$26,828,028
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,727)	($7,727)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,201	$7,201
Increase funds for annual cyber security insurance premiums.	$35,000	$35,000
Increase funds for annual leave conversion payouts.*(H:Increase funds for annual leave payouts.)*	$80,000	$80,000
Increase funds for phase one of recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff.	$676,918	$676,918
Increase funds for phase one of recruitment and retention increases for court staff due to critical turnover.	$218,544	$218,544
Increase funds to annualize Judges' salary increases.*(H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB 86 (2025 Legislative Session).)*	$1,231,014	$1,231,014
Remove one-time funds for server room and data closet five-year battery replacement.	($23,281)	($23,281)
Increase funds for mandatory website updates required to maintain federal ADA compliance.	$90,000	$90,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,985,697	$29,135,697

Section 6: Judicial Council

Total Funds	**$30,957,406**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,627,367**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	**$2,839,320**
Agency Funds	$1,440,415
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,398,905

State Funds	**$26,490,719**
State General Funds	$26,490,719

6.1. Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$1,325,892
State Funds	$1,325,892
State General Funds	$1,325,892

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
Provide funds for personnel for one certification officer position.	$158,750	$158,750
Provide funds for personnel for one participant services statewide coordinator position.	$159,375	$159,375
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,325,892	$1,325,892

6.2. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

Total Funds	$656,162
Other Funds	$487,212
Agency Funds	$487,212
State Funds	$168,950
State General Funds	$168,950

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$487,212
Increase funds for personnel and statewide contracts to strengthen statewide alternative dispute resolution services.	$168,950	$168,950
Amount appropriated in this Act	$168,950	$656,162

6.3. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

Total Funds	$1,797,799
Other Funds	$953,203
Agency Funds	$953,203
State Funds	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596

6.4. Judicial Council

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

Total Funds	$21,493,071
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,627,367
Other Funds	$1,388,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,388,905
State Funds	$18,476,799
State General Funds	$18,476,799

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$17,436,648	$20,452,920
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,893	$4,893
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($758)	($758)
Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for grants to legal self-help centers.	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds for judicial security initiatives.	$108,600	$108,600
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize the juvenile court case management contract.	$400,000	$400,000
Provide funds for personnel for three information technology positions.	$427,416	$427,416
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,476,799	$21,493,071

6.5. Judicial Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

Total Funds	$1,593,094
State Funds	$1,593,094
State General Funds	$1,593,094

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates.	$13,764	$13,764
Increase funds for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs.	$50,000	$50,000
Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and increase funds for personnel for one staff attorney for the Hearing Panel.	$117,614	$117,614
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

6.6. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$1,125,000
State Funds	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Recognize the transfer of funds for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission from the Prosecuting Attorney's Council to Judicial Council.	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

6.7. Georgia State-wide Business Court

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

Total Funds	$2,066,388
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$2,056,388
State General Funds	$2,056,388

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives.	$60,772	$60,772
Increase funds to annualize the salary enhancement per the Judicial Council's judicial compensation reform proposal.*(H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB 86 (2025 Legislative Session).)*	$50,478	$50,478
Utilize existing funds for operational expenses.	$0	$10,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,056,388	$2,066,388

6.8. Resource Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

Total Funds	$900,000
State Funds	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

Total Funds	**$9,878,131**
Other Funds	**$67,486**
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	**$9,810,645**

State General Funds	$9,810,645

7.1. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

Total Funds	$2,095,534
Other Funds	$67,486
Agency Funds	$67,486
State Funds	$2,028,048
State General Funds	$2,028,048

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,026,151	$2,093,637
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$765	$765
Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.	$1,132	$1,132
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,028,048	$2,095,534

7.2. Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

Total Funds	$7,782,597
State Funds	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

Total Funds	**$140,773,911**
State Funds	**$138,534,108**
State General Funds	$138,534,108
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,239,803**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

8.1. Conflict Case

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

Total Funds	$1,747,606
State Funds	$1,747,606
State General Funds	$1,747,606

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$827	$827
Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$11,193	$11,193
Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	$83,457	$83,457

Provide funds for one conflict case investigator.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for one conflict case prosecutor.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,747,606	$1,747,606

8.2. Council of Superior Court Clerks

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

Total Funds	$190,721
State Funds	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721

8.3. District Attorneys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

Total Funds	$127,049,740
State Funds	$124,809,937
State General Funds	$124,809,937
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,239,803
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,239,803

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$111,384,923	$113,624,726
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$149	$149
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$19,197	$19,197
Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.	$21,446	$21,446
Increase funds to annualize additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in Tifton and Houston Judicial Circuits.	$201,340	$201,340
Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$828,030	$828,030
Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for assistant district attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	$10,148,567	$10,148,567
Increase funds to provide year one of a revised pay scale to set District Attorney pay to $155,000.*(H:No; Review pay structure in conjunction with judicial salary restructuring plan implementation.)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for four assistant district attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit.*(H:Provide funds for two assistant district attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit.)*	$451,781	$451,781
Provide funds for one district attorney, four assistant district attorneys, one investigator, one victim advocate, two secretaries, and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$1,563,960	$1,563,960
Provide funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits.*(H:Provide funds for three additional assistant district attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026.)*	$269,620	$269,620

Reduce funds for one assistant district attorney position for a new judgeship in the Douglas Judicial Circuit created in SB 347 (2024 Session) which did not pass.	($79,076)	($79,076)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$124,809,937	$127,049,740

8.4. Prosecuting Attorney's Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

Total Funds	$11,785,844
State Funds	$11,785,844
State General Funds	$11,785,844

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,320	$5,320
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($12,346)	($12,346)
Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support.	$154,226	$154,226
Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs.	$218,694	$218,694
Increase funds to support Tracker Case Management development.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Provide funds for a deputy general counsel.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for one victim advocate.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,785,844	$11,785,844

8.5. Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
Increase funds for operations.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds to reflect the relocation of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission to Judicial Council.*(H:Yes)*	($1,125,000)	($1,125,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 9: Superior Courts

Total Funds	**$108,330,898**
Other Funds	**$81,125**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$81,125
State Funds	**$108,249,773**
State General Funds	$108,249,773

9.1. Council of Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

Total Funds	$1,975,532
Other Funds	$25,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$25,000
State Funds	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532

9.2. Judicial Administrative Districts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

Total Funds	$3,498,168
Other Funds	$11,125
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,125
State Funds	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043

9.3. Superior Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

Total Funds	$102,857,198
Other Funds	$45,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$45,000
State Funds	$102,812,198
State General Funds	$102,812,198

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$86,718,434	$86,763,434
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,673	$7,673
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$7,030	$7,030
Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.	$808,538	$808,538
Increase funds to annualize a new judgeship in the Houston Circuit created in HB 960 (2024 Legislative Session).	$218,555	$218,555
Increase funds to annualize a new judgeship in the Tifton Circuit created in HB 906 (2024 Legislative Session).	$218,555	$218,555
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit effective July 1, 2025.*(H:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit effective January 1, 2026.)*	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Augusta Circuit effective July 1, 2025.*(H:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Augusta Circuit effective January 1, 2026.)*	$225,847	$225,847
Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective July 1, 2025.*(H:Provide funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2026.)*	$225,847	$225,847

Provide funds to implement the Judicial Salary Restructuring Plan.*(H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB 85 (2025 Legislative Session), effective January 1, 2026.)*	$14,465,177	$14,465,177
Reduce funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB 347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session but was funded in the FY 2025 Appropriations Act (HB 916).	($218,555)	($218,555)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the Atlantic Circuit new judgeship created in SB 66 (2023 Legislative Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the Coweta Circuit new judgeship created in HB 243 (2023 Legislative Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Reduce the initial equipment set-up funds for the Dougherty Circuit new judgeship created in HB 77 (2023 Legislative Session).	($30,250)	($30,250)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$102,812,198	$102,857,198

Section 10: Supreme Court

Total Funds	**$22,112,499**
Other Funds	**$1,859,823**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	**$20,252,676**
State General Funds	$20,252,676

10.1. Supreme Court of Georgia

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

Total Funds	$22,112,499
Other Funds	$1,859,823
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,859,823
State Funds	$20,252,676
State General Funds	$20,252,676

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$18,968,827	$20,828,650
Increase funds for a one-time IT upgrade to the public electronic records (docket) to make ADA compliant.	$99,110	$99,110
Increase funds for phase one of a multi-year recruitment and retention plan for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff.	$86,312	$86,312
Increase funds for phase one of a multi-year recruitment and retention plan for salary increases for court staff due to critical turnover.	$459,781	$459,781
Increase funds to annualize agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance programs.	$2,589	$2,589
Increase funds to annualize an adjustment to agency premiums for State Accounting Office (SAO) TeamWorks.	$1,293	$1,293

Increase funds to annualize Georgia Building Authority (GBA) rental rates to provide for additional Capitol Police security and operational expenses.	$13,343	$13,343
Increase funds to annualize personal services salary enhancement to Supreme Court Justices' salaries consistent with Judicial Council proposal.*(H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB 86 (2025 Legislative Session).)*	$611,168	$611,168
Increase funds to annualize the Georgia State Patrol (DPS) trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.	$10,253	$10,253
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,252,676	$22,112,499

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

Total Funds	**$34,870,291**
Other Funds	**$592,280**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	**$8,284,126**
State General Funds	$8,284,126
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$25,993,885**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$25,993,885

11.1. Administration (SAO)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$1,285,225
State Funds	$371,853
State General Funds	$371,853
Intra-State Government Transfers	$913,372
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$913,372

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$370,804	$1,284,176
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$665	$665
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$384	$384
Amount appropriated in this Act	$371,853	$1,285,225

11.2. Financial Systems

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

Total Funds	$23,427,195
Intra-State Government Transfers	$23,427,195
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$23,427,195

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,970	$23,433,165
Eliminate state general funds provided for 4% cost-of-living adjustments to reflect program being fully funded by Teamworks billings.	($5,970)	($5,970)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$23,427,195

11.3. Shared Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

Total Funds	$2,831,716
Other Funds	$592,280
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$592,280
State Funds	$967,930
State General Funds	$967,930
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,271,506
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,271,506

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$966,588	$2,830,374
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,342	$1,342
Amount appropriated in this Act	$967,930	$2,831,716

11.4. Statewide Accounting and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

Total Funds	$3,267,630
State Funds	$2,885,818
State General Funds	$2,885,818
Intra-State Government Transfers	$381,812
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$381,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,879,025	$3,260,837
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,793	$6,793
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,885,818	$3,267,630

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

11.5. Georgia State Board of Accountancy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$902,213
State Funds	$902,213
State General Funds	$902,213

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$900,612	$900,612
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,601	$1,601
Amount appropriated in this Act	$902,213	$902,213

11.6. State Ethics Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

Total Funds	$3,156,312
State Funds	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
Increase funds for e-filing system maintenance.*(H:No; Utilize existing funds for e-filing system maintenance.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$308,174,344**
Other Funds	**$53,427,602**
Agency Funds	$38,324,237
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,103,365
State Funds	**$21,323,123**
State General Funds	$21,323,123
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$233,423,619**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

12.1. Certificate of Need Appeal Panel

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

Total Funds	$39,506
State Funds	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506

12.2. Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$176,445	$176,445
Eliminate one-time funds to purchase an annuity for a wrongfully convicted individual (HR 161, 2009 Session).	($176,445)	($176,445)
Provide funds to purchase annuities for wrongfully convicted individuals pursuant to the favorable passage of HR 128 (2025 Session).*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

12.3. Departmental Administration (DOAS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$9,615,905
Other Funds	$8,805,905
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,805,905
State Funds	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000

12.4. Fleet Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

Total Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds	$1,707,160
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,707,160

12.5. Human Resources Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

Total Funds	$14,372,588
Intra-State Government Transfers	$14,372,588
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$14,372,588

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$13,963,212
Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments based on increased statewide salary to support human resources initiatives. (Total Funds: $409,376)	$0	$409,376
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$14,372,588

12.6. Risk Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

Total Funds	$223,520,537
Other Funds	$2,323,752
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,323,752
State Funds	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754
Intra-State Government Transfers	$219,051,031
Self Insurance Trust Fund Payments	$219,051,031

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$630,000	$222,004,783

Increase funds for supplemental payments for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) pursuant to HB 451 (2024 Session).	$1,515,754	$1,515,754
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,145,754	$223,520,537

12.7. State Purchasing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

Total Funds	$21,671,215
Other Funds	$21,671,215
Agency Funds	$21,671,215

12.8. Surplus Property

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

Total Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds	$2,266,548
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,266,548

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

12.9. Georgia Tax Tribunal

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$582,689
State Funds	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689

12.10. Office of State Administrative Hearings

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

Total Funds	$6,388,769
Other Funds	$3,643,595
Agency Funds	$3,643,595
State Funds	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174

12.11. Office of the State Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

Total Funds	$13,009,427
Other Funds	$13,009,427
Agency Funds	$13,009,427

12.12. Payments to Georgia Technology Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

Total Funds	$15,000,000
State Funds	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Utilize existing funds ($400,000) pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 that were not previously appropriated for projects related to the Department of Labor (GDOL) to maintain the legacy UI system at GDOL.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Recognize funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-2-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) provided in the Amended FY 2025 budget (HB 67, 2025 Session) to match in the most efficient and effective CMS FMAP for an estimated total project cost of $218,750,000, with $35,000,000 in state funds provided in this appropriations cycle and an additional $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in the next appropriations cycle to match cash flows and actual costs of the project and the federal draw of matching funds.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

Total Funds	**$81,292,518**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$8,601,145**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$8,601,145
Other Funds	**$2,775,701**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,775,701
State Funds	**$69,715,672**
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,225,567
State General Funds	$67,490,105
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$200,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

13.1. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$4,175,403
State Funds	$4,175,403
State General Funds	$4,175,403

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$13,536	$13,536
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

13.2. Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

Total Funds	$2,392,985
State Funds	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Recognize transfer of funds and positions from the Department of Economic Development and the Board of Regents to establish the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB 495 (2025 Session).	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

13.3. Consumer Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

Total Funds	$48,926,252
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,751,145
Other Funds	$1,920,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,920,000
State Funds	$39,255,107
State General Funds	$39,255,107

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$37,775,330	$47,446,475
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$147	$147
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($95,180)	($95,180)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$18,386	$18,386
Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and three inspectors to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB 494 (2024 Session).*(H:Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, five inspectors, and equipment to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB 494 (2024 Session).)*	$792,585	$792,585
Provide funds for emergency management specialist position.	$125,000	$125,000
Provide funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response.	$450,000	$450,000

Provide funds for two meat inspection supervisor positions.	$188,839	$188,839
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,255,107	$48,926,252

13.4. Departmental Administration (DOA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$9,314,713
Federal Funds and Grants	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$850,000
State Funds	$8,264,713
State General Funds	$8,264,713
Intra-State Government Transfers	$200,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$200,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,939,538	$9,989,538
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($24,825)	($24,825)
Reduce one-time funds for agricultural improvements.	($900,000)	($900,000)
Provide funds for agricultural projects.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,264,713	$9,314,713

13.5. Marketing and Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

Total Funds	$9,108,983
Other Funds	$855,701
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$855,701
State Funds	$8,253,282
Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund	$2,225,567
State General Funds	$6,027,715

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,169,417	$9,025,118
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$418	$418
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,666)	($10,666)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,402	$2,402
Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$91,711	$91,711
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,253,282	$9,108,983

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

13.6. Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

Total Funds	$899,778
State Funds	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778

13.7. Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

Total Funds	$3,049,057
State Funds	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057

13.8. State Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

Total Funds	$3,425,347
State Funds	$3,425,347
State General Funds	$3,425,347

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($168)	($168)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($983)	($983)
Increase funds for the maintenance of permitted watershed dams.	$150,000	$150,000
The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall prepare a report on the necessity of unpermitted dams and evaluate potential dams for breach or closure and submit to the Office of Planning and Budget and the House and Senate budget offices by October 31, 2025.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,425,347	$3,425,347

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

Total Funds	**$15,341,166**
State Funds	**$15,341,166**
State General Funds	$15,341,166

14.1. Departmental Administration (DBF)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

Total Funds	$2,942,778
State Funds	$2,942,778
State General Funds	$2,942,778

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$164	$164
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($756)	($756)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,313	$4,313
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,942,778	$2,942,778

14.2. Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

Total Funds	$8,949,097
State Funds	$8,949,097
State General Funds	$8,949,097

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,931)	($1,931)
Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.	$423,935	$423,935
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,949,097	$8,949,097

14.3. Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

Total Funds	$3,449,291
State Funds	$3,449,291
State General Funds	$3,449,291

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($800)	($800)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,449,291	$3,449,291

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,399,998,675**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$653,583,618**
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$440,688,213
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$47,482,075

Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$98,671,759
Other Funds	**$25,546,962**
Agency Funds	$23,512,036
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,034,926
State Funds	**$1,718,448,385**
State General Funds	$1,708,193,247
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$2,419,710**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

15.1. Adult Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

Total Funds	$102,224,765
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$12,096,720
Other Funds	$434,903
Agency Funds	$434,903
State Funds	$57,535,631
State General Funds	$57,535,631

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$56,535,631	$101,224,765
Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for alcohol use disorder peer support.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$57,535,631	$102,224,765

15.2. Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$2,100,000
State Funds	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000

15.3. Adult Developmental Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant developmental disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.

Total Funds	$1,075,483,604
Federal Funds and Grants	$496,724,949
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$37,981,142
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,440,362

Other Funds	$22,860,000
Agency Funds	$22,860,000
State Funds	$555,898,655
State General Funds	$545,643,517
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$524,242,653	$833,981,272
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$244	$244
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($260,939)	($260,939)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$112,349	$112,349
Increase funds to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$2,331,025	$2,331,025
Increase funds to annualize the operations of the Macon Crisis Stabilization and Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	$3,141,942	$3,141,942
Increase funds to annualize the provider rate increases recommended by the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study.	$26,714,565	$236,560,895
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($3,979,722)	($3,979,722)
Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*(H:Increase funds for 150 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.)*	$3,496,538	$3,496,538
Increase funds for Citizen Advocacy to expand services.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$555,898,655	$1,075,483,604

15.4. Adult Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

Total Funds	$155,599,544
Other Funds	$191,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$191,500
State Funds	$155,408,044
State General Funds	$155,408,044

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$149,409,927	$149,601,427
Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.	$1,055,621	$1,055,621
Provide funds to operationalize a new 17-bed forensic unit at the Central State Hospital Allen Building in Milledgeville.	$1,953,245	$1,953,245

Provide funds to operationalize a new 20-bed forensic unit at the Georgia Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Atlanta.	$1,185,089	$1,185,089
Provide funds to operationalize a new 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.	$1,618,742	$1,618,742
Provide funds for a jail diversion pilot.	$185,420	$185,420
Amount appropriated in this Act	$155,408,044	$155,599,544

15.5. Adult Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

Total Funds	$727,670,214
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,639,192
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$49,850,659
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,062,355
Other Funds	$390,095
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$390,095
State Funds	$667,640,927
State General Funds	$667,640,927

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$643,030,869	$670,079,917
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($958,562)	($958,562)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$10,452	$10,452
Increase funds to annualize the provider rate increases recommended by the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study.	$12,528,923	$45,509,162
Reduce funds for merit system assessment to reflect corrected salary data.	($84,628)	($84,628)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($245,714)	($245,714)
Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for four licensure programs to match agency roles and responsibilities.	$1,126,455	$1,126,455
Increase funds to coordinate outreach to address homelessness in the Atlanta area.	$300,000	$300,000
Increase funds for homelessness community action teams.	$750,000	$750,000
Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.	$1,701,600	$1,701,600
Increase funds for a North Fulton behavioral health crisis center.	$9,481,532	$9,481,532
Amount appropriated in this Act	$667,640,927	$727,670,214

15.6. Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

Total Funds	$11,259,108
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$50,000

Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$7,878,149
State Funds	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959

15.7. Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

Total Funds	$20,675,670
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$3,285,496
State Funds	$17,390,174
State General Funds	$17,390,174

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$16,790,174	$20,075,670
Provide funds for autism centers.	$600,000	$600,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,390,174	$20,675,670

15.8. Child and Adolescent Forensic Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.

Total Funds	$7,308,144
State Funds	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144

15.9. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.

Total Funds	$69,809,051
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,057,531
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.958)	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$870,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,750,000
Other Funds	$195,000
Agency Funds	$195,000
State Funds	$58,556,520
State General Funds	$58,556,520

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$56,583,495	$67,836,026
Increase funds to annualize the operations of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.	$1,806,358	$1,806,358
Increase funds for psychiatric residential facility discharge planning.	$166,667	$166,667
Amount appropriated in this Act	$58,556,520	$69,809,051

15.10. Departmental Administration (DBHDD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

Total Funds	$40,290,325

Federal Funds and Grants	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$9,278,613
Other Funds	$22,133
Agency Funds	$22,133
State Funds	$30,989,579
State General Funds	$30,989,579

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$31,096,735	$40,397,481
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($107,156)	($107,156)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,989,579	$40,290,325

15.11. Direct Care Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

Total Funds	$161,449,569
Other Funds	$1,453,331
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,453,331
State Funds	$157,576,528
State General Funds	$157,576,528
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,419,710
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,419,710

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$157,740,536	$161,613,577
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$63,358	$63,358
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($227,366)	($227,366)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$157,576,528	$161,449,569

15.12. Substance Abuse Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Total Funds	$19,755,645
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,396,415
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$9,996,415
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,400,000
State Funds	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

15.13. Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Total Funds	$2,845,640
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,019,042

State Funds	$826,598
State General Funds	$826,598

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$786,942	$2,805,984
Increase funds to implement the FY 2025 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.	$39,656	$39,656
Amount appropriated in this Act	$826,598	$2,845,640

15.14. Sexual Offender Risk Review Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

Total Funds	$3,527,396
State Funds	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

Total Funds	**$319,687,855**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$222,364,117**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$222,364,117
Other Funds	**$27,673,160**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$27,673,160
State Funds	**$69,650,578**
State General Funds	$69,650,578

16.1. Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Accountable Housing Initiative.

Total Funds	$3,192,383
Other Funds	$192,383
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$192,383
State Funds	$3,000,000
State General Funds	$3,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,000,000	$1,192,383
Increase funds to expand the Accountable Housing Initiative.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,000,000	$3,192,383

16.2. Building Construction

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

Total Funds	$796,860
Other Funds	$481,451
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$481,451
State Funds	$315,409

State General Funds	$315,409

16.3. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

Total Funds	$70,041,546
Federal Funds and Grants	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$58,810,708
Other Funds	$2,235,623
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,235,623
State Funds	$8,995,215
State General Funds	$8,995,215

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,786,359	$5,127,219
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,668	$1,668
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($2,497)	($2,497)
Increase funds for Regional Commission contracts to support state required comprehensive planning services.	$902,279	$902,279
Recognize transfer of funds and positions to consolidate statewide community services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden. (Total Funds: $64,012,877)	$4,307,406	$64,012,877
Change program name from Coordinated Planning to Community Services to consolidate statewide community services under one program.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,995,215	$70,041,546

16.4. Departmental Administration (DCA)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$12,888,082
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,283,371
Other Funds	$5,791,626
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,791,626
State Funds	$1,813,085
State General Funds	$1,813,085

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,813,645	$12,888,642
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,099	$2,099

Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($2,659)	($2,659)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,813,085	$12,888,082

16.5. Federal Community and Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,833,855	$61,297,326
Transfer funds and positions to Community Services program. (Total Funds: $61,297,326)	($1,833,855)	($61,297,326)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

16.6. Historic Preservation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.

Total Funds	$8,135,967
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,979,876
Other Funds	$400,397
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$400,397
State Funds	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Recognize transfer of funds and positions to establish a Historic Preservation program to reflect agency activities related to preservation of historical sites and administration of federal grant programs. (Total Funds: $8,135,967)	$1,755,694	$8,135,967
Reflect new program purpose statement.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,755,694	$8,135,967

16.7. Homeownership Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate- income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$7,870,468

Transfer funds and positions to Housing Initiatives program. (Total Funds: $7,870,468)	$0	($7,870,468)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

16.8. Regional Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,310,101	$1,552,101
Transfer funds and positions to Community Services program. (Total Funds: $1,552,101)	($1,310,101)	($1,552,101)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

16.9. Rental Housing Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, researching affordable housing issues, and providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$154,964,251
Transfer funds and positions to Housing Initiatives program. (Total Funds: $154,964,251)	$0	($154,964,251)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

16.10. Research and Surveys

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$410,161	$410,161
Transfer funds and positions to Community Services program. (Total Funds: $410,161)	($410,161)	($410,161)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

16.11. Housing Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to

rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

Total Funds	$182,435,154
Federal Funds and Grants	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$152,290,162
Other Funds	$17,816,247
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$17,816,247
State Funds	$12,328,745
State General Funds	$12,328,745

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,828,745	$15,100,435
Recognize transfer of funds and positions to consolidate statewide housing initiatives, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden. (Total Funds: $162,834,719)	$0	$162,834,719
Change program name from Special Housing Initiatives to Housing Initiatives to consolidate statewide housing initiatives under one program.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide one-time funds to the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness programs and leverage additional federal grants.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Increase funds for special housing assistance programs to address increased demand.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$12,328,745	$182,435,154

16.12. State Community Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,508,983	$8,889,256
Transfer funds and positions to Community Services program. (Total Funds: $753,289)	($753,289)	($753,289)
Transfer funds and positions to Historic Preservation program. (Total Funds: $8,135,967)	($1,755,694)	($8,135,967)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

16.13. State Economic Development Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

Total Funds	$14,338,507
Other Funds	$609,912
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$609,912
State Funds	$13,728,595
State General Funds	$13,728,595

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,728,709	$14,338,621
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$132	$132
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($246)	($246)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,728,595	$14,338,507

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

16.14. Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

Total Funds	$1,253,495
State Funds	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495

16.15. Payments to OneGeorgia Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

Total Funds	$26,605,861
Other Funds	$145,521
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,521
State Funds	$26,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340

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Total Funds	**$24,704,949,136**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$12,683,645,885**
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$12,127,674,977
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$540,354,435
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,616,473
Other Funds	**$1,027,963,032**
Agency Funds	$739,992,596
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$148,583,912
State Funds	**$5,569,977,560**
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014
Hospital Provider Payment	$464,183,027
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531
State General Funds	$4,813,924,637
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$5,423,362,659**
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$280,857,262

17.1. Departmental Administration (DCH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$482,833,654
Federal Funds and Grants	$361,445,486
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$331,339,652

State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$29,454,740
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$651,094
Other Funds	$4,284,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,284,769
State Funds	$95,791,814
State General Funds	$95,791,814
Intra-State Government Transfers	$21,311,585
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$93,524,876	$478,970,112
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$336	$336
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$154,716	$154,716
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($80,315)	($80,315)
Provide funds for consulting, actuarial, and personal services for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB 1078 (2024 Session).	$504,332	$1,317,329
Provide funds for consulting services for two years for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB 1078 (2024 Session).	$640,000	$1,280,000
Increase funds for three Katie Beckett Medicaid program caseworkers and operating expenses to address increased workload.	$47,869	$191,476
The Department of Community Health shall conduct a multi-year comprehensive study of all Medicaid provider reimbursement rates.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$95,791,814	$482,833,654

17.2. Georgia Board of Dentistry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,523,825
State Funds	$1,523,825
State General Funds	$1,523,825

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$942,500	$942,500
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,535	$4,535
Increase funds for the operating expenses of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.	$75,000	$75,000
Provide funds for four new positions.	$401,377	$401,377
Provide funds for protective equipment.	$73,920	$73,920
Provide funds for the retention of licensing personnel.	$7,734	$7,734
Provide funds for training and investigative software services.	$18,759	$18,759
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,523,825	$1,523,825

17.3. Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

Total Funds	$1,199,606
State Funds	$1,199,606
State General Funds	$1,199,606

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$882,723	$882,723
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,420	$4,420
Increase funds for the operating expenses of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.	$75,000	$75,000
Provide funds for three new positions.	$233,137	$233,137
Provide funds for the retention of licensing personnel.	$4,326	$4,326
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,199,606	$1,199,606

17.4. Health Care Access and Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

Total Funds	$27,603,725
Federal Funds and Grants	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$172,588
State Funds	$27,431,137
State General Funds	$27,431,137

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$17,509,709	$17,682,297
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,928	$2,928
Transfer funds to support lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health.	($100,000)	($100,000)
Provide one-time funds for equipment.	$200,000	$200,000
Eliminate one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.	($750,000)	($750,000)
Provide one-time grant funds for two federally qualified health centers.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide one-time funds for care and resource coordination and support for patients with sickle cell disease.	$561,500	$561,500
Provide one-time funds for telecare and maternal health programs.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide one-time funds to establish a regional vascular center.	$407,000	$407,000
Provide one-time matching funds for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation.	$3,500,000	$3,500,000
Provide funds to the Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA) to support the advancement of access to rural health care.	$100,000	$100,000
Provide one-time funds to expand and sustain labor and delivery services in rural Georgia with necessary infrastructure in order to provide quality care.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,431,137	$27,603,725

17.5. Healthcare Facility Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

Total Funds	$39,160,134
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,005,577
Other Funds	$100,000
Agency Funds	$100,000
State Funds	$27,054,557
State General Funds	$27,054,557

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$28,067,454	$40,173,031
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$143	$143
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$113,415	$113,415
Utilize existing funds ($417,898) for consulting and personal services for the Certificate of Need program pursuant to HB 1339 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for four licensure programs to match agency roles and responsibilities.	($1,126,455)	($1,126,455)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,054,557	$39,160,134

17.6. Indigent Care Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

Total Funds	$1,010,856,696
Federal Funds and Grants	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$671,388,987
Other Funds	$286,585,667
Agency Funds	$3,200,000
Indigent Care Trust Fund - Public Hospital Authorities	$139,386,524
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$143,999,143
State Funds	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042

17.7. Medicaid- Aged Blind and Disabled

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

Total Funds	$8,716,738,275
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,501,232,184
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,498,444,970
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,787,214
Other Funds	$97,574,403
Agency Funds	$97,574,403
State Funds	$2,850,643,056
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014

Hospital Provider Payment	$47,255,642
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531
State General Funds	$2,629,388,063
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806
Intra-State Government Transfers	$267,288,632
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$267,288,632

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,755,670,208	$8,446,765,024
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$29,502,682	$87,571,035
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($21,748,489)	($21,748,489)
Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2023 cost reports.	$7,154,914	$21,261,166
Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.	$28,449,925	$28,449,925
Increase funds for new high cost drugs.	$36,555,028	$108,625,000
Replace $6,108,816 in state general funds with nursing home provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.	($568,995)	($568,995)
Replace $5,415,201 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup.	$2,799,770	$8,310,388
Provide funds for rate increases for neonatologists and maternal fetal medicine specialists.	$701,766	$2,083,009
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.	$758,431	$2,251,205
Provide funds to provide an increase for emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates.	$864,838	$2,567,046
Provide funds to provide an increase for applied behavior analysis reimbursement rates.	$3,356,379	$9,962,538
Provide funds for a 5% increase to the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate.	$263,000	$780,647
Provide funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.	$126,579	$372,320
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rates for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.	$2,777,183	$8,243,345
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$1,542,770	$4,579,312
Provide funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates.	$1,687,067	$5,007,620
The Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.	$750,000	$2,226,179
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,850,643,056	$8,716,738,275

17.8. Medicaid- Low-Income Medicaid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

Total Funds	$8,664,947,610
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,763,019,624
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$5,629,920,104
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$133,099,520
Other Funds	$639,118,193

Agency Funds	$639,118,193
State Funds	$2,249,392,946
Hospital Provider Payment	$416,927,385
State General Funds	$1,714,595,016
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545
Intra-State Government Transfers	$13,416,847
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$13,416,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,054,483,190	$8,044,988,385
Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	$177,121,062	$525,737,791
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($20,193,729)	($20,193,729)
Provide funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid effective January 1, 2024.	$21,228,977	$63,082,911
Replace $47,777,273 in state general funds with hospital provider fees.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup.	$3,193,473	$9,478,723
Provide funds for rate increases for neonatologists and maternal fetal medicine specialists.	$1,212,701	$3,599,605
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.	$1,178,913	$3,499,297
Provide funds to provide an increase for emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates.	$986,451	$2,928,023
Provide funds to provide an increase for applied behavior analysis reimbursement rates.	$2,949,591	$8,755,093
Provide funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.	$104,061	$306,085
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rate for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.	$4,699,414	$13,948,988
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$1,607,052	$6,377,169
Provide funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates.	$71,790	$213,090
The Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.	$750,000	$2,226,179
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,249,392,946	$8,664,947,610

17.9. PeachCare

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

Total Funds	$497,395,584
Federal Funds and Grants	$374,381,439
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	($3,418,736)
State Children's Insurance Program (CFDA 93.767)	$377,800,175
State Funds	$122,862,362
State General Funds	$122,862,362
Intra-State Government Transfers	$151,783
Medicaid Services Payments - Other Agencies	$151,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$124,111,399	$502,724,068
Reduce funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.	($1,780,548)	($7,560,713)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*(H:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.23% to 76.52%.)*	($1,268,436)	($5,386,140)
Provide funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective January 1, 2024.	$1,577,238	$6,696,692
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.	$27,641	$117,358
Provide funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.	$18,364	$54,015
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rate for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.	$106,671	$452,955
Provide funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.	$44,939	$190,804
Provide funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates.	$25,094	$106,545
Amount appropriated in this Act	$122,862,362	$497,395,584

17.10. State Health Benefit Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

Total Funds	$5,125,493,812
State Funds	$4,300,000
State General Funds	$4,300,000
Intra-State Government Transfers	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,200,000	$5,127,393,812
Reduce funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study.*(H:No; Utilize existing funds for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists until HB 196 (2025 Session) takes effect January 1, 2026.)*	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)
Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2025, to maintain the financial stability of the plan.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Recognize an increase in formula funds ($177,130,676) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,885, effective July 1, 2025.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0

Provide funding to reimburse a pharmacy for drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in an amount equal to the national average drug acquisition cost (NADAC) on the day of claim administration and a professional dispensing fee.	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,300,000	$5,125,493,812

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

17.11. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Board Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

Total Funds	$2,086,170
State Funds	$2,086,170
State General Funds	$2,086,170

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,149	$6,149
Provide funds for a grant writer position.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,086,170	$2,086,170

17.12. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

Total Funds	$44,145,597
State Funds	$44,145,597
State General Funds	$44,145,597

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($411,070)	($411,070)
Eliminate one-time start-up funds for rural OB/GYN service expansion.	($750,000)	($750,000)
Eliminate one-time start-up funds for the development of a Pediatric Rural Training Track.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Increase funds for 75 new residency slots in primary care medicine.*(H:Provide funds for 150 new residency slots.)*	$2,884,552	$2,884,552
Provide funds for four child and adolescent psychiatry fellowships and two gastroenterology fellowships.	$319,654	$319,654
Provide funds for year three of the maternal fetal medicine fellowship.	$150,000	$150,000
Provide funds and utilize existing funds ($2,844,122) for grants for graduate medical education programs to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to rural sites.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$44,145,597	$44,145,597

17.13. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Mercer School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$34,576,801

State Funds	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
Increase funds for the sixth year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.	$565,204	$565,204
Eliminate one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for scholarships for year-four students committed to practicing primary care for five years in rural Georgia.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Eliminate one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for the expansion of the Valdosta campus.	($75,000)	($75,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,576,801	$34,576,801

17.14. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$33,429,696
State Funds	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696

17.15. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

Total Funds	$6,215,000
State Funds	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
Transfer funds for the nursing faculty loan repayment program from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.	$250,000	$250,000
Reflect a change in the program name to Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

17.16. Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.

Total Funds	$7,195,783
State Funds	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

Transfer funds for the nursing faculty loan repayment program from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Utilize existing funds for equipment and operating grants for nursing programs, prioritizing those with wait lists and additional student capacity.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,195,783	$7,195,783

17.17. Georgia Composite Medical Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

Total Funds	$6,243,023
Other Funds	$300,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$300,000
State Funds	$5,943,023
State General Funds	$5,943,023

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,612,028	$4,912,028
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,722	$18,722
Eliminate one-time funds to modernize licensure application software.	($501,715)	($501,715)
Eliminate one-time funds to replace six vehicles.	($90,000)	($90,000)
Utilize existing funds ($75,562) for one paralegal.*(G:Yes)(H:No; Provide funds for one paralegal.)*	$75,562	$75,562
Provide funds for two compliance inspectors.	$184,926	$184,926
Provide funds for two licensing technologists.	$143,500	$143,500
Provide funds for the physician health program.	$750,000	$750,000
Provide funds to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB 455 (2024 Session).	$750,000	$750,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,943,023	$6,243,023

17.18. Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Total Funds	$3,304,145
State Funds	$3,304,145
State General Funds	$3,304,145

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$18,811	$18,811
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,304,145	$3,304,145

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

Total Funds	**$234,626,927**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$636,008**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$636,008
Other Funds	**$227,478**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$227,478
State Funds	**$232,862,212**
State General Funds	$232,862,212
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$901,229**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$901,229

18.1. Departmental Administration (DCS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$11,140,023
Other Funds	$1,200
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,200
State Funds	$11,138,823
State General Funds	$11,138,823

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,120,150	$11,121,350
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$16,244	$16,244
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,429	$2,429
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,138,823	$11,140,023

18.2. Field Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

Total Funds	$216,787,915
Federal Funds and Grants	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$447,884
Other Funds	$116,278
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$116,278
State Funds	$215,373,753
State General Funds	$215,373,753
Intra-State Government Transfers	$850,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$850,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$205,280,741	$206,694,903
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$303,275	$303,275
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$60,440	$60,440
Increase funds for the Milledgeville Day Reporting Center lease.*(H:Increase funds for the Milledgeville Field Office lease.)*	$133,830	$133,830

Increase funds for personal services to reflect increased retention of community supervision officers.	$9,595,467	$9,595,467
Amount appropriated in this Act	$215,373,753	$216,787,915

18.3. Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

Total Funds	$4,592,794
State Funds	$4,592,794
State General Funds	$4,592,794

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,000	$7,000
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$893	$893
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,592,794	$4,592,794

18.4. Misdemeanor Probation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor providers through inspection and investigation.

Total Funds	$1,017,668
State Funds	$1,017,668
State General Funds	$1,017,668

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,612	$1,612
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$286	$286
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,017,668	$1,017,668

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

18.5. Georgia Commission on Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

Total Funds	$1,088,527
Federal Funds and Grants	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$188,124
Other Funds	$110,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$110,000
State Funds	$739,174
State General Funds	$739,174
Intra-State Government Transfers	$51,229

Other Intra-State Government Payments	$51,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$738,899	$1,088,252
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$275	$275
Amount appropriated in this Act	$739,174	$1,088,527

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

Total Funds	**$1,762,581,450**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$809,589**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$809,589
Other Funds	**$15,960,082**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,960,082
State Funds	**$1,745,811,779**
State General Funds	$1,745,811,779

19.1. Departmental Administration (DOC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

Total Funds	$43,438,354
State Funds	$43,438,354
State General Funds	$43,438,354

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$176	$176
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$99,483	$99,483
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$6,939	$6,939
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$55,642	$55,642
Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer and CSM correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.	$2,506	$2,506
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$14,889	$14,889
Increase funds for existing operational needs.	$1,911,368	$1,911,368
Increase funds for administrative costs for the opening of McRae's Women Facility.	$917,170	$917,170
Increase funds for administrative costs for the opening of Smith Transition Center additional dormitory.	$84,921	$84,921
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,438,354	$43,438,354

19.2. Detention Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

Total Funds	$79,678,919
Other Funds	$2,506,896
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,506,896
State Funds	$77,172,023
State General Funds	$77,172,023

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$67,238,753	$69,745,649
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$105	$105
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$194,059	$194,059
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$18,441	$18,441
Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer and CSM correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.	$951,399	$951,399
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$438,034	$438,034
Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*(H:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.)*	$348,034	$348,034
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$26,175	$26,175
Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program contract.	$73,674	$73,674
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$1,505,068	$1,505,068
Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Detention Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.	$1,572,489	$1,572,489
Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.	$4,417,749	$4,417,749
Increase funds for utility costs.	$388,043	$388,043
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,172,023	$79,678,919

19.3. Food and Farm Operations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

Total Funds	$34,297,682
State Funds	$34,297,682
State General Funds	$34,297,682

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$29,110,039	$29,110,039

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,321	$4,321
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$625	$625
Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer and CSM correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.	$6,705	$6,705
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$50,307	$50,307
Increase funds for food and farm operations.	$3,948,490	$3,948,490
Increase funds for food costs related to the opening of Smith Transitional Center ($101,615), McRae Women's Facility ($972,055), and Tift Cafeteria Contract for Basic Correctional Officer Training cadets ($103,525).	$1,177,195	$1,177,195
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,297,682	$34,297,682

19.4. Health

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

Total Funds	$403,133,457
Federal Funds and Grants	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$573,812
Other Funds	$305,972
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$305,972
State Funds	$402,253,673
State General Funds	$402,253,673

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$345,418,609	$346,298,393
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$608	$608
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$14,704	$14,704
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,485	$1,485
Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of an agency-managed electronic health records solution.	$146,268	$146,268
Increase funds for the dental health contract to support increased population.	$6,997,731	$6,997,731
Increase funds for the mental health contract to support increased population.	$22,211,240	$22,211,240
Increase funds for the pharmacy services contract to support increased population.	$6,070,940	$6,070,940
Increase funds for the physical health contract to support increased population.	$20,390,440	$20,390,440
Increase funds for retention of experienced correctional officers to address compression.	$3,626	$3,626
Increase funds for healthcare contract for McRae Women's Facility to account for additional full time physical health employees.	$998,022	$998,022
Amount appropriated in this Act	$402,253,673	$403,133,457

19.5. Offender Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

Total Funds	$55,825,578
State Funds	$55,825,578
State General Funds	$55,825,578

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$15,897	$15,897
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,511	$1,511
Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer and CSM correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for a $6 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions.	$9,975,450	$9,975,450
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,825,578	$55,825,578

19.6. Private Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

Total Funds	$176,434,017
State Funds	$176,434,017
State General Funds	$176,434,017

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for parity in compensation to Georgia Department of Corrections correctional officers.*(H:Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase and address compression for parity in compensation to Georgia Department of Corrections correctional officers for Coffee ($373,875), Wheeler ($425,789), Jenkins ($188,005) and Riverbend ($466,067) Correctional Institutions.)*	$1,453,736	$1,453,736
Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution.*(H:Increase funds to add a total of 500 additional private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and Wheeler Correctional Institution.)*	$10,342,275	$10,342,275
Provide funds for a contractual increase to per diem rates at Coffee ($3,033,827), Wheeler ($3,208,871), Jenkins ($3,654,586), and Riverbend ($3,750,000) Correctional Institutions to account for increased consumer price index costs.	$13,647,284	$13,647,284

Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions at Coffee ($124,182), Wheeler ($100,337), Jenkins ($48,735), and Riverbend ($76,978) Correctional Institutions to improve recruitment and retention.	$350,232	$350,232
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions at Coffee ($58,882), Wheeler ($57,148), Jenkins ($29,825), and Riverbend ($92,757) Correctional Institutions to improve recruitment and retention.	$238,612	$238,612
Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($790,763), Jenkins ($416,435), and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living-adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.	$2,566,575	$2,566,575
Amount appropriated in this Act	$176,434,017	$176,434,017

19.7. State Prisons

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

Total Funds	$918,703,346
Federal Funds and Grants	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$235,777
Other Funds	$12,927,561
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,927,561
State Funds	$905,540,008
State General Funds	$905,540,008

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$775,371,320	$788,534,658
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$1,889	$1,889
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,623,384	$1,623,384
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$222,162	$222,162
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$9,795,423	$9,795,423
Increase funds to add 330 correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios.*(H:Increase funds for additional correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention.)*	$39,637,010	$39,637,010
Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer and CSM correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.	$8,095,907	$8,095,907
Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*(H:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.)*	$3,707,811	$3,707,811

Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*(H:Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, fire services, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.)*	$1,931,247	$1,931,247
Increase funds to address critical capital maintenance and repairs.	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
Increase funds for additional facility maintenance personnel and regional support staff to address critical facility maintenance needs.	$15,592,952	$15,592,952
Increase funds for a "tiger team" to support existing GDC locking team to address repairs needed on facility locks, locking controls, and security electronics.	$1,022,013	$1,022,013
Increase funds for skilled craftsman "tiger teams" focused on HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and fabrication needs in facilities.	$2,601,532	$2,601,532
Increase funds for ongoing support of body cameras and tasers for increased facility security.	$3,584,932	$3,584,932
Increase funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff.	$1,826,486	$1,826,486
Increase funds for software licenses for additional officer tablets to improve documentation and information sharing on offender management.	$2,457,440	$2,457,440
Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program contract.	$176,326	$176,326
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$760,421	$760,421
Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Detention Centers ($1,572,489) and Transition Centers ($718,679) programs for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)
Provide funds to continue operating the digital forensics unit through a contract.	$4,114,511	$4,114,511
Increase funds for personal services for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit and ongoing technology fees.	$3,805,472	$3,805,472
Provide funds for the annual operating costs of the Data Intelligence Advanced Integration system.	$1,950,000	$1,950,000
Increase funds to transfer eligible inmates into federal custody.	$474,500	$474,500
Increase funds for utility costs.	$14,078,438	$14,078,438
The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of prisoners who have committed federal crimes to federal custody. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of international prisoners who are eligible under the 'International Prisoner Transfer Program'. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
The Department of Corrections is directed to work with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to identify eligible international offenders of non-violent crimes and facilitate the transfer of custody upon favorable consideration from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$905,540,008	$918,703,346

19.8. Transition Centers

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

Total Funds	$51,070,097
Other Funds	$219,653
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$219,653
State Funds	$50,850,444
State General Funds	$50,850,444

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$44,469,214	$44,688,867
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$99,061	$99,061
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$9,325	$9,325
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$67,493	$67,493
Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer and CSM correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.	$581,308	$581,308
Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*(H:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.)*	$584,022	$584,022
Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.	$18,685	$18,685
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$618,779	$618,779
Transfer funds from State Prisons program to Transition Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.	$718,679	$718,679
Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.	$946,660	$946,660
Increase funds for the opening of 100 additional beds at Smith Transitional Center.	$2,708,175	$2,708,175
Increase funds for utility costs.	$29,043	$29,043
The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the purchase of property for additional transition centers in the Albany and Savannah regions.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$50,850,444	$51,070,097

Section 20: Defense, Department of

Total Funds	**$111,126,369**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$75,943,450**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$75,943,450
Other Funds	**$22,590,595**
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,260,026
State Funds	**$12,592,324**

State General Funds	$12,592,324

20.1. Departmental Administration (DOD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,576,135
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,137,771
State Funds	$1,438,364
State General Funds	$1,438,364

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,441,745	$2,579,516
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($171)	($171)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($3,210)	($3,210)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,438,364	$2,576,135

20.2. Military Readiness

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

Total Funds	$88,691,649
Federal Funds and Grants	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$59,957,952
Other Funds	$22,586,717
Agency Funds	$2,330,569
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,256,148
State Funds	$6,146,980
State General Funds	$6,146,980

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,149,286	$88,693,955
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($338)	($338)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($1,968)	($1,968)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,146,980	$88,691,649

20.3. Youth Educational Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

Total Funds	$19,858,585
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,847,727
Other Funds	$3,878
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,878
State Funds	$5,006,980

State General Funds $5,006,980

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,037,514	$19,889,119
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($387)	($387)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($30,147)	($30,147)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,006,980	$19,858,585

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

Total Funds **$89,259,563**
Other Funds **$2,844,121**
Agency Funds $2,844,121
State Funds **$86,415,442**
State General Funds $86,415,442

21.1. Departmental Administration (DDS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

Total Funds $11,352,838
Other Funds $500,857
Agency Funds $500,857
State Funds $10,851,981
State General Funds $10,851,981

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,909,031	$11,409,888
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($27,874)	($27,874)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($29,176)	($29,176)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,851,981	$11,352,838

21.2. License Issuance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

Total Funds $76,387,339
Other Funds $1,827,835
Agency Funds $1,827,835
State Funds $74,559,504
State General Funds $74,559,504

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$74,201,197	$76,029,032
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($208,882)	($208,882)

Provide funds for the ongoing maintenance of technology to address fraud prevention.	$168,000	$168,000
Provide funds for annual maintenance of 38 self-service kiosks.	$136,110	$136,110
Increase funds for an increase in federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees.	$263,079	$263,079
Amount appropriated in this Act	$74,559,504	$76,387,339

21.3. Regulatory Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.

Total Funds	$1,519,386
Other Funds	$515,429
Agency Funds	$515,429
State Funds	$1,003,957
State General Funds	$1,003,957

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,007,768	$1,523,197
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,811)	($3,811)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,003,957	$1,519,386

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of

Total Funds	**$1,248,555,060**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$607,659,885**
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$344,735,865
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,175,000
Other Funds	**$499,500**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$499,500
State Funds	**$640,395,675**
Lottery Funds	$563,040,616
State General Funds	$77,355,059

22.1. Child Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

Total Funds	$457,646,206
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds (CFDA 93.596)	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$287,542,127
State Funds	$77,355,059
State General Funds	$77,355,059

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$71,882,694	$452,173,841

Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,865	$3,865
Increase funds to annualize state match for Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) reimbursement to the 60th percentile of market rates for childcare providers.	$1,540,000	$1,540,000
Increase funds to provide 500 additional state-funded slots in the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program.	$3,928,500	$3,928,500
Amount appropriated in this Act	$77,355,059	$457,646,206

22.2. Nutrition Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

Total Funds	$170,000,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,000,000

22.3. Pre-Kindergarten Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

Total Funds	$563,215,616
Federal Funds and Grants	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$175,000
State Funds	$563,040,616
Lottery Funds	$563,040,616

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$541,423,948	$541,598,948
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$1,079,658	$1,079,658
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($267)	($267)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,662	$4,662
Increase formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.	$5,263,853	$5,263,853
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified teachers at public Pre-K providers to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.	$1,207,440	$1,207,440
Increase funds for year two of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.	$14,061,322	$14,061,322
Amount appropriated in this Act	$563,040,616	$563,215,616

22.4. Quality Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

Total Funds	$57,693,238
Federal Funds and Grants	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$57,193,738
Other Funds	$499,500

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$499,500

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

Total Funds	**$46,467,194**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$926,190**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$926,190
State Funds	**$45,541,004**
State General Funds	$45,541,004

23.1. Departmental Administration (DEcD)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

Total Funds	$5,883,113
State Funds	$5,883,113
State General Funds	$5,883,113

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$620	$620
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($9,600)	($9,600)
Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia for support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB 398 (2024 Session).	$120,000	$120,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,883,113	$5,883,113

23.2. Film, Video, and Music

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

Total Funds	$1,168,059
State Funds	$1,168,059
State General Funds	$1,168,059

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$132	$132
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,168,059	$1,168,059

23.3. Georgia Council for the Arts

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

Total Funds	$610,794
State Funds	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794

23.4. Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

Total Funds	$1,635,756
Federal Funds and Grants	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$659,400
State Funds	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356

23.5. Global Commerce

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$11,298,921
State Funds	$11,298,921
State General Funds	$11,298,921

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$928	$928
Recognize funds for one project manager and rural site development position.	$636,700	$636,700
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,298,921	$11,298,921

23.6. Innovation and Technology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

Total Funds	$2,758,197
State Funds	$2,758,197
State General Funds	$2,758,197

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$195	$195
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,758,197	$2,758,197

23.7. International Relations and Trade

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

Total Funds	$3,146,367
Federal Funds and Grants	$266,790

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$266,790
State Funds	$2,879,577
State General Funds	$2,879,577

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,879,392	$3,146,182
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$185	$185
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,879,577	$3,146,367

23.8. Rural Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$104	$104
Transfer funds for one project manager and rural site development position to the Global Commerce program.	($636,700)	($636,700)
Transfer remaining funds to the Center for Rural Prosperity program in the Department of Agriculture pursuant to HB 495 (2025 Session).	($761,293)	($761,293)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

23.9. Small and Minority Business Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

Total Funds	$1,080,487
State Funds	$1,080,487
State General Funds	$1,080,487

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$106	$106
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,080,487	$1,080,487

23.10. Tourism

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

Total Funds	$18,885,500
State Funds	$18,885,500
State General Funds	$18,885,500

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$601	$601
Eliminate funding appropriated in FY 2023 for public safety and infrastructure costs related to the 2025 College Football Playoff and the 2026 FIFA World Cup.	($250,000)	($250,000)
Provide one-time funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for educational exhibits and marketing.	$250,000	$250,000
Provide funds to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to prepare for the execution of public safety and infrastructure costs related to the hosting of future major sporting events, including the Super Bowl 62 and 2031 NCAA Men's Final Four.	$7,000,000	$7,000,000
The Department of Economic Development is directed to engage stakeholders and all interested parties to assess the diverse resources available across the state to support the upcoming major sporting events.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,885,500	$18,885,500

Section 24: Education, Department of

Total Funds	**$16,050,507,285**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,264,165,683**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,264,053,182
Other Funds	**$34,125,850**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$34,125,850
State Funds	**$13,752,215,752**
State General Funds	$13,752,215,752

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,243.93. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

24.1. Agricultural Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

Total Funds	$17,724,140
Federal Funds and Grants	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$309,003
Other Funds	$1,150,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,150,000
State Funds	$16,265,137
State General Funds	$16,265,137

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$15,418,911	$16,877,914

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$44,996	$44,996
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,965)	($2,965)
Reduce funds to reflect updated counts of extended day/year teachers.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY 2025.	$94,626	$94,626
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.	$100,350	$100,350
Provide funds for 10 new agricultural education programs.	$110,000	$110,000
Provide funds for a Young Farmer position in Bibb County.	$100,000	$100,000
Provide funds for two education specialist positions at youth camps.	$183,509	$183,509
Provide funds for camp-affiliated staff.	$215,710	$215,710
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,265,137	$17,724,140

24.2. Business and Finance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

Total Funds	$18,396,146
Federal Funds and Grants	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$81,020
Other Funds	$9,991,981
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$9,991,981
State Funds	$8,323,145
State General Funds	$8,323,145

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,539,594	$18,612,595
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$1,515	$1,515
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,937)	($23,937)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,973	$5,973
Remove one-time funds to upgrade the Capital Outlay Program Software (COPS) to integrate public Pre-K classrooms pursuant to SB 233 (2024 Session).	($200,000)	($200,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,323,145	$18,396,146

24.3. Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

Total Funds	$66,968,713
Federal Funds and Grants	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$60,875,445
Other Funds	$350,145
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,145
State Funds	$5,743,123
State General Funds	$5,743,123

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,250,357	$66,475,947
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$2,049	$2,049
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,859)	($9,859)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$576	$576
Provide funds for Plasma Games.	$500,000	$500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,743,123	$66,968,713

24.4. Charter Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.

Total Funds	$10,160,813
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,803,882
Other Funds	$145,460
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$145,460
State Funds	$5,211,471
State General Funds	$5,211,471

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,477,781	$10,427,123
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$398	$398
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,579)	($1,579)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$372	$372
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds to the State Charter School Commission pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).	($265,501)	($265,501)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,211,471	$10,160,813

24.5. Communities in Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.

Total Funds	$1,940,100
State Funds	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,940,100

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,690,100	$2,690,100

Remove one-time state funds used to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion.	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
Increase funds for affiliates.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

24.6. Curriculum Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

Total Funds	$20,773,805
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,833,819
Other Funds	$176,231
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$176,231
State Funds	$13,763,755
State General Funds	$13,763,755

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,266,501	$18,276,551
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$4,676	$4,676
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,335)	($10,335)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,913	$2,913
Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Utilize existing funds for one Cambridge International program exam for students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,763,755	$20,773,805

24.7. Curriculum Development - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
Increase funds to sustain supplements for school literacy leads at all 1,343 K-3 schools.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds to the Literacy Coach Initiative program.	($6,111,300)	($6,111,300)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

24.8. Federal Programs

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

Total Funds	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,305,164,432

24.9. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

Total Funds	$59,015,489
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,322,802
State Funds	$47,692,687
State General Funds	$47,692,687

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$51,033,487	$62,356,289
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$364,207	$364,207
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($529)	($529)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$119	$119
Reflect a reduction in formula earnings based on enrollment and training and experience.	($4,034,597)	($4,034,597)
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.	$330,000	$330,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$47,692,687	$59,015,489

24.10. Georgia Virtual School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

Total Funds	$11,363,735
Other Funds	$8,284,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,284,000
State Funds	$3,079,735
State General Funds	$3,079,735

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,086,004	$11,370,004
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$3,127	$3,127
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,396)	($9,396)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,079,735	$11,363,735

24.11. Information Technology Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

Total Funds	$24,517,724
Federal Funds and Grants	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$409,267

State Funds	$24,108,457
State General Funds	$24,108,457

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$21,118,817	$21,528,084
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$3,275	$3,275
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($36,651)	($36,651)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,016	$8,016
Increase funds to sustain 400mbps of state-funded bandwidth for all systems through PeachNet.	$3,015,000	$3,015,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$24,108,457	$24,517,724

24.12. Literacy Coach Initiative

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

Total Funds	$18,480,000
State Funds	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from Governor's Office of Student Achievement ($1,600,000) and Curriculum Development - Special Project ($6,111,300), and increase funds ($10,768,700) for 116 RESA-based literacy coaches to improve literacy outcomes for students in grades K-5.	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

24.13. Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

Total Funds	$43,210,807
State Funds	$43,210,807
State General Funds	$43,210,807

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$201,195	$201,195
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($363)	($363)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$119	$119
Realign program budget to expenditures.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.	$543,000	$543,000

Remove one-time grant funds for CPR training and equipment for student health and safety.	($362,000)	($362,000)
Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.	$5,940,936	$5,940,936
Provide funds for character education programming.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Reduce formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.	($95,812)	($95,812)
Reduce funds ($3,027,090) and transfer funds ($1,995,000) to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination for a free universal reading screener pursuant to HB 538 (2023 Session).	($5,022,090)	($5,022,090)
Increase funds for feminine hygiene grants due to inflation and increased enrollment.	$150,000	$150,000
Provide funds to educators for school supplies pursuant to SB 464 (2024 Session).	$7,500,000	$7,500,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,210,807	$43,210,807

24.14. Nutrition

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.

Total Funds	$846,229,591
Federal Funds and Grants	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$803,409,469
Other Funds	$184,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$184,000
State Funds	$42,636,122
State General Funds	$42,636,122

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$42,637,016	$846,230,485
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$370	$370
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,264)	($1,264)
Reflect a reduction in formula earnings for school nutrition due to a decrease in the number of meals served.*(H:No; Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nutrition given the rising price of meals.)*	$0	$0
Recognize $6,333,713 in existing state funds to provide for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduced-price paying students.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,636,122	$846,229,591

24.15. Preschool Disabilities Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.

Total Funds	$61,471,592
State Funds	$61,471,592
State General Funds	$61,471,592

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$416,934	$416,934
Increase funds based on formula earnings.	$3,478,250	$3,478,250
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.	$793,919	$793,919
Amount appropriated in this Act	$61,471,592	$61,471,592

24.16. Pupil Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

Total Funds	$364,231,675
State Funds	$364,231,675
State General Funds	$364,231,675

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operating expenses.	$10,313,902	$10,313,902
Provide funds for required bus driver safety training.	$158,400	$158,400
Amount appropriated in this Act	$364,231,675	$364,231,675

24.17. Quality Basic Education Equalization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

Total Funds	$909,708,064
State Funds	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,708,064

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
Reflect a reduction in formula earnings for Equalization grants.	($113,139,423)	($113,139,423)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$909,708,064	$909,708,064

24.18. Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

Total Funds	($2,868,560,935)
State Funds	($2,868,560,935)
State General Funds	($2,868,560,935)

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.	($115,166,527)	($115,166,527)
Amount appropriated in this Act	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,560,935)

24.19. Quality Basic Education Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

Total Funds	$14,700,783,641
State Funds	$14,700,783,641
State General Funds	$14,700,783,641

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$100,330,135	$100,330,135
Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.	$302,414,375	$302,414,375
Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.	($298,026)	($298,026)
Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.	$24,722,145	$24,722,145
Reduce formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.	($1,828,238)	($1,828,238)
Increase formula funds for the charter system grant.	$313,627	$313,627
Increase formula funds for the local charter school grant.	$48,477	$48,477
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.	$172,603,500	$172,603,500
Fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB 283 (2013 Session).	$871,982	$871,982
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,700,783,641	$14,700,783,641

24.20. Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

Total Funds	$16,592,103
State Funds	$16,592,103
State General Funds	$16,592,103

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$46,415	$46,415
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($536)	($536)
Reduce funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment.*(H:No; Maintain funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs).)*	$0	$0
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.	$55,239	$55,239
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,592,103	$16,592,103

24.21. School Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

Total Funds	$14,351,937
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,456,721
Other Funds	$1,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,000
State Funds	$10,894,216
State General Funds	$10,894,216

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,910,249	$14,367,970
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$4,925	$4,925
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,873)	($22,873)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,915	$1,915
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,894,216	$14,351,937

24.22. School Nurse

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

Total Funds	$43,086,147
State Funds	$43,086,147
State General Funds	$43,086,147

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$361,917	$361,917
Reduce formula funds for school nurses.*(H:No; Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nurse funding.)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$43,086,147	$43,086,147

24.23. School Security Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams.

Total Funds	$133,990,238
State Funds	$133,990,238
State General Funds	$133,990,238

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$108,905,000	$108,905,000

Reflect a change in the program purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for a school safety coordinator position.	$150,000	$150,000
Increase funds and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and for local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams.	$24,935,238	$24,935,238
Amount appropriated in this Act	$133,990,238	$133,990,238

24.24. State Charter School Commission Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

Total Funds	$7,400,779
Other Funds	$6,685,379
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,685,379
State Funds	$715,400
State General Funds	$715,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$6,685,379
Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($120,850) to implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session).*(H:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($449,899) to implement the provisions of HB 318 (2024 Session).)*	$715,400	$715,400
Reflect a change in the program purpose statement pursuant to HB 318 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$715,400	$7,400,779

24.25. State Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

Total Funds	$41,350,321
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,146,556
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$112,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,034,055
Other Funds	$1,111,904
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,111,904
State Funds	$39,091,861
State General Funds	$39,091,861

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$38,800,118	$41,058,578
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$18,011	$18,011
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($84,557)	($84,557)

Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$244	$244
Increase formula funds for training and experience.	$358,045	$358,045
Amount appropriated in this Act	$39,091,861	$41,350,321

24.26. Student Support Services

Total Funds	$62,606,222
State Funds	$62,606,222
State General Funds	$62,606,222

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish student mental health support grants.	$19,580,000	$19,580,000
Provide funds to establish grants for social work services.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Provide funds for out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Provide funds to districts for targeted support to economically-disadvantaged students.	$28,026,222	$28,026,222
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,606,222	$62,606,222

24.27. Technology/Career Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

Total Funds	$83,251,850
Federal Funds and Grants	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$50,655,460
Other Funds	$6,045,750
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,045,750
State Funds	$26,550,640
State General Funds	$26,550,640

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$24,354,320	$81,055,530
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$230,124	$230,124
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,059)	($5,059)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,076	$1,076
Provide funds for 2 full-time and 2 part-time positions and operating costs to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education.	$383,444	$383,444
Increase funds to reflect updated count of extended day/year teachers.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Provide funds to establish a high-demand equipment grant program for new and expanding career and technical education labs that support instruction for high-demand careers as identified by the State Workforce Board.*(H:Provide funds to establish a high-demand equipment grant program for new and expanding career and technical education labs that support instruction for high-demand careers as identified by the State Workforce Board, to include grants for heavy equipment simulators.)*	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY 2025.	$236,735	$236,735
Provide funds for a government and public administration pathway.	$100,000	$100,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$26,550,640	$83,251,850

24.28. Testing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

Total Funds	$34,746,210
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$15,697,807
State Funds	$19,048,403
State General Funds	$19,048,403

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$19,052,452	$34,750,259
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$4,067	$4,067
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,433)	($10,433)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,317	$2,317
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,048,403	$34,746,210

24.29. Tuition for Multiple Disability Students

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

Total Funds	$1,551,946
State Funds	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$129,545,539**
Other Funds	**$35,858,695**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$35,858,695
State Funds	**$93,686,844**
State General Funds	$93,686,844

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,160.67 per member for State Fiscal Year 2026.

25.1. Deferred Compensation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

Total Funds	$5,226,184
Other Funds	$5,226,184
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,226,184

25.2. Georgia Military Pension Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

Total Funds	$2,781,444
State Funds	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444

25.3. Public School Employees Retirement System

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

Total Funds	$40,895,000
State Funds	$40,895,000
State General Funds	$40,895,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.	$4,122,000	$4,122,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$40,895,000	$40,895,000

25.4. System Administration (ERS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

Total Funds	$80,642,911
Other Funds	$30,632,511
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$30,632,511
State Funds	$50,010,400
State General Funds	$50,010,400

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,766,400	$57,398,911
Eliminate funds for actuarially determined cost for HB 472 (2024 Session) as legislation failed to pass.	($6,000)	($6,000)
Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for an annual payment to eligible retired members by December 1 each year. (Total Funds: $50,000,000)	$23,250,000	$23,250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$50,010,400	$80,642,911

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

Total Funds	**$71,348,415**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,986,349**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,986,349
Other Funds	**$9,427,187**
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,998,542
State Funds	**$54,884,879**
State General Funds	$54,884,879
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$50,000**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

26.1. Commission Administration (SFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

Total Funds	$7,803,181
Federal Funds and Grants	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$123,800
Other Funds	$507,780
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$507,780
State Funds	$7,171,601
State General Funds	$7,171,601

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,512,652	$7,144,232
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,269	$5,269
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$11,932	$11,932
Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.	$641,748	$641,748
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,171,601	$7,803,181

26.2. Forest Management

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

Total Funds	$9,703,963
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,682,151
Other Funds	$1,089,732
Agency Funds	$428,645
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$661,087
State Funds	$4,882,080
State General Funds	$4,882,080
Intra-State Government Transfers	$50,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$50,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,676,751	$9,498,634
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,329	$5,329
Increase funds for the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program.	$200,000	$200,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,882,080	$9,703,963

26.3. Forest Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

Total Funds	$52,634,191
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,046,681
Other Funds	$6,756,312
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,756,312
State Funds	$42,831,198
State General Funds	$42,831,198

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$41,139,087	$50,942,080
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$42,111	$42,111
Increase funds to aid in preventing and combating wildfires.	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$42,831,198	$52,634,191

26.4. Tree Seedling Nursery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

Total Funds	$1,207,080
Federal Funds and Grants	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$133,717
Other Funds	$1,073,363
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,073,363

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

Total Funds	**$97,096,022**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$31,454,912**
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$30,294,182
Other Funds	**$817,856**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$817,856
State Funds	**$64,823,254**
State General Funds	$64,823,254

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

27.1. Governor's Emergency Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

Total Funds	$11,062,041
State Funds	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041

27.2. Governor's Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

Total Funds	$6,901,111
State Funds	$6,901,111
State General Funds	$6,901,111

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$430	$430
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,681)	($3,681)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,901,111	$6,901,111

27.3. Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

Total Funds	$9,053,931
State Funds	$9,053,931
State General Funds	$9,053,931

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$592	$592
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,534	$4,534
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($27,227)	($27,227)
Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia for one position to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB 982 (2024 Session).	$194,756	$194,756
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,053,931	$9,053,931

27.4. Office of Health Strategy and Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

Total Funds	$1,991,567
State Funds	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567

27.5. Georgia Data Analytic Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

Total Funds	$1,999,667
State Funds	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

27.6. Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

Total Funds	$1,475,882
State Funds	$1,475,882
State General Funds	$1,475,882

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($280)	($280)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,475,882	$1,475,882

27.7. Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

Total Funds	$1,841,557
Federal Funds and Grants	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$441,000
State Funds	$1,400,557
State General Funds	$1,400,557

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,399,522	$1,840,522
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,035	$1,035
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,400,557	$1,841,557

27.8. Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Total Funds	$36,765,494
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,703,182
Other Funds	$807,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$807,856
State Funds	$6,254,456
State General Funds	$6,254,456

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,261,372	$36,772,410
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,916)	($6,916)

Establish the Georgia Resilience Office to plan and coordinate state-wide resilience and disaster recovery.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,254,456	$36,765,494

27.9. Office of the State Inspector General

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

Total Funds	$1,829,910
State Funds	$1,829,910
State General Funds	$1,829,910

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$441	$441
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,829,910	$1,829,910

27.10. Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

Total Funds	$10,272,866
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,310,730
Child Care & Development Block Grant (CFDA 93.575)	$1,160,730
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$10,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,000
State Funds	$8,952,136
State General Funds	$8,952,136

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,730,690	$10,051,420
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$444	$444
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($920)	($920)
Provide funds for two new ethics investigators.	$221,922	$221,922
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,952,136	$10,272,866

27.11. Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

Total Funds	$4,352,825
State Funds	$4,352,825
State General Funds	$4,352,825

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,964,736	$5,964,736

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$431	$431
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($22,342)	($22,342)
Provide funds to annualize state participation for newly established regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board to support student mental health in response to significant public safety or natural disaster incidents impacting schools or school systems.	$10,000	$10,000
Transfer funds for the Growing Readers program to the Literacy Coach Initiative program for RESA-based literacy coaches.	($1,600,000)	($1,600,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,352,825	$4,352,825

27.12. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Total Funds	$1,658,765
State Funds	$1,658,765
State General Funds	$1,658,765

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$205	$205
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,730)	($2,730)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,658,765	$1,658,765

27.13. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

Total Funds	$2,615,233
State Funds	$2,615,233
State General Funds	$2,615,233

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$835	$835
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($14,296)	($14,296)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,615,233	$2,615,233

27.14. Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

Total Funds	$5,275,173
State Funds	$5,275,173
State General Funds	$5,275,173

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement - Special Project for personal services and operating expenses for the Georgia Council on Literacy, pursuant to SB 211 (2023 Session), and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.	$1,004,203	$1,004,203
Transfer funds from the Non-Quality Basic Education program for a free universal reading screener pursuant to HB 538 (2023 Session).	$1,995,000	$1,995,000
Provide funds for a literacy coach coordinator position.	$247,000	$247,000
Provide funds to a research group for competency-based standards and evaluation for literacy coaches.	$2,028,970	$2,028,970
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,275,173	$5,275,173

27.15. Special Project - Student Achievement, Governor's Office of

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB 211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

Total Funds $0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$226	$226
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,057)	($1,057)
Transfer funds to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program.	($1,004,203)	($1,004,203)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

Total Funds	**$2,388,780,612**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,300,498,977**
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$92,722,154
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$130,569,082
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$15,293,213
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,548,771
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$363,611,117
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$600,109,334
Other Funds	**$26,353,791**
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$22,953,791
State Funds	**$1,061,374,047**
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837

State General Funds	$1,060,017,001
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$553,797**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$553,797

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

28.1. Adoptions Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

Total Funds	$125,168,105
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,771,792
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$9,121,401
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,650,391
State Funds	$45,396,313
State General Funds	$45,396,313

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$45,739,753	$125,195,574
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($27,469)	($27,469)
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($315,971)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,396,313	$125,168,105

28.2. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

Total Funds	$12,410,661
Federal Funds and Grants	$8,058,039
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,966,090
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,091,949
State Funds	$4,352,622
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837
State General Funds	$3,129,785

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,305,967	$12,364,006
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,112)	($10,112)
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2024 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($93,233)	($93,233)
Increase funds to expand services for at-risk girls.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,352,622	$12,410,661

28.3. Child Support Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.

Total Funds	$150,924,573
Federal Funds and Grants	$112,367,027
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,367,027
Other Funds	$3,771,595
Agency Funds	$3,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$371,595
State Funds	$34,390,191
State General Funds	$34,390,191
Intra-State Government Transfers	$395,760
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$395,760

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$34,136,145	$150,180,715
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,719	$1,719
Increase funds to expand participation in the Child Support Lien Network to include real property and lump sum payment matching services.	$60,899	$179,116
Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.	$191,428	$563,023
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,390,191	$150,924,573

28.4. Child Welfare Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

Total Funds	$515,906,740
Federal Funds and Grants	$270,278,476
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$3,476,001
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$2,548,771
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$185,053,940
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,977,063
State Funds	$245,470,227
State General Funds	$245,470,227
Intra-State Government Transfers	$158,037
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$158,037

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$243,832,585	$515,988,302
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($214,658)	($214,658)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$8,096	$8,096
Increase funds for Court Appointed Special Advocates to replace federal funds deemed ineligible by the Administration for Children and Families.	$1,719,204	$0
Eliminate matching funds for the wraparound services pilot due to the denial of federal funds by the Administration for Children and Families.*(H:No; Maintain funds for wraparound services.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to expand heavy equipment operator certification program for high-risk youth.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$245,470,227	$515,906,740

28.5. Community Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

Total Funds	$19,033,456
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,033,456
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$19,033,456

28.6. Departmental Administration (DHS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$122,550,307
Federal Funds and Grants	$47,546,004
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$6,778,145
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$4,000,191
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,747,943
Other Funds	$12,868,673
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,868,673
State Funds	$62,135,630
State General Funds	$62,135,630

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$62,091,779	$122,498,980
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,356	$6,356
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$41,233	$41,233
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.23% to 76.48%.	($3,738)	$3,738
Amount appropriated in this Act	$62,135,630	$122,550,307

28.7. Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

Total Funds	$35,629,759
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,743,725
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$2,601,322
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,142,403
State Funds	$30,886,034
State General Funds	$30,886,034

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$30,883,395	$35,627,120
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,639	$2,639
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,886,034	$35,629,759

28.8. Elder Community Living Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

Total Funds	$98,368,672
Federal Funds and Grants	$44,551,212
Social Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.667)	$9,190,890
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$35,360,322
State Funds	$53,817,460
State General Funds	$53,817,460

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$52,943,103	$97,494,315
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$157	$157
Transfer brain health awareness campaign funding from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health to match agency budgets with existing contracts.	($225,000)	($225,000)
Provide funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).	$1,099,200	$1,099,200
Amount appropriated in this Act	$53,817,460	$98,368,672

28.9. Energy Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

Total Funds	$75,127,606
Federal Funds and Grants	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$75,127,606

28.10. Federal Eligibility Benefit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Total Funds	$449,236,807
Federal Funds and Grants	$284,501,022
Community Service Block Grant (CFDA 93.569)	$193,402

Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (CFDA 93.568)	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$19,999,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$135,348,220
State Funds	$164,735,785
State General Funds	$164,735,785

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$159,022,645	$443,523,667
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$256	$256
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($76,974)	($76,974)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$31,630	$31,630
Utilize existing funds ($133,763) to enhance Medicaid disability evaluation capacity.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers.	$5,758,228	$5,758,228
The department is directed to prepare and submit a plan to address the backlog of eligibility determinations to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee by June 1, 2025.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$164,735,785	$449,236,807

28.11. Out-of-Home Care

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

Total Funds	$480,893,674
Federal Funds and Grants	$111,821,004
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$34,776,214
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$76,874,469
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,321
State Funds	$369,072,670
State General Funds	$369,072,670

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$342,191,385	$449,267,342
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($143,854)	$0
Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.	$19,293,420	$22,490,809
Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth.	$400,000	$400,000
Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families.	$500,000	$500,000
Provide funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers.	$6,135,219	$7,539,023
Increase funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement.	$371,500	$371,500
Increase funds to support youth aging out of foster care.	$325,000	$325,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$369,072,670	$480,893,674

28.12. Out-of-School Care Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

Total Funds	$15,500,000
Federal Funds and Grants	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$15,500,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,000,000	$17,500,000
Reduce funds and recognize $10,000,000 in the Department of Education Student Support Services for out-of-school care grants.	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$15,500,000

28.13. Refugee Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

Total Funds	$20,174,463
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$20,174,463

28.14. Residential Child Care Licensing

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

Total Funds	$3,083,259
Federal Funds and Grants	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$513,824
State Funds	$2,569,435
State General Funds	$2,569,435

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,569,120	$3,082,944
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$315	$315
Utilize existing funds ($46,550) for one position to address new licensure and regulation responsibilities due to the creation of two new Child Caring Institution types in SB 377 (2024 Session) and HB 1201 (2024 Session).*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,569,435	$3,083,259

28.15. Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$36,523,008
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$36,453,008
State Funds	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000

28.16. Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Total Funds	$20,910,726
Federal Funds and Grants	$20,810,726
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$13,642,122
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,168,604
State Funds	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

28.17. Council On Aging

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Total Funds	$466,562
State Funds	$466,562
State General Funds	$466,562

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$376,625	$376,625
Increase funds for personnel.	$89,937	$89,937
Amount appropriated in this Act	$466,562	$466,562

28.18. Family Connection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

Total Funds	$11,696,854
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program (CFDA 93.778)	$1,336,965
State Funds	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889

28.19. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

Total Funds	$2,778,789
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,443,269
State Funds	$335,520
State General Funds	$335,520

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$335,972	$2,779,241
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($452)	($452)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$335,520	$2,778,789

28.20. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Total Funds	$11,717,978
Federal Funds and Grants	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$7,846,048
Other Funds	$284,597
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$284,597
State Funds	$3,587,333
State General Funds	$3,587,333

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,908,950	$11,039,595
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$238	$238
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($11,105)	($11,105)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$113,208	$113,208
Transfer six positions from Vocational Rehabilitation to Department Administration to align with work on agency-wide operations.	$576,042	$576,042
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,587,333	$11,717,978

28.21. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

Total Funds	$66,908,724
Federal Funds and Grants	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$66,908,724

28.22. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

Total Funds	$4,365,888
Other Funds	$4,365,888
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,365,888

28.23. Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

Total Funds	$101,047,952
Federal Funds and Grants	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,712,587
Other Funds	$5,063,038
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,063,038
State Funds	$25,272,327
State General Funds	$25,272,327

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$25,752,292	$101,527,917

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$153	$153
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($29,076)	($29,076)
Transfer six positions from Vocational Rehabilitation to Department Administration to align with work on agency-wide operations.	($576,042)	($576,042)
Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,272,327	$101,047,952

28.24. Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.

Total Funds	$8,356,049
State Funds	$8,356,049
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209
State General Funds	$8,221,840

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,476,159	$8,476,159
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2024 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.	($120,110)	($120,110)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

Total Funds	**$243,202,249**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$853,494**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$853,494
Other Funds	**$68,044,594**
Agency Funds	$8,553,063
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$59,491,531
State Funds	**$173,762,867**
State General Funds	$173,762,867
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$541,294**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$541,294

29.1. Departmental Administration (COI)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

Total Funds	$2,703,829
Other Funds	$109,600
Agency Funds	$60,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$49,600
State Funds	$2,594,229
State General Funds	$2,594,229

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,610,523	$2,720,123
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($13,849)	($13,849)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($2,445)	($2,445)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,594,229	$2,703,829

29.2. Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

Total Funds	$582,923
State Funds	$582,923
State General Funds	$582,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$587,866	$587,866
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,201)	($4,201)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($742)	($742)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$582,923	$582,923

29.3. Fire Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

Total Funds	$20,296,834
Federal Funds and Grants	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$853,494
Other Funds	$3,313,725
Agency Funds	$2,715,055
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$598,670
State Funds	$16,129,615
State General Funds	$16,129,615

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$12,106,276	$16,273,495
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($45,806)	($45,806)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($8,086)	($8,086)
Transfer funds from Insurance Regulation for 45 positions and associated vehicles and equipment.	$4,155,057	$4,155,057
Reduce funds for the one-time cost of three vehicles and equipment.	($77,826)	($77,826)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$16,129,615	$20,296,834

29.4. Insurance Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

Total Funds	$5,778,008
Other Funds	$5,778,008
Agency Funds	$5,778,008

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,184,277	$9,962,285
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($24,836)	($24,836)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($4,384)	($4,384)
Transfer funds to Fire Safety for positions, vehicles, and equipment.	($4,155,057)	($4,155,057)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$5,778,008

29.5. Reinsurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

Total Funds	$205,875,196
Other Funds	$58,843,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$58,843,261
State Funds	$147,031,935
State General Funds	$147,031,935

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($7,760)	($7,760)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($1,370)	($1,370)
Reduce funds for the state reinsurance program and the state healthcare exchange and recognize exchange-generated user fees.	($58,843,261)	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$147,031,935	$205,875,196

29.6. Special Fraud

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

Total Funds	$7,965,459
State Funds	$7,424,165
State General Funds	$7,424,165
Intra-State Government Transfers	$541,294
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$541,294

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,448,494	$7,989,788

Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$330	$330
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($20,959)	($20,959)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($3,700)	($3,700)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,424,165	$7,965,459

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

Total Funds	**$366,985,828**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,782,460**
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$177,156
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,605,304
Other Funds	**$30,791,046**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$30,791,046
State Funds	**$265,412,322**
State General Funds	$265,412,322

30.1. Bureau Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

Total Funds	$10,955,293
Federal Funds and Grants	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$12,600
Other Funds	$353,303
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$353,303
State Funds	$10,589,390
State General Funds	$10,589,390

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,493,356	$10,859,259
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$5,801	$5,801
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$13,925	$13,925
Increase funds for a new pool car reservation system.	$19,290	$19,290
Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to statewide security contracts through the Department of Administrative Services.	$57,018	$57,018
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,589,390	$10,955,293

30.2. Criminal Justice Information Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Total Funds	$19,096,576
Other Funds	$11,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$11,500,000
State Funds	$7,596,576

State General Funds	$7,596,576

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,588,856	$19,088,856
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,498	$7,498
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$222	$222
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,596,576	$19,096,576

30.3. Forensic Scientific Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

Total Funds	$70,196,183
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,229,366
Other Funds	$5,856
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,856
State Funds	$67,960,961
State General Funds	$67,960,961

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$66,530,540	$68,765,762
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$46,867	$46,867
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,926	$3,926
Increase funds for additional service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.	$633,593	$633,593
Increase funds for one crime lab assistant manager at the Headquarters Crime Lab.*(H:Increase funds for two crime lab assistant managers at the Headquarters Crime Lab.)*	$389,714	$389,714
Increase funds for one crime lab scientist, one crime lab technician, and one evidence receiving technician at the Central Crime Lab.	$384,591	$384,591
Reduce funds for one-time costs related to the Medical Examiner's Office positions in Fiscal Year 2025.	($28,270)	($28,270)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$67,960,961	$70,196,183

30.4. Regional Investigative Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

Total Funds	$83,671,322
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,812,153

Other Funds	$1,891,937
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,891,937
State Funds	$79,967,232
State General Funds	$79,967,232

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$77,943,144	$81,647,234
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$687	$687
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$56,839	$56,839
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$13,517	$13,517
Increase funds for on-going maintenance and support of the case management and leads tracking systems.	$562,135	$562,135
Provide funds for two crime scene technical leaders and three digital forensic investigators.	$1,033,531	$1,033,531
Provide funds to establish a Strategic Threat Assessment Group responsible for addressing threats to public officials, investigating homeland security matters, and partnering with critical infrastructure partners to provide support during major events occurring in the state.	$390,789	$390,789
Replace federal funds with state funds for three human trafficking positions.	$294,420	$294,420
Reduce funds for one-time costs for the Columbus Gang Task Force positions.	($2,146,987)	($2,146,987)
Increase funds for advanced DNA testing and genetic genealogy testing for the cold case unit.	$200,000	$200,000
Increase funds for eight criminal intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC).	$1,619,157	$1,619,157
Amount appropriated in this Act	$79,967,232	$83,671,322

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

30.5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

Total Funds	$109,134,756
Federal Funds and Grants	$66,728,341
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$177,156
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$66,551,185
Other Funds	$17,039,950
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$17,039,950
State Funds	$25,366,465
State General Funds	$25,366,465

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$15,623,441	$99,391,732
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$12,546	$12,546

Increase funds to offset the loss of ARPA funds to continue operations at the Receiving Hope Center.	$400,312	$400,312
Provide funds for two advocate positions and ongoing maintenance of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline.	$421,608	$421,608
Increase funds to offset the loss of VOCA funds to provide core services for victims of crimes.	$8,125,000	$8,125,000
Increase funds to implement the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention program pursuant to HB 268 (2023 Session).	$750,000	$750,000
Increase funds for operational expenses.	$33,558	$33,558
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,366,465	$109,134,756

30.6. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

Total Funds	$38,958,624
State Funds	$38,958,624
State General Funds	$38,958,624

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,968	$4,968
Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth.	$1,344,476	$1,344,476
Provide funds to implement Juvenile Treatment Courts per HB 873 (2024 Session).*(H:Provide funds for one training coordinator position and for the implementation of Juvenile Treatment Courts per HB 873 (2024 Session).)*	$155,375	$155,375
Increase funds for new and existing juvenile treatment courts.	$153,680	$153,680
Amount appropriated in this Act	$38,958,624	$38,958,624

30.7. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

Total Funds	$34,973,074
State Funds	$34,973,074
State General Funds	$34,973,074

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$428	$428
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,973,074	$34,973,074

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

Total Funds	**$401,831,094**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$6,072,886**

Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,553,771
Other Funds	**$528,891**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$528,891
State Funds	**$395,229,317**
State General Funds	$395,229,317

31.1. Community Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

Total Funds	$106,345,286
Federal Funds and Grants	$663,141
Foster Care Title IV-E (CFDA 93.658)	$519,115
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,026
Other Funds	$281,298
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$281,298
State Funds	$105,400,847
State General Funds	$105,400,847

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$104,990,877	$105,935,316
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$516	$516
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$38,166	$38,166
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($4,000)	($4,000)
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all juvenile correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$6,833	$6,833
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$16,873	$16,873
Provide funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers.	$351,582	$351,582
Amount appropriated in this Act	$105,400,847	$106,345,286

31.2. Departmental Administration (DJJ)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

Total Funds	$28,590,823
State Funds	$28,590,823
State General Funds	$28,590,823

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$13,513	$13,513
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($952)	($952)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,590,823	$28,590,823

31.3. Secure Commitment (YDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

Total Funds	$104,596,510
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,464,553
Other Funds	$247,593
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$247,593
State Funds	$101,884,364
State General Funds	$101,884,364

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$98,540,358	$101,252,504
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$51,215	$51,215
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$37,042	$37,042
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($5,333)	($5,333)
Increase funds to increase rates and hours for full-time and contracted psychologist and psychiatrist positions.	$401,330	$401,330
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$1,931,401	$1,931,401
Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$364,296	$364,296
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$564,055	$564,055
Amount appropriated in this Act	$101,884,364	$104,596,510

31.4. Secure Detention (RYDCs)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

Total Funds	$162,298,475
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,945,192
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,945,192
State Funds	$159,353,283

State General Funds	$159,353,283

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$155,954,690	$158,899,882
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$76,393	$76,393
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$57,568	$57,568
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($8,761)	($8,761)
Increase funds to increase rates and hours for full-time and contracted psychologist and psychiatrist positions.	$798,670	$798,670
Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.	$1,235,069	$1,235,069
Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$490,234	$490,234
Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.	$749,420	$749,420
Amount appropriated in this Act	$159,353,283	$162,298,475

Section 32: Labor, Department of

Total Funds	**$54,644,039**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$41,189,283**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$41,189,283
Other Funds	**$4,292,769**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,292,769
State Funds	**$9,161,987**
State General Funds	$9,161,987

32.1. Departmental Administration (DOL)

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

Total Funds	$20,605,581
Federal Funds and Grants	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$14,314,069
Other Funds	$3,957,769
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,957,769
State Funds	$2,333,743
State General Funds	$2,333,743

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,743,156	$20,014,994
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,446)	($1,446)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($2,985)	($2,985)
Provide funds for three accountants and related operating expenses.	$300,521	$300,521

Provide one-time funds for staff training.	$62,700	$62,700
Provide funds for two constituent services representatives and operating expenses.	$231,797	$231,797
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,333,743	$20,605,581

32.2. Labor Market Information

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

Total Funds	$1,383,448
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,383,448

32.3. Unemployment Insurance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

Total Funds	$32,655,010
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,491,766
Other Funds	$335,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$335,000
State Funds	$6,828,244
State General Funds	$6,828,244

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,835,104	$32,661,870
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,860)	($6,860)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,828,244	$32,655,010

Section 33: Law, Department of

Total Funds	**$133,681,086**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$3,633,332**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
Other Funds	**$80,048,040**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,048,040
State Funds	**$49,999,714**
State General Funds	$49,999,714

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

33.1. Department of Law

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the State of Georgia is involved.

Total Funds	$128,354,725
Other Funds	$80,048,040

Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$80,048,040
State Funds	$48,306,685
State General Funds	$48,306,685

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$44,251,259	$124,299,299
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$66,081	$66,081
Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.	$212	$212
Increase funds for four positions to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to the Savannah region.	$536,928	$536,928
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent due to relocation to the renovated Law building.	$1,109,919	$1,109,919
Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions.*(H:Increase funds for a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions.)*	$1,594,143	$1,594,143
Increase funds to annualize six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions.	$748,143	$748,143
Increase other funds to retain an additional $125,000 in Lemon Law fees for a total of $625,000.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$48,306,685	$128,354,725

33.2. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

Total Funds	$5,326,361
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,633,332
State Funds	$1,693,029
State General Funds	$1,693,029

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,684,408	$5,317,740
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,219	$2,219
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($24,419)	($24,419)
Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions.	$30,821	$30,821
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,693,029	$5,326,361

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

Total Funds	**$356,068,568**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$70,919,242**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,919,242
Other Funds	**$101,815,729**
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$73,907,894

State Funds	**$183,333,597**
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299
State General Funds	$159,730,342
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

34.1. Coastal Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

Total Funds	$10,527,352
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,096,144
Other Funds	$107,925
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$107,925
State Funds	$5,323,283
State General Funds	$5,323,283

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,323,900	$12,527,969
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($617)	($617)
Eliminate one-time funds for Tybee Island beach restoration.*(H:Maintain funds for beach restoration.)*	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,323,283	$10,527,352

34.2. Departmental Administration (DNR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

Total Funds	$13,803,308
State Funds	$13,803,308
State General Funds	$13,803,308

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,159)	($2,159)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($3,977)	($3,977)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,803,308	$13,803,308

34.3. Environmental Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

Total Funds	$125,924,021
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,887,490
Other Funds	$60,823,953
Agency Funds	$27,907,835
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,916,118
State Funds	$35,212,578
State General Funds	$35,212,578

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$35,219,006	$125,930,449
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,428)	($6,428)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,212,578	$125,924,021

34.4. Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

Total Funds	$27,326,879
State Funds	$27,326,879
State General Funds	$27,326,879

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
Reduce funds for grants and benefits to reflect a decrease in FY 2024 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.	($1,373,807)	($1,373,807)
Reduce funds for grants and benefits by 20% to reflect a greater than one percent reduction in collections pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.	($1,438,257)	($1,438,257)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,326,879	$27,326,879

34.5. Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

Total Funds	$11,771,491

State Funds	$11,771,491
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
Reduce funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session) and HB 31 (2023 Session).	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

34.6. Law Enforcement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

Total Funds	$37,065,568
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,751,293
Other Funds	$3,657
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,657
State Funds	$34,310,618
State General Funds	$34,310,618

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$34,317,394	$37,072,344
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,776)	($6,776)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$34,310,618	$37,065,568

34.7. Parks Recreation and Historic Sites

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

Total Funds	$56,053,673
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,204,029
Other Funds	$32,391,791
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$32,391,791
State Funds	$20,457,853
State General Funds	$20,457,853

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$20,206,730	$55,802,550
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,877)	($3,877)
Eliminate one-time funds for outdoor recreation.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Reduce funds for the Georgia State Games Commission.	($45,000)	($45,000)

Increase funds for operations of the historic SAM shortline railroad.	$300,000	$300,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$20,457,853	$56,053,673

34.8. Solid Waste Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

Total Funds	$9,838,299
State Funds	$9,838,299
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Scrap Tire Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$1,971,413	$1,971,413
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

34.9. Wildlife Resources

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

Total Funds	$63,757,977
Federal Funds and Grants	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$29,980,286
Other Funds	$8,488,403
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,488,403
State Funds	$25,289,288
State General Funds	$23,295,823
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$24,626,770	$63,095,459
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,147)	($4,147)
Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$216,665	$216,665
Increase funds for processing of venison donations.	$200,000	$200,000
Increase funds to control chronic wasting disease.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,289,288	$63,757,977

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

Total Funds	**$21,407,799**
State Funds	**$21,407,799**
State General Funds	$21,407,799

35.1. Board Administration (SBPP)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

Total Funds	$2,405,193
State Funds	$2,405,193
State General Funds	$2,405,193

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,269)	($1,269)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($1,395)	($1,395)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,405,193	$2,405,193

35.2. Clemency Decisions

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

Total Funds	$18,272,571
State Funds	$18,272,571
State General Funds	$18,272,571

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,398)	($10,398)
The State Board of Pardons and Paroles is directed to work with the Department of Corrections to identify and facilitate the transfer of non-violent international prisoners, upon favorable consideration from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, to the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,272,571	$18,272,571

35.3. Victim Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

Total Funds	$730,035
State Funds	$730,035
State General Funds	$730,035

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$602,479	$602,479

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($359)	($359)
Provide funds for two victim advocate positions.	$127,915	$127,915
Amount appropriated in this Act	$730,035	$730,035

Section 36: State Properties Commission

Total Funds	**$2,400,000**
Other Funds	**$2,400,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,400,000

36.1. State Properties Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

Total Funds	$2,400,000
Other Funds	$2,400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

Total Funds	**$116,519,009**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$170,762**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$170,762
Other Funds	**$33,340,000**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$33,340,000
State Funds	**$83,008,247**
State General Funds	$83,008,247

37.1. Public Defender Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

Total Funds	$11,269,496
Federal Funds and Grants	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$5,000
Other Funds	$1,840,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,840,000
State Funds	$9,424,496
State General Funds	$9,424,496

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,439,841	$11,284,841
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($19,244)	($19,244)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,899	$3,899
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,424,496	$11,269,496

37.2. Public Defenders

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

Total Funds	$105,249,513
Federal Funds and Grants	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$165,762
Other Funds	$31,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$31,500,000
State Funds	$73,583,751
State General Funds	$73,583,751

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$73,087,636	$104,753,398
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$139	$139
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($155,933)	($155,933)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$9,152	$9,152
Increase funds for a Juvenile Conflict Division manager position.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to annualize one public defender, one investigator, and two administrative positions for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB 424 (2024 Session).	$417,813	$417,813
Increase funds to annualize two assistant public defender positions for additional judgeships in the Tifton and Houston Judicial Circuits.	$74,963	$74,963
Reduce funds for one assistant public defender in the Douglas Judicial Circuit due to SB 347 failing to pass during the 2024 legislative session.	($61,188)	($61,188)
Increase funds for three assistant public defender positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026.	$211,169	$211,169
Amount appropriated in this Act	$73,583,751	$105,249,513

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Total Funds	**$924,957,432**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$464,841,136**
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$17,233,003
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$423,261,493
Other Funds	**$21,121,843**
Agency Funds	$750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$20,371,843
State Funds	**$437,487,731**
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871
State General Funds	$405,222,359
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,628
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873

Intra-State Government Transfers	**$1,506,722**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,506,722

38.1. Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

Total Funds	$59,907,331
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,993,055
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (CFDA 93.558)	$20,341,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,419,922
Other Funds	$695,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$695,000
State Funds	$25,219,276
State General Funds	$18,322,702
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$24,770,355	$59,458,410
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,421	$1,421
Transfer funds to support lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health.	$100,000	$100,000
Increase funds for feminine hygiene products for low-income clients at community organizations.	$50,000	$50,000
Increase funds for an Alzheimer's and related dementia registry.	$297,500	$297,500
Amount appropriated in this Act	$25,219,276	$59,907,331

38.2. Adult Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

Total Funds	$7,673,326
Federal Funds and Grants	$957,168
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$957,168
State Funds	$6,716,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,716,158

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,715,857	$7,673,025
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$301	$301
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,716,158	$7,673,326

38.3. Departmental Administration (DPH)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

Total Funds	$38,663,812
Federal Funds and Grants	$4,664,750
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$646,125

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$4,018,625
Other Funds	$1,750,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,750,000
State Funds	$32,249,062
State General Funds	$32,117,267
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$32,204,400	$38,619,150
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$10,514	$10,514
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$13,903	$13,903
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$20,245	$20,245
Amount appropriated in this Act	$32,249,062	$38,663,812

38.4. Emergency Preparedness/Trauma System Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

Total Funds	$45,279,118
Federal Funds and Grants	$36,970,949
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$623,949
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$36,347,000
Other Funds	$460,141
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$460,141
State Funds	$7,848,028
State General Funds	$7,848,028

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,386,750	$46,817,840
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,587	$1,587
Transfer brain health awareness campaign funding from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health to match agency budgets with existing contracts.	$225,000	$225,000
Provide funds to the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals as cardiac complications are the leading cause of maternal mortality.	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
The Department of Public Health shall study the needs of regional emergency transportation and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025.	$100,000	$100,000
Eliminate funds for the Georgia Coordinating Council.	($3,065,309)	($3,065,309)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,848,028	$45,279,118

38.5. Epidemiology

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

Total Funds	$24,695,115
Federal Funds and Grants	$16,330,879

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$16,330,879
State Funds	$8,364,236
State General Funds	$8,244,135
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,362,958	$24,693,837
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,278	$1,278
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,364,236	$24,695,115

38.6. Immunization

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.

Total Funds	$26,149,888
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,391
Other Funds	$12,649,702
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$12,649,702
State Funds	$2,499,795
State General Funds	$2,499,795

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,499,402	$26,149,495
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$393	$393
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,499,795	$26,149,888

38.7. Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

Total Funds	$74,928,076
Federal Funds and Grants	$38,374,024
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$10,818,769
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$675,828
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$26,879,427
Other Funds	$1,217,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,217,000
State Funds	$35,337,052
State General Funds	$35,337,052

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$29,336,310	$68,927,334
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$638	$638
Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.	($47,401)	($47,401)
Increase funds for the cost of mailing Low THC Oil Patient registry cards pursuant to SB 495 (2024 Session).	$437,000	$437,000

Increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality.	$2,980,000	$2,980,000
Utilize existing funds ($97,701) and increase funds for a cardiac obstetric program to increase access to maternal fetal medicine.	$778,239	$778,239
Provide funds to support quality improvement at birthing facilities and additional funding to increase the number of birthing facilities with verified maternal and neonatal levels of care.	$700,000	$700,000
Provide funds for the retention and recruitment of Babies Can't Wait Service Coordinators and Special Instructors.	$1,101,790	$1,101,790
Provide funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.	$50,476	$50,476
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,337,052	$74,928,076

38.8. Infant and Child Health Promotion

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.

Total Funds	$232,271,927
Federal Funds and Grants	$214,597,390
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.994)	$5,558,546
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$546,125
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$208,492,719
State Funds	$17,674,537
State General Funds	$17,674,537

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$16,579,521	$231,176,911
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,244	$1,244
Provide funds for a two-year pilot program to study the impact of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy on the newborn screening panel.	$843,772	$843,772
Utilize existing funds ($1,007,109) for newborn screening to include one additional disorder that has been approved by the Georgia Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Provide funds for Reach Out and Read Georgia to provide children with books during well-visit appointments.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$17,674,537	$232,271,927

38.9. Infectious Disease Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

Total Funds	$126,413,089
Federal Funds and Grants	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$80,263,121
State Funds	$46,149,968
State General Funds	$46,149,968

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$45,895,124	$126,158,245

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$4,844	$4,844
Provide funds to implement the recommendations from the state viral hepatitis plan.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$46,149,968	$126,413,089

38.10. Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.

Total Funds	$12,383,695
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,545,096
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (CFDA 93.991)	$1,180,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,365,096
Other Funds	$750,000
Agency Funds	$750,000
State Funds	$9,088,599
State General Funds	$9,088,599

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,086,284	$12,381,380
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,315	$2,315
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,088,599	$12,383,695

38.11. Public Health Formula Grants to Counties

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

Total Funds	$237,108,336
Federal Funds and Grants	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$25,000,000
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$210,308,336
State General Funds	$210,308,336

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$210,326,713	$237,126,713
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($18,377)	($18,377)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$210,308,336	$237,108,336

38.12. Vital Records

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

Total Funds	$6,880,867
Other Funds	$1,800,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,800,000
State Funds	$5,080,867
State General Funds	$5,080,867

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,078,899	$6,878,899
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$326	$326
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,642	$1,642
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,080,867	$6,880,867

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

38.13. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

Total Funds	$2,155,184
Federal Funds and Grants	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$144,313
State Funds	$2,010,871
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,848,188	$1,992,501
Increase funds to reflect FY 2024 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.	$162,683	$162,683
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,010,871	$2,155,184

38.14. Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

Total Funds	$30,447,668
State Funds	$28,940,946
State General Funds	$12,551,073
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,506,722
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,506,722

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$29,796,104	$31,302,826
Eliminate funds for SB 515 as it did not pass during the 2024 Session.	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)
Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY 2024 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$161,933	$161,933
Increase funds to reflect FY 2024 drivers license reinstatement fee collections.	$1,041,180	$1,041,180
Amount appropriated in this Act	$28,940,946	$30,447,668

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Total Funds	**$316,703,289**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$34,695,566**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$34,695,566
Other Funds	**$13,093,402**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$13,093,402
State Funds	**$256,135,475**
State General Funds	$256,135,475
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$12,778,846**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$12,778,846

39.1. Aviation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

Total Funds	$5,286,310
State Funds	$5,286,310
State General Funds	$5,286,310

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($6,400)	($6,400)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($105)	($105)
Increase funds for two aviation mechanic positions.	$171,302	$171,302
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,286,310	$5,286,310

39.2. Capitol Police Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

Total Funds	$9,612,660
Intra-State Government Transfers	$9,612,660
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$9,612,660

39.3. Departmental Administration (DPS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

Total Funds	$10,564,372
Other Funds	$3,510
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$3,510
State Funds	$10,560,862
State General Funds	$10,560,862

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,581,677	$10,585,187

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($20,261)	($20,261)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($554)	($554)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,560,862	$10,564,372

39.4. Field Offices and Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

Total Funds	$164,542,649
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,494,501
Other Funds	$673,900
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$673,900
State Funds	$160,998,462
State General Funds	$160,998,462
Intra-State Government Transfers	$375,786
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$375,786

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$161,259,318	$164,803,505
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($256,068)	($256,068)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($4,788)	($4,788)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$160,998,462	$164,542,649

39.5. Law Enforcement Training

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

Total Funds	$9,772,892
State Funds	$9,772,892
State General Funds	$9,772,892

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($13,489)	($13,489)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,772,892	$9,772,892

39.6. Motor Carrier Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

Total Funds	$45,656,964
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,348,744

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,348,744
Other Funds	$10,761,804
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,761,804
State Funds	$23,175,493
State General Funds	$23,175,493
Intra-State Government Transfers	$370,923
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$370,923

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$23,197,173	$45,678,644
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($21,680)	($21,680)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,175,493	$45,656,964

39.7. Office of Public Safety Officer Support

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

Total Funds	$2,101,414
State Funds	$2,101,414
State General Funds	$2,101,414

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$332	$332
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($2,931)	($2,931)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,101,414	$2,101,414

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

39.8. Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

Total Funds	$1,854,276
State Funds	$1,854,276
State General Funds	$1,854,276

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,242	$1,242
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,854,276	$1,854,276

39.9. Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety

professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.

Total Funds	$7,141,125
State Funds	$7,141,125
State General Funds	$7,141,125

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$735	$735
Increase funds for the purchase of a cloud storage solution.	$37,141	$37,141
Increase funding for Chiefs of Police ($319,000) and Georgia Sheriffs' Association ($500,000) for state mandated training.	$819,000	$819,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,141,125	$7,141,125

39.10. Georgia Public Safety Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

Total Funds	$35,512,034
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,061,179
Other Funds	$1,492,086
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,492,086
State Funds	$31,030,102
State General Funds	$31,030,102
Intra-State Government Transfers	$1,928,667
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$1,928,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$30,970,910	$35,452,842
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$224	$224
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($23,838)	($23,838)
Increase funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB 37 (2024 Session).	$253,202	$253,202
Increase funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training.	$478,595	$478,595
Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.	($7,500)	($7,500)
Reduce funds for one-time costs for the volunteer firefighter program.	($110,000)	($110,000)
Reduce funds for one-time costs for the expansion of basic mandate.	($681,491)	($681,491)
Increase funds for the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,030,102	$35,512,034

39.11. Office of Highway Safety

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

Total Funds	$21,206,283
Federal Funds and Grants	$19,791,142

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$19,791,142
Other Funds	$162,102
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$162,102
State Funds	$762,229
State General Funds	$762,229
Intra-State Government Transfers	$490,810
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$490,810

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$738,883	$21,182,937
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,013	$2,013
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	$21,333	$21,333
Replace federal funds with state funds for the personal services cost of three employees.*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$762,229	$21,206,283

39.12. Office of Highway Safety: Georgia Driver's Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

Total Funds	$3,452,310
State Funds	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY 2024 Joshua's Law Collections.	$522,437	$522,437
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

Section 40: Public Service Commission

Total Funds	**$14,411,313**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,231,100**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	**$13,180,213**
State General Funds	$13,180,213

40.1. Commission Administration (PSC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

Total Funds	$2,020,221
State Funds	$2,020,221
State General Funds	$2,020,221

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,584)	($4,584)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,014	$1,014
Provide additional funds for legal support.	$30,000	$30,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,020,221	$2,020,221

40.2. Facility Protection

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

Total Funds	$3,145,249
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,231,100
State Funds	$1,914,149
State General Funds	$1,914,149

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,813,992	$3,045,092
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($4,022)	($4,022)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,606	$1,606
Increase funds for state share of pipeline safety inspector positions.	$102,573	$102,573
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,914,149	$3,145,249

40.3. Utilities Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

Total Funds	$9,245,843
State Funds	$9,245,843
State General Funds	$9,245,843

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($20,833)	($20,833)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$4,565	$4,565
Provide funds for targeted salary enhancements for recruitment and retention.	$250,000	$250,000
Provide funds for the regulation of private water systems pursuant to HB 449 (2025 Session).*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,245,843	$9,245,843

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia Board of

Total Funds **$10,411,684,371**

Federal Funds and Grants	**$2,031,340,290**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,031,340,290
Other Funds	**$4,777,386,693**
Agency Funds	$3,382,572,885
Records Center Storage Fee	$704,472
Research Funds	$1,394,109,336
State Funds	**$3,602,957,388**
State General Funds	$3,602,957,388

41.1. Agricultural Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

Total Funds	$128,272,960
Federal Funds and Grants	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$40,749,493
Other Funds	$31,750,806
Agency Funds	$9,250,806
Research Funds	$22,500,000
State Funds	$55,772,661
State General Funds	$55,772,661

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$54,413,208	$126,913,507
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$205,404	$205,404
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($14,859)	($14,859)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$268,908	$268,908
Provide funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Services faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology Initiative.	$450,000	$450,000
Provide funds for a peach/citrus breeder technician, blueberry breeder technician, turfgrass breeder technician, turfgrass extension specialist technician, and soybean/corn/small grains extension specialist technician.	$450,000	$450,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$55,772,661	$128,272,960

41.2. Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.

Total Funds	$8,021,867
Federal Funds and Grants	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$900,000
Other Funds	$7,121,867
Agency Funds	$6,946,867
Research Funds	$175,000

41.3. Cooperative Extension Service

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

Total Funds	$88,739,832
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$9,385,903
Other Funds	$27,217,315
Agency Funds	$17,417,315
Research Funds	$9,800,000
State Funds	$52,136,614
State General Funds	$52,136,614

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$50,810,027	$87,413,245
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$281,664	$281,664
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($10,906)	($10,906)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$437,700	$437,700
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$468,129	$468,129
Increase funds for a North Georgia Hay and Forage Extension Specialist.	$150,000	$150,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,136,614	$88,739,832

41.4. Enterprise Innovation Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

Total Funds	$30,489,185
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$11,000,000
Other Funds	$6,150,000
Agency Funds	$6,150,000
State Funds	$13,339,185
State General Funds	$13,339,185

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,005,598	$30,155,598
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$43,059	$43,059
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($139)	($139)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$40,667	$40,667
Provide funds for workforce innovation initiative.	$250,000	$250,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,339,185	$30,489,185

41.5. Forestry Cooperative Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Total Funds	$2,432,459
Federal Funds and Grants	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$600,000
Other Funds	$700,678
Agency Funds	$374,690
Research Funds	$325,988
State Funds	$1,131,781
State General Funds	$1,131,781

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,107,906	$2,408,584
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$4,670	$4,670
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$8,817	$8,817
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$10,388	$10,388
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,131,781	$2,432,459

41.6. Forestry Research

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

Total Funds	$17,281,323
Federal Funds and Grants	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$3,700,000
Other Funds	$10,279,243
Agency Funds	$2,479,243
Research Funds	$7,800,000
State Funds	$3,302,080
State General Funds	$3,302,080

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,250,424	$17,229,667
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$10,689	$10,689
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($770)	($770)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$19,235	$19,235
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$22,502	$22,502
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,302,080	$17,281,323

41.7. Georgia Archives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

Total Funds	$5,529,270
Other Funds	$961,749
Agency Funds	$257,277

Records Center Storage Fee	$704,472
State Funds	$4,567,521
State General Funds	$4,567,521

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,540,889	$5,502,638
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$8,864	$8,864
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$9,195	$9,195
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$8,573	$8,573
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,567,521	$5,529,270

41.8. Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

Total Funds	$4,222,619
Federal Funds and Grants	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$198,805
Other Funds	$1,560,496
Agency Funds	$1,560,496
State Funds	$2,463,318
State General Funds	$2,463,318

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$2,431,513	$4,190,814
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$12,957	$12,957
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$17,932	$17,932
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$916	$916
Amount appropriated in this Act	$2,463,318	$4,222,619

41.9. Georgia Research Alliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

Total Funds	$7,138,976
State Funds	$7,138,976
State General Funds	$7,138,976

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$3,367	$3,367
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$3,349	$3,349
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$4,178	$4,178
Increase funds for research grants.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,138,976	$7,138,976

41.10. Georgia Tech Research Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

Total Funds	$998,888,705
Federal Funds and Grants	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$633,514,225
Other Funds	$357,839,591
Research Funds	$357,839,591
State Funds	$7,534,889
State General Funds	$7,534,889

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,150,038	$998,503,854
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$10,899	$10,899
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$23,952	$23,952
Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry.	$350,000	$350,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,534,889	$998,888,705

41.11. Marine Institute

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

Total Funds	$1,776,381
Federal Funds and Grants	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$67,648
Other Funds	$531,183
Agency Funds	$156,183
Research Funds	$375,000
State Funds	$1,177,550
State General Funds	$1,177,550

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,159,126	$1,757,957
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$5,523	$5,523
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,020)	($1,020)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$6,353	$6,353
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$7,568	$7,568
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,177,550	$1,776,381

41.12. Marine Resources Extension Center

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

Total Funds	$4,396,088
Federal Funds and Grants	$880,000

Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$880,000
Other Funds	$1,710,000
Agency Funds	$740,000
Research Funds	$970,000
State Funds	$1,806,088
State General Funds	$1,806,088

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,772,529	$4,362,529
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$9,245	$9,245
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($301)	($301)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$14,244	$14,244
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$10,371	$10,371
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,806,088	$4,396,088

41.13. Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

Total Funds	$37,328,820
State Funds	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
Remove one-time funds for state match for MCG 3+ Program Endowment.	($8,708,036)	($8,708,036)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

41.14. Public Libraries

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

Total Funds	$72,300,601
Federal Funds and Grants	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$6,851,503
Other Funds	$12,714,000
Agency Funds	$12,714,000
State Funds	$52,735,098
State General Funds	$52,735,098

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$50,232,754	$69,798,257
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$261,679	$261,679

Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $1,580 to $1,885.	$1,836,378	$1,836,378
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$15,548	$15,548
Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.	$372,012	$372,012
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$16,727	$16,727
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,735,098	$72,300,601

41.15. Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

Total Funds	$35,543,842
State Funds	$35,543,842
State General Funds	$35,543,842

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$75,314	$75,314
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$112,948	$112,948
Remove one-time funds for projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Provide $375,000 in one-time funds for a planning grant to study the development of a school of civil thought and leadership within the University System of Georgia.	$375,000	$375,000
Reduce funds for summer programming.	($2,500,000)	($2,500,000)
Provide funds to support continued excellence at Georgia's nationally recognized public law schools at the University of Georgia ($1,500,000) and Georgia State University ($1,500,000).*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Realize savings due to delayed program implementation.	($700,000)	($700,000)
Transfer funds for the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program to the Department of Agriculture pursuant to HB 495 (2025 Session).	($1,631,692)	($1,631,692)
Increase funds for computer science professional development pursuant to SB 108 (2019 Session).	$600,000	$600,000
Increase funds for the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers.	$100,000	$100,000
Provide funds for dental clinic training.	$577,681	$577,681
Amount appropriated in this Act	$35,543,842	$35,543,842

41.16. Regents Central Office

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.

Total Funds	$11,690,591
Other Funds	$320,000
Agency Funds	$320,000
State Funds	$11,370,591
State General Funds	$11,370,591

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,332,898	$11,652,898
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$20,249	$20,249
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$17,444	$17,444
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,370,591	$11,690,591

41.17. Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.

Total Funds	$8,428,711
Federal Funds and Grants	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$2,500,000
Other Funds	$2,179,194
Agency Funds	$1,628,574
Research Funds	$550,620
State Funds	$3,749,517
State General Funds	$3,749,517

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,215,522	$7,894,716
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$5,539	$5,539
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,329)	($1,329)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$6,451	$6,451
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$3,970	$3,970
Increase funds to offset the austerity reduction for Skidaway Institute of Oceanography.	$326,292	$326,292
Provide funds for a dock electrical supply line replacement.	$193,072	$193,072
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,749,517	$8,428,711

41.18. Teaching

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.

Total Funds	$8,885,145,290
Federal Funds and Grants	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$1,320,612,713
Other Funds	$4,282,930,571
Agency Funds	$3,290,577,434
Research Funds	$992,353,137
State Funds	$3,281,602,006
State General Funds	$3,281,602,006

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,065,015,100	$8,668,558,384
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$11,004,024	$11,004,024

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,198,972)	($1,198,972)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$19,374,110	$19,374,110
Increase funds to reflect a 2.7% increase in enrollment ($167,834,602) and a 0.5% increase in square footage ($1,697,277).	$169,531,879	$169,531,879
Increase funds to reflect formula correction for FY 2025 cost-of-living adjustment.	$17,750,865	$17,750,865
Increase funds for Georgia Capitol history publication.	$125,000	$125,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,281,602,006	$8,885,145,290

41.19. Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

Total Funds	$7,146,504
Federal Funds and Grants	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$380,000
Other Funds	$1,420,000
Research Funds	$1,420,000
State Funds	$5,346,504
State General Funds	$5,346,504

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,282,499	$7,082,499
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$20,109	$20,109
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($237)	($237)
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$24,125	$24,125
Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$20,008	$20,008
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,346,504	$7,146,504

41.20. Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

Total Funds	$32,600,851
Other Funds	$32,000,000
Agency Funds	$32,000,000
State Funds	$600,851
State General Funds	$600,851

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$591,855	$32,591,855
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$4,474	$4,474
Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.	$3,216	$3,216

Increase funds to reflect correction for FY 2025 employer share of health benefits.	$1,306	$1,306
Amount appropriated in this Act	$600,851	$32,600,851

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

41.21. Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

Total Funds	$627,460
State Funds	$627,460
State General Funds	$627,460

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$629,161	$629,161
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$152	$152
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($1,853)	($1,853)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$627,460	$627,460

41.22. Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

Total Funds	$3,939,264
State Funds	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($951)	($951)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

41.23. Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

Total Funds	$6,470,779
State Funds	$6,470,779
State General Funds	$6,470,779

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$14,308	$14,308
Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885.	$304,200	$304,200

Increase funds for enrollment, training, and experience.	$254,726	$254,726
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,470,779	$6,470,779

41.24. Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

Total Funds	$13,271,993
State Funds	$13,271,993
State General Funds	$13,271,993

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$530	$530
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,822)	($1,822)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($683)	($683)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,271,993	$13,271,993

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

Total Funds	**$234,552,715**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,058,059**
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$687,912
Other Funds	**$2,247,671**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$2,247,671
State Funds	**$231,246,985**
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971
State General Funds	$228,138,231
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

42.1. Departmental Administration (DOR)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

Total Funds	$14,348,537
State Funds	$14,348,537
State General Funds	$14,348,537

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$22,968	$22,968
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,901	$2,901
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	$7,886	$7,886
Amount appropriated in this Act	$14,348,537	$14,348,537

42.2. Forestland Protection Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Total Funds	$39,073,494
State Funds	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494

42.3. Industry Regulation

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Total Funds	$10,777,090
Federal Funds and Grants	$370,147
Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959)	$370,147
Other Funds	$485,887
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$485,887
State Funds	$9,921,056
State General Funds	$9,487,273
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,902,324	$10,758,358
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$16,914	$16,914
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,818	$1,818
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,921,056	$10,777,090

42.4. Local Government Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

Total Funds	$7,657,013
Other Funds	$420,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$420,000
State Funds	$7,237,013
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971
State General Funds	$4,562,042

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,291,502	$7,711,502
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$8,945	$8,945
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,089	$1,089
Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	($64,523)	($64,523)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$7,237,013	$7,657,013

42.5. Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

Total Funds	$9,169,007
State Funds	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,169,007

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.	($580,168)	($580,168)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

42.6. Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

Total Funds	$46,275,032
State Funds	$46,275,032
State General Funds	$46,275,032

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$25,763	$25,763
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$6,959	$6,959
Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).	$2,624,900	$2,624,900
Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.	$315,619	$315,619
Amount appropriated in this Act	$46,275,032	$46,275,032

42.7. Office of Special Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

Total Funds	$6,400,260
Federal Funds and Grants	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$416,081
State Funds	$5,984,179
State General Funds	$5,984,179

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,976,509	$6,392,590
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,413	$6,413
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$1,257	$1,257
Amount appropriated in this Act	$5,984,179	$6,400,260

42.8. Tax Compliance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

Total Funds	$68,181,444
Other Funds	$1,341,784
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,341,784
State Funds	$66,839,660
State General Funds	$66,839,660

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$63,135,590	$64,477,374
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$96,152	$96,152
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$12,492	$12,492
Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).	$3,595,426	$3,595,426
Amount appropriated in this Act	$66,839,660	$68,181,444

42.9. Tax Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

Total Funds	$4,866,429
State Funds	$4,866,429
State General Funds	$4,866,429

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$9,033	$9,033
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$971	$971
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,866,429	$4,866,429

42.10. Taxpayer Services

Purpose: The purpose of the appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

Total Funds	$27,804,409
Federal Funds and Grants	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$271,831
State Funds	$27,532,578
State General Funds	$27,532,578

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$27,487,187	$27,759,018

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$39,801	$39,801
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,590	$5,590
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,532,578	$27,804,409

Section 43: Secretary of State

Total Funds	**$40,864,978**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$550,000**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$550,000
Other Funds	**$5,192,320**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,192,320
State Funds	**$35,122,658**
State General Funds	$35,122,658

43.1. Corporations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

Total Funds	$4,611,820
Other Funds	$4,611,820
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$4,611,820

43.2. Elections

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

Total Funds	$8,892,667
Federal Funds and Grants	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$550,000
Other Funds	$50,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$50,000
State Funds	$8,292,667
State General Funds	$8,292,667

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,293,891	$8,893,891
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$265	$265
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,489)	($1,489)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,292,667	$8,892,667

43.3. Investigations

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.

Total Funds	$4,373,179
State Funds	$4,373,179
State General Funds	$4,373,179

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($1,579)	($1,579)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,373,179	$4,373,179

43.4. Office Administration (SOS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

Total Funds	$3,481,878
Other Funds	$5,500
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$5,500
State Funds	$3,476,378
State General Funds	$3,476,378

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,476,985	$3,482,485
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($961)	($961)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$354	$354
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,476,378	$3,481,878

43.5. Professional Licensing Boards

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

Total Funds	$11,028,027
Other Funds	$400,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$400,000
State Funds	$10,628,027
State General Funds	$10,628,027

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,631,280	$11,031,280
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($3,452)	($3,452)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$199	$199
Amount appropriated in this Act	$10,628,027	$11,028,027

43.6. Securities

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

Total Funds	$1,204,844
Other Funds	$25,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$25,000
State Funds	$1,179,844

State General Funds $1,179,844

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,180,245	$1,205,245
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($401)	($401)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,179,844	$1,204,844

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

43.7. Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

Total Funds $1,888,830
State Funds $1,888,830
State General Funds $1,888,830

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$251	$251
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,108	$1,108
Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.	$67,541	$67,541
Provide funds for merit-based retention initiatives.	$121,957	$121,957
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,888,830	$1,888,830

43.8. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

Total Funds $1,361,143
State Funds $1,361,143
State General Funds $1,361,143

43.9. Real Estate Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

Total Funds $3,233,354
Other Funds $100,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $100,000
State Funds $3,133,354
State General Funds $3,133,354

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,130,111	$3,230,111

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,243	$3,243
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,133,354	$3,233,354

43.10. State Elections Board

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

Total Funds	$789,236
State Funds	$789,236
State General Funds	$789,236

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
Remove one-time funds for an audit pilot program.	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$789,236	$789,236

Section 44: Student Finance Commission, Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,310,255,102**
Other Funds	**$10,913,305**
Agency Funds	$582,608
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$10,330,697
State Funds	**$1,299,341,797**
Lottery Funds	$1,099,446,339
State General Funds	$199,895,458

44.1. College Completion Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

Total Funds	$10,000,000
State Funds	$10,000,000
Lottery Funds	$10,000,000

44.2. Commission Administration (GSFC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

Total Funds	$11,279,410
Other Funds	$181,140
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$181,140
State Funds	$11,098,270
Lottery Funds	$11,098,270

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$11,085,359	$11,266,499
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$6,088	$6,088
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,183	$7,183

Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($360)	($360)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$11,098,270	$11,279,410

44.3. Dual Enrollment

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.

Total Funds	$108,732,275
State Funds	$108,732,275
State General Funds	$108,732,275

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$17,436,838	$17,436,838
Amount appropriated in this Act	$108,732,275	$108,732,275

44.4. Engineer Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.

Total Funds	$1,260,000
State Funds	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000

44.5. Georgia Foster Care Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB 85 (2025 Session).*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.6. Georgia Military College Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$1,082,916
State Funds	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916

44.7. HERO Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

Total Funds	$280,000
State Funds	$280,000
State General Funds	$280,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$330,000	$330,000
Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.	($50,000)	($50,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$280,000	$280,000

44.8. HOPE Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$93,789,605
State Funds	$93,789,605
Lottery Funds	$93,789,605

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$17,215,905	$17,215,905
Amount appropriated in this Act	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

44.9. HOPE High School Equivalency Exam

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

Total Funds	$500,000
State Funds	$500,000
Lottery Funds	$500,000

44.10. HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$88,239,188
State Funds	$88,239,188
Lottery Funds	$88,239,188

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$3,308,837	$3,308,837
Provide funds to increase the HOPE Scholarship Private award amount to match the Zell Private award amount in order to provide parity in HOPE Public and HOPE Private award policies.	$10,147,510	$10,147,510
Amount appropriated in this Act	$88,239,188	$88,239,188

44.11. HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

Total Funds	$895,819,276
State Funds	$895,819,276
Lottery Funds	$895,819,276

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
Increase funds to meet projected need.	$49,911,215	$49,911,215
Amount appropriated in this Act	$895,819,276	$895,819,276

44.12. Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

Total Funds	$2,600,000
State Funds	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000

44.13. Memorial Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

Total Funds	$540,000
State Funds	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Transfer funds from the Public Safety Memorial Grant program.	$540,000	$540,000
Reflect a new program and purpose statement.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Utilize $36,000 in existing funds to establish the Public School Employee Memorial Grant program pursuant to HB 56 (2025 Session).*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$540,000	$540,000

44.14. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

Total Funds	$3,037,740
State Funds	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740

44.15. North Georgia ROTC Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Total Funds	$1,113,750
State Funds	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750

44.16. Public Safety Memorial Grant

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

Total Funds	$0

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$540,000	$540,000
Transfer funds to the Memorial Grants program.	($540,000)	($540,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$0	$0

44.17. REACH Georgia Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

Total Funds	$6,370,000
State Funds	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000

44.18. Promise Scholarship

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

Total Funds	$45,646,640
State Funds	$45,646,640
State General Funds	$45,646,640

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Provide funds to fully fund the Promise Scholarship Program as established pursuant to SB 233 (2024 Session).*(H:Provide funds to implement the Promise Scholarship program as established pursuant to SB 233 (2024 Session).)*	$45,646,640	$45,646,640
Amount appropriated in this Act	$45,646,640	$45,646,640

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

44.19. Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

Total Funds	$1,637,678
Other Funds	$582,608
Agency Funds	$582,608
State Funds	$1,055,070
State General Funds	$1,055,070

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,053,169	$1,635,777
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$1,901	$1,901
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,055,070	$1,637,678

44.20. Service Cancelable Loans

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

Total Funds	$13,891,296
Other Funds	$8,871,296
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$8,871,296
State Funds	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000

44.21. Tuition Equalization Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

Total Funds	$24,435,328
Other Funds	$1,278,261
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,278,261
State Funds	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$23,157,067	$24,435,328
Utilize existing funds to increase award amount from $1,100 to $1,150.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$23,157,067	$24,435,328

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

Total Funds	**$59,364,527**
Other Funds	**$59,302,527**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$59,302,527
State Funds	**$62,000**
State General Funds	$62,000

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 21.91% for State Fiscal Year 2026.

45.1. Local/Floor COLA

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

Total Funds	$62,000
State Funds	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000

45.2. System Administration (TRS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

Total Funds	$59,302,527
Other Funds	$59,302,527
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$59,302,527

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

Total Funds	**$1,273,668,400**

Federal Funds and Grants	**$243,718,176**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$243,718,176
Other Funds	**$411,654,169**
Agency Funds	$396,492,806
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,161,363
State Funds	**$538,302,828**
State General Funds	$538,302,828
Intra-State Government Transfers	**$79,993,227**
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$79,993,227

46.1. Adult Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

Total Funds	$58,085,298
Federal Funds and Grants	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$33,441,394
Other Funds	$5,520,532
Agency Funds	$5,520,532
State Funds	$19,088,372
State General Funds	$19,088,372
Intra-State Government Transfers	$35,000
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$35,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$19,071,849	$58,068,775
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$10,332	$10,332
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,119	$1,119
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$5,072	$5,072
Amount appropriated in this Act	$19,088,372	$58,085,298

46.2. Departmental Administration (TCSG)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

Total Funds	$8,623,596
State Funds	$8,623,596
State General Funds	$8,623,596

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$2,179	$2,179
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$7,300	$7,300

Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$796	$796
Amount appropriated in this Act	$8,623,596	$8,623,596

46.3. Economic Development and Customized Services

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

Total Funds	$52,763,338
Federal Funds and Grants	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$17,430,592
Other Funds	$29,293,063
Agency Funds	$29,293,063
State Funds	$3,375,358
State General Funds	$3,375,358
Intra-State Government Transfers	$2,664,325
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$2,664,325

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,361,533	$52,749,513
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$9,299	$9,299
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,377	$1,377
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,149	$3,149
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,375,358	$52,763,338

46.4. Quick Start

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

Total Funds	$21,556,498
Other Funds	$3,879
Agency Funds	$3,879
State Funds	$21,552,619
State General Funds	$21,552,619

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$21,534,633	$21,538,512
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$6,450	$6,450
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$10,542	$10,542
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$994	$994
Amount appropriated in this Act	$21,552,619	$21,556,498

46.5. Technical Education

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

Total Funds	$968,935,288
Federal Funds and Grants	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$70,669,569
Other Funds	$376,790,707
Agency Funds	$361,675,332
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$15,115,375
State Funds	$444,181,110
State General Funds	$444,181,110
Intra-State Government Transfers	$77,293,902
Other Intra-State Government Payments	$77,293,902

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$418,972,287	$943,726,465
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$331,885	$331,885
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($213,460)	($213,460)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$89,052	$89,052
Increase funds to reflect a 10.6% increase in enrollment ($33,486,954) and a 0.02% decrease in square footage (($13,581)).	$33,473,373	$33,473,373
Transfer funds to Technical Education: High-Cost Programs – Special Project program to recognize all state funds budgeted to fully fund supplemental earnings for high-cost programs.	($8,472,027)	($8,472,027)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$444,181,110	$968,935,288

46.6. Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

Total Funds	$31,711,098
State Funds	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$3,783	$3,783
Transfer funds from Technical Education program to recognize all state funds budgeted to fully fund supplemental earnings for high-cost programs.	$8,472,027	$8,472,027
Increase funds to reflect growth in aviation, commercial truck driving, and nursing program enrollment at targeted supplemental credit hour rates.	$15,813,747	$15,813,747
Amount appropriated in this Act	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

46.7. Workforce Development

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

Total Funds	$131,993,284
Federal Funds and Grants	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$122,176,621
Other Funds	$45,988
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$45,988
State Funds	$9,770,675
State General Funds	$9,770,675

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$10,208,669	$132,431,278
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$982	$982
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,084	$2,084
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$3,696	$3,696
Transfer funds for one position and operating costs to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB 982 (2024 Session) to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.	($194,756)	($194,756)
Transfer funds for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund to the Department of Economic Development pursuant to SB 398 (2024 Session).	($250,000)	($250,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,770,675	$131,993,284

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

Total Funds	**$4,483,382,779**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$1,611,757,546**
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$1,499,466,641
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$112,290,905
Other Funds	**$175,979,549**
Agency Funds	$19,098,513
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$156,881,036
State Funds	**$2,695,645,684**
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,374,878,046
State General Funds	$44,491,140
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:

a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.

b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.

c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and

enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

47.1. Airport Aid

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

Total Funds	$76,515,517
Federal Funds and Grants	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$46,509,284
Other Funds	$6,233
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,233
State Funds	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$30,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$26,359,425	$72,874,942
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$812	$812
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($179)	($179)
Increase funds for Airport Aid.	$3,639,942	$3,639,942
Amount appropriated in this Act	$30,000,000	$76,515,517

47.2. Capital Construction Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.

Total Funds	$2,181,680,994
Federal Funds and Grants	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$930,452,699
Other Funds	$122,300,430
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$122,300,430
State Funds	$1,128,927,865
Motor Fuel Funds	$988,192,130
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,021,516,407	$2,074,269,536
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.	$102,647,286	$102,647,286
Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$4,764,172	$4,764,172
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,128,927,865	$2,181,680,994

47.3. Capital Maintenance Projects

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

Total Funds	$586,696,217
Federal Funds and Grants	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$281,600,000
Other Funds	$350,574
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$350,574
State Funds	$304,745,643
Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$194,745,643	$476,696,217
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for resurfacing projects.	$110,000,000	$110,000,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$304,745,643	$586,696,217

47.4. Data Collection, Compliance, and Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

Total Funds	$12,223,956
Federal Funds and Grants	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$9,043,897
State Funds	$3,180,059
Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,167,938	$12,211,835
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$3,101	$3,101
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for required costs associated with federal reporting.	$9,020	$9,020
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,180,059	$12,223,956

47.5. Departmental Administration (DOT)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges and to provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

Total Funds	$104,342,691
Federal Funds and Grants	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$10,839,823
Other Funds	$398,970
Agency Funds	$398,970
State Funds	$93,103,898
Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$90,794,582	$102,033,375
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$239,069	$239,069
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for costs associated with information technology security.	$2,070,247	$2,070,247
Amount appropriated in this Act	$93,103,898	$104,342,691

47.6. Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Capital Outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the State Funded Construction - Local Road Assistance Program.

Total Funds	$247,644,281
State Funds	$247,644,281
Motor Fuel Funds	$247,644,281

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect ten percent of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.	$27,497,680	$27,497,680
Amount appropriated in this Act	$247,644,281	$247,644,281

47.7. Local Road Assistance Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.

Total Funds	$62,002,378
Federal Funds and Grants	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$51,655,917
Other Funds	$6,000,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,000,000
State Funds	$4,346,461
Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461

47.8. Planning

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the state-wide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

Total Funds	$27,680,201
Federal Funds and Grants	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$22,772,795
State Funds	$4,907,406
Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$4,900,880	$27,673,675

Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$6,526	$6,526
Amount appropriated in this Act	$4,907,406	$27,680,201

47.9. Ports and Waterways

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

Total Funds	$1,398,641
State Funds	$1,398,641
State General Funds	$1,398,641

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$1,924	$1,924
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($424)	($424)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,398,641	$1,398,641

47.10. Program Delivery Administration

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

Total Funds	$197,646,059
Federal Funds and Grants	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$53,642,990
Other Funds	$1,098,619
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$1,098,619
State Funds	$142,904,450
Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$138,726,423	$193,468,032
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$542,498	$542,498
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased program capacity.	$3,635,529	$3,635,529
Amount appropriated in this Act	$142,904,450	$197,646,059

47.11. Rail

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

Total Funds	$13,797,053
Federal Funds and Grants	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$616,315
Other Funds	$88,239
Agency Funds	$88,239
State Funds	$13,092,499
State General Funds	$13,092,499

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$13,090,324	$13,794,878
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$2,791	$2,791
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($616)	($616)
Reduce funds to reflect FY 2024 collections of locomotive fuel sales tax pursuant to HB 588 (2021 Session).*(H:No)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$13,092,499	$13,797,053

47.12. Routine Maintenance

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

Total Funds	$593,906,811
Federal Funds and Grants	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$11,577,366
Other Funds	$19,500,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$19,500,000
State Funds	$562,829,445
Motor Fuel Funds	$562,829,445

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):		
	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$529,162,085	$560,239,451
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$754,986	$754,986
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue due to increased contracting and material costs.	$32,912,374	$32,912,374
Amount appropriated in this Act	$562,829,445	$593,906,811

47.13. Traffic Management and Control

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

Total Funds	$174,393,587
Federal Funds and Grants	$79,677,354
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$79,527,354
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$150,000
Other Funds	$25,534,484
Agency Funds	$18,611,304
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$6,923,180
State Funds	$69,181,749

Motor Fuel Funds	$69,181,749

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$61,151,302	$166,363,140
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	$118,158	$118,158
Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for safety and technology projects.	$7,912,289	$7,912,289
Amount appropriated in this Act	$69,181,749	$174,393,587

47.14. Transit

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development, and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

Total Funds	$118,036,184
Federal Funds and Grants	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$65,015,306
Other Funds	$702,000
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$702,000
State Funds	$52,318,878
Georgia Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,313,521

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$42,334,199	$108,051,505
Increase funds for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Hired Transport Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$5,592,384	$5,592,384
Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY 2024 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	$4,892,295	$4,892,295
Reduce one-time funds for Chatham area transit infrastructure.	($500,000)	($500,000)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$52,318,878	$118,036,184

The following appropriations are for agencies attached for administrative purposes.

47.15. Payments to Atlanta- Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

Total Funds	$9,210,331
State Funds	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Evaluate the function of planning, as transit ridership remains below pre-pandemic levels and transit SPLOST adoption in the region is minimal, and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025.*(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

47.16. Payments to State Road and Tollway Authority

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

Total Funds	$76,207,878
Federal Funds and Grants	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Administration Highway Planning & Construction (CFDA 20.205)	$48,353,800
State Funds	$27,854,078
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$27,853,928	$76,199,368
Increase funds to meet Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.	$150	$8,510
Amount appropriated in this Act	$27,854,078	$76,207,878

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

Total Funds	**$59,820,272**
Federal Funds and Grants	**$24,210,246**
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$24,210,246
Other Funds	**$3,465,491**
Agency Funds	$2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$574,863
State Funds	**$32,144,535**
State General Funds	$32,144,535

48.1. Departmental Administration (DVS)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

Total Funds	$3,241,773
State Funds	$3,241,773
State General Funds	$3,241,773

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($9,349)	($9,349)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$488	$488
Amount appropriated in this Act	$3,241,773	$3,241,773

48.2. Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

Total Funds	$1,378,933
Federal Funds and Grants	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified	$327,896
State Funds	$1,051,037

State General Funds $1,051,037

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,056,318	$1,384,214
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$0	$0
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($5,572)	($5,572)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$291	$291
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,051,037	$1,378,933

48.3. Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

Total Funds $44,708,314
Federal Funds and Grants $23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $23,128,424
Other Funds $3,465,491
Agency Funds $2,890,628
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified $574,863
State Funds $18,114,399
State General Funds $18,114,399

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$14,375,353	$40,969,268
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$63,638	$63,638
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($842)	($842)
Work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to identify ways the Milledgeville Sub-Acute Therapy Unit could be used to best serve Georgia veterans.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes; Recognize $2,000,000 provided in the Amended FY 2025 budget (HB 67, 2025 Session) for the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit.)*	$0	$0
Increase funds to address rising costs of healthcare.	$1,556,250	$1,556,250
Increase funds for 40 additional beds and submit a plan to reach maximum occupancy to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025.	$2,120,000	$2,120,000
Amount appropriated in this Act	$18,114,399	$44,708,314

48.4. Veterans Benefits

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

Total Funds $10,491,252
Federal Funds and Grants $753,926
Federal Funds Not Specifically Identified $753,926
State Funds $9,737,326

State General Funds $9,737,326

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$9,778,821	$10,532,747
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($43,824)	($43,824)
Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	$2,329	$2,329
Amount appropriated in this Act	$9,737,326	$10,491,252

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

Total Funds	**$22,104,612**
Other Funds	**$373,832**
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$373,832
State Funds	**$21,730,780**
State General Funds	$21,730,780

49.1. Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

Total Funds	$15,429,292
Other Funds	$308,353
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$308,353
State Funds	$15,120,939
State General Funds	$15,120,939

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$15,155,018	$15,463,371
Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.	$152	$152
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($34,231)	($34,231)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$15,120,939	$15,429,292

49.2. Board Administration (SBWC)

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

Total Funds	$6,675,320
Other Funds	$65,479
Other Funds - Not Specifically Identified	$65,479
State Funds	$6,609,841
State General Funds	$6,609,841

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$6,620,472	$6,685,951
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.	($8,041)	($8,041)

Reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.	($2,590)	($2,590)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$6,609,841	$6,675,320

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

Total Funds	**$545,153,478**
State Funds	**$545,153,478**
State General Funds	$545,153,478

50.1. Capital Projects Fund

Purpose: The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

Total Funds	$545,153,478
State Funds	$545,153,478
State General Funds	$545,153,478

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY 2025 budget (HB 916, 2024 Session).	($866,598,978)	($866,598,978)
Increase funds for capital projects statewide.	$75,000,000	$75,000,000
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Project - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Education, Department of: Capital Outlay Project - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Education, Department of: Purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Education, Department of: Purchase school buses, statewide.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment and associated demolition for renovation of the Billy C Black Building, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County.	$1,900,000	$1,900,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for Nursing and Health Science Addition, College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Glynn County.	$1,600,000	$1,600,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for the Eastman Campus Expansion, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County.	$1,700,000	$1,700,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment for Pafford Building Renovation, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.*(H:Recognize $8,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY 2025 budget (HB 67, 2025 Session) to complete project funding.)*	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of the renovation of the Lakeview Nursing and Dental Hygiene building, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County.	$9,700,000	$9,700,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction for the replacement of Natural Sciences Laboratory facilities, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County.	$16,100,000	$16,100,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construction of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	$23,000,000	$23,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construction, equipment, and associated demolition for the Space Science and Robotics Facility - Main Campus, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.	$12,200,000	$12,200,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construction, and equipment for the Skiles Critical Infrastructure Renewal and Upgrade, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization, Phase IV (Biological Sciences - North Wing), University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construction, and associated demolition for the Water Tank Replacement, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County.	$2,900,000	$2,900,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design and construction for the Building B - Roof Replacement, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.	$3,800,000	$3,800,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construction, and equipment for the HVAC and Envelope Renewal - Architecture East and West Buildings, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Design, construction, and equipment for the Research Support Building - Kennesaw Campus, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Cobb County.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Aviation Equipment for Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County.	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Equipment and R&D Infrastructure, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Georgia Military College: Old Capital Building Paver Repairs Phase IV, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$290,000	$290,000
Georgia Military College: Sibley Cone Library Boiler Replacement, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$100,000	$100,000
Georgia Military College: Cordell Event Center Roof Replacement, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.	$565,000	$565,000
Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: Fund replacement of Transmitters and Radio Frequency (RF) Systems (Phase I), statewide.	$955,000	$955,000
Technical College System of Georgia: System-wide equipment refresh, statewide.	$13,435,000	$13,435,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Construction for renovation and expansion of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex at Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$23,370,000	$23,370,000

Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for New Health Sciences Building at Coastal Pines Technical College, Jesup, Wayne County.	$2,880,000	$2,880,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for expansion of Hugh M. Gillis Medical Building, Vidalia, Toombs County.	$1,400,000	$1,400,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County.	$1,200,000	$1,200,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for trade-industry buildings renovation at Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, Bibb County.	$1,640,000	$1,640,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for industrial technologies renovation at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County.	$1,505,000	$1,505,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for Building A Renovation Phase II, Lagrange, Troup County.	$11,450,000	$11,450,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Equipment for BLDG B Advanced Technology Renovation at Lanier Technical College, Cumming, Forsyth County.	$930,000	$930,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for Building B Simulated Training Hospital renovation and expansion at Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Covington, Newton County.	$9,550,000	$9,550,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design and construction for Automotive Building Expansion at Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.	$8,640,000	$8,640,000
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of: Address Regional State Hospitals' significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey partially funded in House Bill 915 (2024 Session), statewide.	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Design, construction, and equipment to renovate the Georgia Hall kitchen and dining room and Roosevelt Hall auditorium and stage at Roosevelt Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Meriwether County.	$7,487,711	$7,487,711
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Eliminate safety hazards and replace outdated electrical infrastructure and a damaged underground water line at Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge, Decatur County.	$1,725,626	$1,725,626
Public Health, Department of: Improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories, statewide.	$1,165,000	$1,165,000
Community Supervision, Department of: Design and construct a new facility for the Columbus Day Reporting Center and Field Office, Columbus, Muscogee County.	$6,800,000	$6,800,000
Corrections, Department of: Design and construction of a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Corrections, Department of: Additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Defense, Department of: Site improvements and renovations for six readiness centers, statewide.	$12,000,000	$12,000,000
Defense, Department of: Major repairs, maintenance and sustainment, statewide.	$4,000,000	$4,000,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Medical Examiner Annex at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County.	$5,184,500	$5,184,500
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Design of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County.	$3,800,000	$3,800,000

Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Seven vehicles for new positions, statewide.	$508,146	$508,146
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Major repairs and renovations, statewide.	$2,765,000	$2,765,000
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of: Minor repairs and renovations, statewide.	$1,100,000	$1,100,000
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Additional construction funds for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Construction and additional design of a 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide.*(H:No; Recognize funding in bond package.)*	$0	$0
Juvenile Justice, Department of: Replace 30 vehicles, statewide.*(H:Yes; Redirect unutilized funds from land acquisition (HB 916, 2024 Session) to replace 30 vehicles, statewide.)*	$0	$0
Public Safety, Department of: Major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.	$1,405,000	$1,405,000
Public Safety, Department of: Provide funds for maintenance, renovations, and repairs at Waycross Post 22, Ware County.	$250,000	$250,000
Public Safety, Department of: Aviation major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide.	$600,000	$600,000
Public Safety, Department of: Fencing and security upgrades, statewide.	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Public Safety Training Center: Design and construction of a new Basic Law Enforcement Training building, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$15,921,103	$15,921,103
Public Safety Training Center: Elevator modernization of the main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$1,265,000	$1,265,000
Public Safety Training Center: Construction of an additional braking exercise to support the expanded basic program, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$783,200	$783,200
Public Safety Training Center: Construction of a new Department of Public Safety Training building and range, Forsyth, Monroe County.	$13,442,000	$13,442,000
Public Safety Training Center: Two vehicles for new positions.	$112,000	$112,000
Driver Services, Department of: Replace scanners and copiers, statewide.	$891,000	$891,000
Driver Services, Department of: Replace six vehicles and one semi-truck, statewide.	$500,000	$500,000
Driver Services, Department of: Renovate the Rincon Customer Service Center, Rincon, Effingham County.	$100,000	$100,000
Driver Services, Department of: Purchase 10 self-service kiosks, statewide.	$431,000	$431,000
Driver Services, Department of: Generator and HVAC replacement, statewide.	$542,000	$542,000
Labor, Department of: Maintenance, repairs, and renovations at facilities, statewide.	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
Law, Department of: Purchase 10 vehicles for the Prosecution Division, statewide.	$350,000	$350,000
Georgia Building Authority: Construction and equipment to complete the renovation of the Agriculture Building, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$44,477,954	$44,477,954
Agriculture, Department of: Renovations at Tifton Laboratory for recommissioning, Tifton, Tift County.	$1,033,250	$1,033,250
Agriculture, Department of: Replace equipment for Consumer Protection program, statewide.	$844,738	$844,738
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority: Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds match, statewide.	$24,900,000	$24,900,000
Forestry Commission, State: Facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.	$1,410,000	$1,410,000

Forestry Commission, State: Replace equipment and vehicles, statewide.	$1,785,000	$1,785,000
Forestry Commission, State: Completion of Liberty-Long Office, Ludowici, Long County.	$814,000	$814,000
Department of Natural Resources: Facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.	$12,780,000	$12,780,000
Department of Natural Resources: New construction of a consolidated Region 2 office, Gainesville, Hall County.	$13,600,000	$13,600,000
Department of Natural Resources: Replace EPD vehicles and lab equipment, statewide.	$1,120,000	$1,120,000
Veterans Service, Department of: Provide state matching funds to replace air handling units and roofing, repair flooring and drives, and install cameras at the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home and Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.*(H:Provide state matching funds to complete elevator upgrades in Augusta and Milledgeville, and replace air handling units and roofing, repair flooring and drives, and install cameras at the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home and Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.)*	$2,071,607	$2,071,607
Veterans Service, Department of: Utilize state matching funds ($3,155,000) appropriated in House Bill 916 (2024 Session) for elevator upgrades and Milledgeville campus improvements to replace three of six elevators and apply for federal match to complete both projects, Augusta and Milledgeville, Richmond and Baldwin Counties.*(G:Yes)(H:Yes)*	$0	$0
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Construct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Dawson County.	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Regents, University System of Georgia Board of: Renovate the Education Center, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Construct the Colonel Ralph Puckett VECTR Workforce Development Center at Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County.	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Technical College System of Georgia: Design for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Building at Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Columbia County.	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
Public Libraries: Major Repairs and Renovations, statewide.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Public Libraries: Technology Grants to Public Libraries, statewide.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Public Libraries: Addition of the Shurling Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library System, Macon, Bibb County.	$900,000	$900,000
Public Libraries: Addition of the South Cobb Regional Library, Cobb County Library System, Mableton, Cobb County.	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Public Libraries: Renovation of the Doraville Library, Dekalb County Library System, Doraville, Dekalb County.	$400,000	$400,000
Public Libraries: Addition of the Dalton-Whitfield County Library, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, Dalton, Whitfield County.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Public Libraries: Construction of the East Side Branch, Athens Regional Library System, Athens, Athens-Clarke County.	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Agriculture, Department of: Design and construction for new Regulatory Lab Building, Forest Park, Clayton County.	$20,000,000	$20,000,000
Georgia Building Authority: Fund Capitol Hill renovation, Atlanta, Fulton County.	$17,078,643	$17,078,643
Amount appropriated in this Act	$545,153,478	$545,153,478

Section 51: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

Total Funds	**$1,123,331,179**
Federal Recovery Funds	**$13,394,235**
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,394,235
State Funds	**$1,109,936,944**
Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756
State General Funds	$1,008,372,188

51.1. GO Bonds Issued

Total Funds	$1,091,111,389
Federal Recovery Funds	$13,394,235
Federal Recovery Funds Not Specifically Identified	$13,394,235
State Funds	$1,077,717,154
Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756
State General Funds	$976,152,398

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$1,190,969,811	$1,204,364,046
Reduce funds for debt service to reflect the savings from retirement of state general obligation debt.	($119,717,575)	($119,717,575)
Increase funds for debt service.	$8,546,062	$8,546,062
Recognize prepayment of debt service in the Amended FY 2025 budget (HB 67, 2025 Session).	($2,081,144)	($2,081,144)
Amount appropriated in this Act	$1,077,717,154	$1,091,111,389

51.2. GO Bonds New

Total Funds	$32,219,790
State Funds	$32,219,790
State General Funds	$32,219,790

The above amounts include the following adjustments, additions, and deletions to the previous appropriations act (as amended):

	State Funds	Total Funds
Amount from previous Appropriations Act (HB 916) as amended	$0	$0
Increase funds for debt service.	$32,219,790	$32,219,790
Amount appropriated in this Act	$32,219,790	$32,219,790

Bond Financing Appropriated:

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, $13,238,186 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $145,795,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 2] From State General Funds, $1,352,920 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $14,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 3] From State General Funds, $1,597,626 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $17,595,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 4] From State General Funds, $1,975,792 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent

school systems, through the issuance of not more than $8,260,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 5] From State General Funds, $2,784,000 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $20,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond # 6] From State General Funds, $278,400 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than $2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond # 7] From State General Funds, $562,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $6,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 8] From State General Funds, $1,407,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $15,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 9] From State General Funds, $317,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $3,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 10] From State General Funds, $7,508,706 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $82,695,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 11] From State General Funds, $1,196,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than $5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment of four percent for correctional officers, education staff, chaplains, food service staff, and facility maintenance staff of the Georgia Department of Corrections. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

2.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment of eight percent for behavioral health counselors at the Georgia Department of Corrections. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

3.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in the Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Law. The amount for these items is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

4.) Effective July 1, 2025, the salary for each justice of the Supreme Court shall be $210,000 and shall increase to $230,000 effective January 1, 2026.

5.) Effective July 1, 2025, the salary for each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be $207,900 and shall increase to $227,700 effective January 1, 2026.

6.) Effective July 1, 2025, the salary for the judge of the State-wide Business Court shall be $199,500 and shall increase to $218,500 effective January 1, 2026.

7.) Effective January 1, 2026, the salary for each superior court judge shall be 201,060.

Section 54: Refunds

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation

The appropriations of State Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated for each line at the most specific level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, including text and change items within a box.

The appropriations of Federal Funds and of Other Funds in this Act shall consist of the amount stated at the broadest or summary level of detail associated with the statement of Program Name and Program Purpose, and the more specific levels of detail shall be for information only. In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds and Federal Funds, including in Other Funds without limitation all Intra-State Government Transfers. Regardless of placement on the page, both the broadest or summary level of detail and the more specific detail of appropriations of Intra-State Government Transfers

shall be deemed more specific levels of detail of Other Funds, and the broadest or summary amount shall be deemed added to the broadest or summary amount of the appropriation of Other Funds for the program.

Within this Act, Program Names appear as underlined captions, and Program Purpose appears immediately below as italicized text. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Section 57: Flex

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

PART II

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART III

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker resolved the House into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Committee substitute to HB 68, designating Representative Efstration of the 104th as Chairman thereof.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The Committee of the Whole arose and through its Chairman reported HB 68 back to the House with the recommendation that the same Do Pass, by the Appropriations Committee substitute.

The Committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	E Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran

Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Wade of the 9th and Kendrick of the 95th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 568. By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Roberts of the 52nd, Tran of the 80th, Hagan of the 156th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival for 25 years of artistic and cultural excellence; and for other purposes.

HR 569. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th, Park of the 107th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dorothy Sanders Shaw; and for other purposes.

HR 570. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Holcomb of the 101st, Roberts of the 52nd, Hugley of the 141st and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ms. Catherine Ann Smith; and for other purposes

HR 571. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Elizabeth Cail Newsome Hammons; and for other purposes.

HR 572. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Flournoy of the 74th, Griffin of the 149th, Reese of the 140th and Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 160th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 573. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Flournoy of the 74th, Griffin of the 149th, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Tina Thames for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

HR 574. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, Griffin of the 149th, Reese of the 140th and Flournoy of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION commending Khoriandre Watkins-Ware, Southwest Magnet High School and Law Academy School's 2024-2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 575. By Representative Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Moving in the Spirit; and for other purposes.

HR 576. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Buckner of the 137th, Bennett of the 94th, Taylor of the 92nd and Alexander of the 66th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Janice Arnwine Bryant for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

HR 577. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Pierce County girls golf team for winning the GHSA Girls Golf AA State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 578. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Petrea of the 166th, McDonald III of the 26th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Sport Fish Restoration Program as part of the American System of Conservation Funding upon its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 579. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Lilla Lee Purser; and for other purposes.

HR 580. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Frye of the 122nd, Draper of the 90th and Roberts of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Margaret "Marjy" Stagmeier; and for other purposes.

HR 581. By Representatives Byrd of the 20th and Ridley of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 14, 2025, as Cherokee County 911 Foundation Day; and for other purposes.

HR 582. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Panitch of the 51st, Lupton of the 83rd, Holland of the 54th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Maritza Morelli for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 583. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Beckles of the 96th, Clark of the 108th, McClain of the 109th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Karen Ramsey; and for other purposes.

HR 584. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Beckles of the 96th, Clark of the 108th, McClain of the 109th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 85 Community Development Corporation and Executive Director Frank Lee; and for other purposes.

HR 585. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Beckles of the 96th, Reeves of the 99th, Clark of the 108th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Boy With a Ball; and for other purposes.

HR 586. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Hilton of the 48th, Dempsey of the 13th, Beckles of the 96th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Jeffery D. Cooper and Cooper Pediatrics; and for other purposes.

HR 587. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st, Smith of the 18th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Carrollton High School debate team for winning the 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and, most recently, 2025 GFCA State Debate Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 588. By Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Valerie A. Thompson on the occasion of her 20th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 589. By Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing, commending, and congratulating Dr. Michelle Au; and for other purposes.

Representative Thomas of the 21st moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil and recommitted to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation:

SB 9. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment,

so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the following Bill of the House be immediately transmitted to the Senate:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 429 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 449	Do Pass
SB 84	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 291	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, March 13, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, A.M., Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Thirty-First Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

18 Capitol Square, SW
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Suite 408-B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 12, 2025

Clerk's Office
C/O Scotty Long
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Good morning, Clerk Reilly:

Please accept this letter as my official request to change my vote for HB 627. I accidentally voted no to this bill and would like to change my vote to Yes. Thank you!

Sincerely,

/s/ Rob Clifton
Honorable Rob Clifton
House District 131
Georgia General Assembly

By unanimous consent, the call of the roll was dispensed with.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Derrick Lemons, Director, Center for Theologically Engaged Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 755. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 47th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Cherokee County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 756. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham Area Transit Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5082), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p.

5296), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 757. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Jasperse of the 11th, Kendrick of the 95th, Ridley of the 6th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kratom, so as to provide for registration of kratom products and sworn certification of compliance; to provide for applicability; to provide for publication of registration information; to revise penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 758. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Spalding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a graduated amount on the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older and based upon their income, excluding certain retirement income; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 759. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a board of elections for Spalding County, approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4432), as amended, so as to update provisions related to the terms of board members; to revise provisions related to holding meetings of the board; to rename the elections supervisor as the elections director; to revise duties of the elections director; to authorize the board to hire its own legal counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 760. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Glynn County, approved February 11, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1336), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3914), so as to change the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for withholding of compensation for certain meeting absences; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 761. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Lim of the 98th and McClain of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of Lilburn ad valorem taxes for city purposes, including but not limited to taxes to retire bonded indebtedness in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of the City of Lilburn and in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain other residents of the City of Lilburn who are 65 years of age or over or who are disabled, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4469), so as to provide an additional homestead exemption in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the prior year assessed value of such homestead by more than 8 percent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 762. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of the Savannah Music Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership, terms of office, and vacancies; to confer powers and impose duties on the commission; to provide for bylaws; to provide for a quorum; to provide for audits; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 763. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Airport Authority, a new airport authority in and for the County of Bryan and the City of Richmond Hill; to provide that no liability or debt against the aforementioned city or county shall be incurred in the exercise of any powers granted by this Act; to make the bonds, securities, or obligations of the authority exempt from taxation; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities, or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities, or other obligations be validated as authorized by the "Revenue Bond Law"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 764. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Nelson, approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5615), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5181), so as to provide for appointments to vacancies in the office of the mayor or city council member; to provide for special elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 765. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Roberts of the 52nd, Cummings of the 39th, Panitch of the 51st, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for information on medical assistance; to provide for interest, fees, and payment plans; to provide for billing and collection rules; to provide for liability for medical debt; to provide for consumer reporting agencies; to prohibit collection of medical debt during health insurance appeals; to provide for accessibility; to provide for remedies; to provide for agreements; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 766. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Sumter-Americus County Unification Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership of said commission; to provide for the certification of the election results; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 567. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Ford of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Zera D. Storey and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 742	HB 743
HB 744	HB 745
HB 746	HB 747
HB 748	HB 749
HB 750	HB 751
HB 752	HB 753
HB 754	HR 557
HR 558	HR 559
HR 560	HR 561
HR 562	HR 563
HR 564	HR 565
HR 566	SB 281
SB 316	SB 317

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 144 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th District, Chairman of the Committee on Industry and Labor, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Industry and Labor has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 55 Do Pass
SB 191 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Werkheiser of the 157th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 109 Do Pass
SB 121 Do Pass
SB 276 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 699	Do Pass	HB 701	Do Pass
HB 714	Do Pass	HB 719	Do Pass
HB 720	Do Pass	HB 722	Do Pass
HB 724	Do Pass	SB 238	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 88	Do Pass
SB 145	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 98	Do Pass
SB 110	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ballinger of the 23rd
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 162 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Scoggins of the 14th District, Chairman of the Committee on Special Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Special Rules has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 347 Do Pass
HR 463 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Scoggins of the 14th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 141 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 31st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 81 Motor Vehicle Franchise Practices; protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales; provide (RegI-Powell-33rd) Brass-6th

SB 138 Incorporation of Municipal Corporations; transition of certain services related to newly incorporated municipalities in certain counties; provide (IGC-Efstration-104th) Dixon-45th

SB 139 City of Mulberry; change the corporate limits of the city (IGC-Efstration-104th) Dixon-45th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 287. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, LaHood of the 175th, McDonald III of the 26th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, so as to update the reference date to standards, rules, and regulations; to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to update the reference date to rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, so as to update the reference date to rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following resolutions of the House:

HR 97. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bryan County, Colquitt County, Fulton County, Glynn County, Habersham County, Hall County, and Henry County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Cherokee County, Effingham County, Hall County, Miller County, Sumter County, and Tattnall County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property located in Clarke County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 98. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Barrow, Bryan, Chatham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Haralson, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to HR 372, the House recognized and commended Minister Dara Calleary on his outstanding public service.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Cannon of the 172nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Hilton of the 48th et al., and Lim of the 98th et al.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Taylor of the 92nd et al., Kendrick of the 95th et al., Jasperse of the 11th et al., Dawson of the 65th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., Bennett of the 94th et al., and Panitch of the 51st et al.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Greene of the 154th, Burchett of the 176th et al., Herring of the 145th et al., Richardson of the 125th, Hugley of the 141st et al., and Glaize of the 67th et al.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 699. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Dawson County, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4680), as amended, to provide for staggered terms of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 701. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Terrell County; to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee when the judge of such court is serving as the judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 714. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Rincon, approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5627), so as to revise provisions relating to the designation of electors; to revise the appointment and election of board members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 719. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of education of Worth County, approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3710), so as to revise the compensation of such chairperson and board members; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 720. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Lee County, approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5130), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the members of such board of education; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 722. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10,

1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3851), so as to provide for a chief judge; to provide for an associate judge; to provide for the initial appointment of such associate judge by the Governor; to provide for the elections and terms of office of the judges of the court; to provide for compensation of the associate judge; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 724. By Representative Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 238. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Rockdale County, approved March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, so as to increase the board of commissioners to five members; to revise the office of chairperson; to provide for initial terms of office; to provide for a county manager; to revise provisions related to the powers and duties of the board of commissioners, chairperson, and county manager; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
E Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Hong of the 103rd et al.

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 51 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 81. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as provide for protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales or lease transactions by affiliates of franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors; to amend Code Section 40-2-39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration and licensing of new motor vehicle dealers, temporary site permits, administrative fines, and penalty, so as to provide for activities which qualify as activity as a new motor vehicle dealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Franklin of the 160th was excused from voting on SB 81.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 139. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	N Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 96, nays 74.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 138. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Setzler of the 37th and Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide for the transition of certain services related to newly incorporated municipalities in certain counties; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and taxes related to insurance, so as to revise provisions related to population data related to newly incorporated municipalities and municipal taxes on life insurance and other insurance companies; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	E Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	E Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 96, nays 69.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 594. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of David Lamar Beecher, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 595. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION commending all veterans and their families in this state; and for other purposes.

HR 596. By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Willis of the 55th, Olaleye of the 59th, Holland of the 54th, Cannon of the 58th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Techbridge Inc. on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and recognizing March 17, 2025, as Techbridge Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 597. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 60th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Irene Barton for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leader Award; and for other purposes.

HR 598. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Dawson of the 65th, Bonner of the 73rd and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kristen Timoteo, the Georgia Public Library Service's 2024 Library Employee of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 599. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Jose A. Marquez-Leon; and for other purposes.

HR 600. By Representative Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the Georgia Latino Film Alliance and the Georgia International Film Festival; and for other purposes.

HR 601. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Mathiak of the 82nd and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for increased awareness of stomach cancer; and for other purposes.

HR 602. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Park of the 107th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION Commending Hyong Kun "Sam" Yi (hereinafter "Sam Yi") for his trailblazing and extraordinary contributions to Georgia's jazz community; and for other purposes.

HR 603. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, McCollum of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Colt's Manufacturing Company for its commitment to safe and responsible firearms ownership; and for other purposes.

HR 604. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th and Beckles of the 96th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mayor Allison Wilkerson; and for other purposes.

HR 605. By Representatives Hugley of the 141st and Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kornisha McGill Brown for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 606. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 27, 2025, as City of Thomasville Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 607. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating St. Joseph's Hospital of Savannah, Georgia, upon its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 608. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Cannon of the 58th and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Metro Atlanta Coalition for Healthy Neighborhoods, Wholesome Wave Georgia, and Retaaza; and for other purposes.

HR 609. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, McQueen of the 61st, Cannon of the 58th, Alexander of the 66th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 20, 2025, as Out The Trap Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 610. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Gaines of the 120th, Ridley of the 6th, Hagan of the 156th, Anderson of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Delane Roberts on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 31st Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 144 Fertilizers or Pesticides; a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; clarify (A&CA-O'Steen-169th) Watson-11th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 144. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability for use of fertilizers, plant growth regulators, or pesticides, so as to clarify that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with respect to pesticides; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
E Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
E Barnes	DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	E Prince	Y Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 101, nays 58.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 401
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 13th, 2025

I would like to change my vote on SB 144 to a no.

Sincerely,

/s/ Derrick McCollum
Representative Derrick McCollum

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Mathis of the 133rd, Wade of the 9th, Au of the 50th, Bell of the 75th, Leverett of the 123rd et al., Carter of the 93rd et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., Herring of the 145th, Smith of the 70th et al., Hilton of the 48th, and Reese of the 140th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Thirty-Second Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Crawford	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jor
Adeyina	Crowe	Heffner	Martinez	Roberts
Anderson	Cummings	E Henderson	Mathiak	Romman
Baker	Davis	Herring	Mathis	Sainz
Ballard	Dawson	Hilton	McClain	Sampson
Ballinger	DeLoach	Hitchens	McCollum	Sanchez
Barnes	Dempsey	Holland	McDonald	Schofield
Barton	Dickey	Holly	McQueen	Scoggins
Bazemore	Donatucci	Hong	Meeks	Scott
Beckles	Douglas	Horner	Miller	Seabaugh
Bell	Draper	Howard, J	Momtahan	Silcox
Berry	Drenner	Howard, K	Moore	Smith, L
Blackmon	Dubnik	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, M
Bonner	Dunahoo	Hugley	New	Smith, TP
Buckner	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Smith, V
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Stephens
Burnough	Evans	Jackson, E	Oliver	Stinson
Byrd	Fleming	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Tarvin
Cameron	Flournoy	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, D
Camp	Ford	Jones, A	Paris	Thomas
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Campbell, L	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Wade
Cannon, C	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Wiedower
Chastain	E Glaize	Kendrick	Powell	Wilkerson
Cheokas	Greene	LaHood	Reese	Williams, MF
Clark, D	Griffin	Leverett	Reeves	Williams, N
Clark, J	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Williamson
Clifton	Gunter	Lim	Rice	Willis
Corbett	Hagan	Lumsden	Richardson	Yearta
Cox	Hatchett	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Au of the 50th, Bennett of the 94th, Carter of the 93rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Jenkins of the 136th, Mitchell of the 88th, Myles of the 126th, Prince of the 132nd, Sharper of the 177th, Taylor of the 92nd, Tran of the 80th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 168th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Paul Gotthardt, Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 767. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Hilton of the 48th, Beckles of the 96th, Donatucci of the 105th, Martinez of the 111th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Gwinnett County, approved April 7, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 4058), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3818), so as to revise provisions regarding the compensation of members of the board of education; to provide for the suspension of such provisions in the event of such board approving a buyout of the superintendent's contract; to prohibit the infringement of communications

made by members of the such board; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 768. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue and re-create the State Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3331), as amended, so as to provide a supplement for the chief judge of said court; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 769. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3722), so as to change provisions relating to the salary supplements for the judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 770. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, so as to provide an additional supplement for the chief judge of said circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 771. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3552), so as to extend the homestead exemption to surviving spouses without regard to the five-year residency requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 772. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Beckles of the 96th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to increase the homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Norcross who own and occupy their residences; to increase the homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Norcross who are 62 years of age or older and who own and occupy their residences, approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3941), so as to raise the exemption amounts; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 773. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to permit certain persons who would otherwise be required to be members of the Public School Employees Retirement System to make an irrevocable election to become members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; to provide for conditions; to prohibit transfers of creditable service; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 774. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Drenner of the 85th, Mitchell of the 88th, Barnes of the 86th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of DeKalb County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 775. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $15,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over without regard to their income, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4289), so as to increase said homestead exemption to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 776. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Glaize of the 67th, Martin of the 49th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 50 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 777. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Glaize of the 67th, Martin of the 49th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 25 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 590. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Parsons of the 44th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 37th and Anderson of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Telecommunications Services and Programs for the Hearing and Visually Impaired; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 591. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Miller of the 62nd, Hugley of the 141st and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 14, 2025, as Black Midwives Day; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 592. By Representative Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Noncompete Clauses in Physician Contracts; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 593. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Taylor of the 173rd, Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th and Williams of the 168th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Maternal, Prenatal, and Pediatric Care Access and Funding; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were read the second time:

HB 755
HB 756
HB 757
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HB 759
HB 760
HB 761
HB 762
HB 763
HB 764
HB 765
HB 766
HR 567

Representative Yearta of the 152nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Code Revision, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Code Revision has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 96 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 153 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Yearta of the 152nd
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 85 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 149 Do Pass
SB 193 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 151	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 252	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 260	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 637	Do Pass	HB 732	Do Pass
HB 734	Do Pass	HB 735	Do Pass
HB 737	Do Pass	HB 738	Do Pass
HB 739	Do Pass	HB 741	Do Pass
HB 743	Do Pass	HB 744	Do Pass
HB 745	Do Pass	HB 746	Do Pass
SB 302	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 558	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 293	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 32nd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 6	Controlled Substances; determine whether a controlled substance has been adulterated; authorize the use of testing equipment (Hth-Cooper-45th) Kirkpatrick-32nd
SB 35	Property Insurance Policies; notice required to be given a policyholder before the nonrenewal of his or her homeowners' insurance policy; increase the number of days (Ins-Gambill-15th) Walker III-20th
SB 55	"Dignity and Pay Act"; enact (I&L-Cooper-45th) Hickman-4th
SB 88	Douglas Judicial Circuit; a fourth judge of the superior courts; provide (Judy-New-40th) Bearden-30th
SB 109	Life Insurance; a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; prohibit (Ins-Lumsden-12th) Harbison-15th

SB 145 Augusta Judicial Circuit; a sixth judge of the superior courts; provide (Judy-Newton-127th) Burns-23rd

SB 276 Recovery of Medical Assistance from Third Party; certain provisions to comply with federal law; revise (Ins-Gambill-15th) Echols-49th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bills of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 743. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Williamson of the 112th and Martinez of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Social Circle ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 744. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Walnut Grove ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 745. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Williamson of the 112th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Loganville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 746. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Monroe ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 637. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Cooper of the 45th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Cobb County, Georgia, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4492), as amended, so as to revise a requirement for public hearings before the commission is authorized to spend over $100,000.00 to employ an independent consultant or conduct an independent study; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 732. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Glynn County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 734. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Vidalia, Georgia to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 735. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Lyons, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 737. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Haralson County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 738. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Butts County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 739. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd, Efstration of the 104th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville, approved May 4, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3904), as amended, so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 741. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the

procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 302. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Peach County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of 10 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 30. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 67 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 81. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Townsend of the 179th, Persinger of the 119th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education compacts, so as to enter into the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the provisions of the compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 167. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dubnik of the 29th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, so as to authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 534. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fairburn to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 536. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Fairburn; to provide for a short title and definitions; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for trust funds; to provide for charges; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for area of operation; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 594. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Baker County, approved August 8, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 306), as amended, so as to provide that the board shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month and on such other days as it may determine; to provide for a meeting location to be set by local ordinance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 595. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Early County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for five years for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4267), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4464), so as to remove the sunset date currently on the exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 596. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Colquitt County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology needs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 603. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Banks County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives McDonald III of the 26th et al., Lim of the 98th, Clark of the 108th et al., Jackson of the 128th et al., Chastain of the 7th et al., Jenkins of the 136th, Efstration of the 104th, Neal of the 79th et al., and Moore of the 91st.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 55. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Halpern of the 39th, Esteves of the 35th, Still of the 48th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to phase out the

payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities; to repeal provisions concerning exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities; to provide that no employer shall utilize a certificate issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage; to provide exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 88. By Senators Bearden of the 30th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fourth judge of the superior courts of the Douglas Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 145. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Augusta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 6. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Robertson of the 29th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-3-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other laws unaffected by the "Georgia Drug and Cosmetic Act," so as to authorize the use of testing equipment to determine whether a controlled substance has been adulterated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook

Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 276. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a healthcare item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to an inquiry from the Department of Community Health regarding a healthcare claim within 60 days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration Ehrhart	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Evans	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Fleming	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Ford	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Franklin	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Frye	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Gaines	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gambill	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gilliard	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Glaize	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Greene	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Griffin	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Gullett	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gunter	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Hagan	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton		Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 109. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Walker III of the 20th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox

Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 35. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of certain property insurance policies, so as to increase the number of days of notice required to be given a policyholder before the nonrenewal of his or her homeowners' insurance policy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	E Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Tran of the 80th et al., Momtahan of the 17th et al., Kendrick of the 95th, Bonner of the 73rd, Dickey of the 134th et al., and Sharper of the 177th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 612. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Kenneth K. Mickens; and for other purposes.

HR 613. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Audrey Lee Clinton Fisher; and for other purposes.

HR 614. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lecester "Bill" Allen; and for other purposes.

HR 615. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Flournoy of the 74th, Paris of the 142nd and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Pastor Wallace B. Herring Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 616. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, Park of the 107th and Clark of the 108th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Francis Malan Yao; and for other purposes.

HR 617. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 60th, Burnough of the 77th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the International WeLoveU Foundation; and for other purposes.

HR 618. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Carter of the 93rd, Burnough of the 77th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Keysha J. Porter for receiving the 2025 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

HR 619. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Hugley of the 141st, Bazemore of the 69th, Carter of the 93rd, Alexander of the 66th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2025 as Minority Health Month to encourage cholesterol screening; and for other purposes.

HR 620. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Schofield of the 63rd, Lupton of the 83rd, Greene of the 154th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlantic Institute; and for other purposes.

HR 621. By Representatives Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th, Prince of the 132nd and Myles of the 126th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Rosa T. Beard Debutante Club on its 60th Cotillion; and for other purposes.

HR 622. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cox of the 28th, McClain of the 109th, Romman of the 97th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Coach Keith Maloof upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 623. By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Gaines of the 120th and Wiedower of the 121st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tony Lay; and for other purposes.

HR 624. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Flournoy of the 74th, Paris of the 142nd and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend John H. Herring; and for other purposes.

HR 625. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Hardaway Hawks varsity girls basketball team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 2A Girls Varsity Basketball State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 626. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Sherryl Harris King on the occasion of her 20th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 627. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Paris of the 142nd, Griffin of the 149th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sarah Mallett for being named Bibb County's Teacher of the Year for 2024 and recognizing her exceptional contributions to education and the community; and for other purposes.

HR 628. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Taylor of the 173rd:

A RESOLUTION commending PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 629. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Dickey of the 134th, Crowe of the 118th, Griffin of the 149th and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION commending D.J. Hurm for being named Monroe County's Teacher of the Year for 2024 and recognizing his exceptional contributions to education and the community; and for other purposes.

HR 630. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Franklin Bailey; and for other purposes.

HR 631. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st, Bell of the 75th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending Adrienne Gates and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 632. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Neal of the 79th, McQueen of the 61st and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Cocoa Brown and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 633. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th and Wade of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Fannin County Lady Rebels basketball team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class A Division I State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 634. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Neal of the 79th, McQueen of the 61st and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Janice Colbert and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 635. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Neal of the 79th, McQueen of the 61st and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sabrina Walters and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 636. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carol Renee Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 637. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Daniel Kiptoo Bargoria on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 638. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Hanan Abdul-Wahab on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 639. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Neal of the 79th, McQueen of the 61st and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Rebecca Gordon and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 640. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st, Burnough of the 77th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending MiAsia Symone and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 641. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Cheray Duran and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 642. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd, Neal of the 79th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending DJ Aone on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 643. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th and McQueen of the 61st:

A RESOLUTION commending Amy Luciani and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 644. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Monesha Clark and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 645. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, Neal of the 79th, McQueen of the 61st and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dora Din Whittley and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 646. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st, Burnough of the 77th, Miller of the 62nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Jamelle E. McKenzie and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 647. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Latoya Shambo and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 648. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the School Social Workers Association of Georgia for its expertise and commitment to the well-being of students and their families; and for other purposes.

HR 649. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Tandy Mackey and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 650. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION commending Tiff Nicole and recognizing March 20, 2025, as TrailBlazing Women in Georgia Day; and for other purposes.

HR 651. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lola Olukuewu; and for other purposes.

HR 652. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Oliver of the 84th, Jasperse of the 11th and Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Community Service Boards and recognizing February 16, 2025 as Community Service Boards' Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M. Thursday, March 20, 2025.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned, pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, until 10:00 o'clock, A.M. Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 17	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 44	Do Pass
SB 154	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 13	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 100	Do Pass
SB 298	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 40	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 125	Do Pass
SB 131	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Parrish of the 158th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 68	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The House adjourned at 5:00 o'clock, P.M.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Thirty-Third Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cox	E Henderson	Martinez	Richardson
Alexander	Crawford	Herring	Mathiak	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Crowe	Hilton	Mathis	Ridley, Jor
Au	Cummings	Hitchens	McClain	Roberts
Baker	Davis	Holcomb	McCollum	Sainz
Ballard	Dempsey	Holland	McDonald	Sampson
Ballinger	Dickey	Holly	McQueen	Schofield
Barnes	Donatucci	Hong	Meeks	Scoggins
Barrett	Douglas	Howard, J	Miller	Scott
Barton	Draper	Howard, K	Mitchell	Sharper
Bazemore	Drenner	Huddleston	Momtahan	Silcox
Beckles	Dubnik	Hugley	Moore	Smith, L
Bennett	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Myles	Smith, TP
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Bonner	Erwin	Jackson, E	New	Stephens
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, M	Newton	Stinson
Burchett	Fleming	Jasperse	Okoye	Tarvin
Burnough	Flournoy	Jenkins	Olaleye	Taylor, D
E Byrd	Ford	Jones, A	O'Steen	Taylor, R
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, S	Panitch	Townsend
Camp	Frye	Jones, T	Paris	Tran
Campbell, J	Gaines	Kahaian	Park	Wade
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kelley	Parrish	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kendrick	Parsons	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Glaize	LaHood	Persinger	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Greene	Leverett	Powell	Williams, A
Chastain	Griffin	Lewis-Ward	Prince	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Lim	Reese	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Lumsden	Reeves	Willis
Clifton	Hagan	Lupton	Rhodes	Yearta
Corbett	Hawkins	Martin	Rice	Burns, Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Bell of the 75th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, Dawson of the 65th, DeLoach of the 167th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Heffner of the 130th, Oliver of the 84th, Petrea of the 166th, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Thomas of the 21st, Washburn of the 144th, Wiedower of the 121st, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Brandon Newell, Glennville First Baptist Church, Glennville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 778. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Upson County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 779. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Bell of the 75th, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant in general, so as to require landlords and managers of apartment buildings or complexes to provide local police and fire departments certain information; to provide for a penalty; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 780. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Greensboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 781. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 782. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chatham County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead

exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 783. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Clifton of the 131st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Columbia County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 784. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Clifton of the 131st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Columbia County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 785. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 786. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Dodge County Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide that such authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the adoption of resolutions and the execution of trust indentures to secure the payment of such bonds and to define the rights of the holders of such bonds; to provide for a sinking fund; to provide that the property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon authority dissolution; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 787. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or older and have been residents of that city for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 788. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Macon County and to provide for its powers and duties, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4532), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3946), so as to rename the position of chief election official as the chief election supervisor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 789. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new charter for the City of Oglethorpe, approved March 11, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2630), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to certain hearings of the governing authority; to revise provisions related to the powers of the mayor pro tem; to revise provisions related to filling vacancies on the mayor and council; to update provisions related to the municipal court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 790. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Macon County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 791. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes in the amount of $4,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of the county who are 62 years of age or over, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4289), so as to increase the exemption amount to $20,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies

regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 792. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gambill of the 15th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, so as to increase the amount of magistrate court claims from $15,000.00 to $30,000.00; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 793. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Sainz of the 180th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Brunswick ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a designated percentage off such assessed value based upon length of ownership of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 794. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Neal of the 79th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4178), so as to revise and update provisions relating to the code of ethics and the board of ethics; to provide for administrative and support services; to provide for budgetary independence of such board; to provide for returns to grand jury; to provide for examination and approval and failure of such returns; to provide for employment of ethics officer and ethics administrator; to provide

for hearings; to provide for petitions; to provide for referral of potential criminal activity to law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 795. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Hugley of the 141st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Miller of the 62nd and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health generally, so as to establish an Infant Wellness Resource hotline service; to provide for the development and dissemination of materials promoting such hotline service; to provide for the development and implementation of training for staff of such hotline service; to provide for the Department of Administrative Services to select healthcare professionals to deliver healthcare services via telehealth through such hotline service; to provide certain persons participating in the activities of such hotline service with immunity from civil and criminal liability; to authorize rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 796. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise QBE program weights based on recommendations of the 2015 Education Reform Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 797. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Chatham-Savannah; to provide for a short title and definitions; to provide for findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office; to provide for meetings; to provide for a quorum; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal

construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 798. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Spalding County, formerly known as the City Court of Griffin, approved December 14, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 462), as amended, so as to modernize, update, and readopt provisions governing such court and its judges, clerk, solicitor-general, and other personnel; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 611. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Crawford of the 89th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 767
HB 768
HB 769
HB 770
HB 771
HB 772
HB 773
HB 774
HB 775
HB 776
HB 777
HR 590
HR 591
HR 592
HR 593

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 105 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 112 Do Pass
SB 201 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Williams of the 148th District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Banks and Banking has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 119 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 148th
Chairman

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 28 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 46 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Tarvin of the 2nd
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 12	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 199	Do Pass
SB 284	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 72	Do Pass	SB 130	Do Pass
SB 140	Do Pass	SB 195	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Martin of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 20	Do Pass
SB 180	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Martin of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 259 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ballinger of the 23rd
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 42 Do Pass
SB 207 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 233 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 56 Do Pass
SB 99 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 147 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 213 Do Pass
SB 220 Do Pass
SB 241 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 9 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 317 Do Pass
HR 192 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 33rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 153 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code (Substitute)(CR-Yearta-152nd) Hatchett-50th

SB 252 Real and Personal Property; conveyance of municipal property interests to independent school systems; provide (Substitute)(IGC-Holland-54th) Halpern-39th

Structured Rule

SB 68 Civil Practice; substantive and comprehensive revision of provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions; provide (Substitute)(Rules-Burchett-176th) Kennedy-18th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 223. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene; to provide for refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 89. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th and Hong of the 103rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the department of public health, so as to require healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric or other clinical records; to amend Code Section 37-3-166 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to treatment of clinical records, when release permitted, scope of privileged communications, liability for disclosure, and notice to sheriff of discharge, so as to permit the release of clinical records of a deceased patient to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; to amend Code Section 45-16-24 of the O.C.G.A., relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, court ordered medical examiner's inquiry, and written report of inquiry, so as to remove the requirement that a medical examiner's inquiry for pregnant female deaths be done through a regional perinatal center; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 90. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 381. By Representatives Greene of the 154th and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Transportation Authority, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5019), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5725), so as to add Clay, Marion, and Webster counties to the authority; to revise provisions for the appointment of members; to add references to said additional counties to provisions related to credit not pledged, tort immunity, and effects on other governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 608. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Muscogee County School District, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1086), as amended, so as to revise how vacancies on said board are filled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 619. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Donalsonville, approved April 29, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4524), as amended, so as to revise the election schedule for the mayor so as to better stagger elections of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for an interim term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 622. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Hoboken, Georgia, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3060), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 640. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Au of the 50th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Alpharetta, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4609), as amended, so as to provide for election to city offices by majority vote; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 32. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Hagan of the 156th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to HR 664, the House honored the esteemed delegation from Wexford, Ireland, upon their visit to the Georgia State Capitol.

Pursuant to HR 504, the House recognized March 20, 2025, as Buc-ee's Day at the state capitol and celebrating Buc-ee's and its presence in Georgia.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Stephens of the 164th et al., Cummings of the 39th et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., Yearta of the 152nd et al., Lupton of the 83rd et al., Lim of the 98th et al., Buckner of the 137th, Roberts of the 52nd et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Baker of the 64th et al., Bell of the 75th, Adeyina of the 110th et al., Williamson of the 112th et al., Chastain of the 7th et al., McQueen of the 61st et al., and Smith of the 138th.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination:

SB 151. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Development Authority of North Fulton Municipalities; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for directors of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 153. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication

of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Reserved.

SECTION 2.

Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in:
(1) Code Section 2-10-57, relating to authority of Commissioner to provide for safety and security at farmers' markets and police powers, in the introductory language of subparagraph (b)(1)(F), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

SECTION 3.

Reserved.

SECTION 4.

Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, is amended in:
(1) Code Section 4-11-3, relating to licenses for pet dealers and kennel, stable, or animal shelter operators, requirement, issuance, and application, in paragraph (c.1)(4), by deleting "and reserved".

SECTION 5.

Reserved.

SECTION 6.

Reserved.

SECTION 7.

Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 7-1-612, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

(2) Code Section 7-1-689, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination requirements and powers, and limitations on civil liability, in paragraph (l)(1), by replacing "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

(3) Code Section 7-1-706, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination requirements and powers, and limitation on civil liability, in paragraph (l)(1), by replacing "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

(4) Code Section 7-1-1009, relating to record keeping, investigations and examinations, and exemptions from civil liability, in paragraph (g)(1), by replacing "and telephone," with "telephone number,".

(5) Code Section 7-1-1011, relating to annual fees, in subsection (a), by replacing "mortgage broker," with "a mortgage broker,".

(6) Code Section 7-1-1017, relating to suspension or revocation of licenses or mortgage broker education approval, notice, judicial review, and effect on preexisting contract, in subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(7) Code Section 7-3-18, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

(8) Code Section 7-9-8, relating to the issuance of certificate of incorporation or certificate of organization, at the end of paragraph (3), by inserting a comma and in the undesignated text at the end of the Code section, by replacing "name of" with "the name of".

(9) Code Section 7-9-11.8, relating to rights and remedies of shareholders, in subsection (a), by replacing "known as the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code' or" with "the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code,' or" and in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "resulting acquirer" with "resulting merchant acquirer".

SECTION 8.

Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 8-3-311, relating to creation of stable housing accountability programs, application process, minimum standards, approval criteria, and funding, in the introductory language of subsection (d), by replacing "At minimum," with "At a minimum,", in subparagraph (d)(6)(A), by replacing "U.S." with "United States", in subparagraph (d)(6)(E), by replacing "heath" with "health", and in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(2) Code Section 8-3-312, relating to disbursements for operating expenses, by replacing "provided the commission" with "provided to the commission".

SECTION 9.

Reserved.

SECTION 10.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 10-1-427, relating to false advertising of legal services, good faith exemptions, investigation and enforcement by Attorney General, and penalties for violation of cease and desist order, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Internet search engine ad," with "internet search engine advertisement,".

(2) Code Section 10-1-782, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in paragraph (23), by inserting "by" preceding "90,000".

(3) Code Section 10-4-111, relating to meetings of advisory board, duties, fixing opening date of marketing season, and revocation of license for early sale, by repealing and reserving said Code section.

(4) Article 7 of Chapter 6, which is reserved, by repealing said article.

SECTION 11.

Reserved.

SECTION 12.

Reserved.

SECTION 13.

Reserved.

SECTION 14.

Reserved.

SECTION 15.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 15-5B-12, as effective on July 1, 2026, relating to proceedings, filing procedures, service, and scheduling, in subsection (f), by replacing "address of the of the" with "address of the".

(2) Code Section 15-10-101, relating to eligibility of constables, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "accredited high school diploma or general educational development (GED)" with "approved high school equivalency (HSE)".

(3) Code Section 15-11-71, relating to juvenile treatment court divisions, in the introductory language of paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "increase likelihood" with "increase the likelihood" and in subsection (f), by replacing "may have the authority" with "shall be authorized".

(4) Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to state-wide master jury list, driver's license information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise venire, in subsection (b), by replacing "or personal identification card" with "or identification card" each time the phrase appears and by replacing "or a personal identification card" with "or an identification card".

SECTION 16.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 16-5-3.1, relating to aggravated involuntary manslaughter for fentanyl overdose death, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "shall mean" with "means", in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "shall include" with "includes", and in subsection (c), by replacing "10 years" with "ten years".

(2) Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, in subsections (c) and (f), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (h), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in" and by replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens", and in subsection (i), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(3) Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, in subsection (m), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(4) Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in subsection (i), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall include" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in subsection (j), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(5) Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, in subsection (g), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in subsection (i), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall include" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in subsection (l), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(6) Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, in subsection (i), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

(7) Code Section 16-7-21.1, relating to unlawful squatting, by revising said Code section as follows:

"16-7-21.1.

(a)(1) A person commits the offense of unlawful squatting when he or she enters upon the land or premises of another and resides on such land or premises for any period of time knowingly acting without the knowledge or consent of the owner, the rightful occupant, or an authorized representative of the owner. As used in ~~For purposes of~~ this Code section, the term 'resides' means to inhabit or live on or within any land or premises.

(2) Any person who commits or is accused of committing the offense of unlawful squatting as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive a citation advising that ~~they must~~ he or she shall present to the head of the issuing law enforcement agency or ~~their designee~~ its designee, within three business days of receiving the citation for such alleged offense, properly executed documentation that authorizes the person's entry on such land or premises. Such documentation may include a properly executed lease or rental agreement or proof of rental payments.

(3) If such person is unable to provide the documentation required by paragraph (2) of this subsection, such person shall be subject to arrest for unlawful squatting and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalty provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(4) If such person ~~does provide~~ provides documentation that authorizes such person's entry on the land or premises, a hearing shall be set within seven days of the submission of such documentation, and, if the court of appropriate jurisdiction finds that the submitted documentation was not properly executed or is not meritorious, such person shall be subject to demand for possession and removal as provided in Code Section 44-11-32, be subject to arrest and upon conviction penalties as provided for in Code Sections 16-9-1 and 16-9-2, and ~~shall~~ be assessed an additional fine based on the fair market monthly rental rate of the land or premises.

(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which upon conviction shall be ~~punishable~~ punished as provided in Code Section 17-10-3."

(8) Code Section 16-7-23, relating to criminal damage to property in the second degree, in paragraph (a)(2), by inserting a comma following "fireworks".

(9) Code Section 16-11-171, relating to definitions regarding Brady Law regulations, in paragraph (4), by inserting "of Chapter 7" following "Article 6".

(10) Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drugs, by revising numerous paragraphs in subsection (b), subparagraph (b)(59)(BB.5), and paragraph (c)(16.92) as follows:

"(57.5) Anthrax ~~Vaccine Adsorbed~~ vaccine adsorbed, Adjuvanted;"

"(BB.5) House ~~Dust Mite Allergen Extract~~ dust mite allergen extract;"

"(160.5) Chikungunya ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

"(206.7) Coagulation Factor X, ~~(human)~~ Human;"

"(247.4) Dengue ~~Tetravalent Vaccine~~ tetravalent vaccine, Live;"

"(317.3) Dornase ~~Alpha~~ alpha;"

"(328.3) Ebola Zaire ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

"~~(361.5) Reserved;~~"

"(383.15) Ferric ~~Hexacyanoferrate~~ hexacyanoferrate;"

"~~(386.3) Reserved;~~"

"(425) Gomenol ~~Solution~~ solution;"

"(433.5) Halobetasol ~~Propionate~~ propionate;"

"(446.2) Human ~~Papillomavirus~~ papillomavirus 9-valent ~~Vaccine~~ vaccine, Recombinant;"

"~~(509.7) Reserved;~~"

"~~(512.691) Reserved;~~"

"~~(529.93) Reserved;~~"

"~~(703.43) Reserved;~~"

"~~(731.1) Reserved;~~"

"~~(732.9) Reserved;~~"

"(836.1) Respiratory ~~Syncytial Virus Vaccine~~ syncytial virus vaccine;"

"~~(851.02) Reserved;~~"

"(855.5) Sermorelin ~~Acetate~~ acetate;"
"~~(945.5) Reserved;~~"
"(1025.8) Varicella ~~Virus Vaccine Live~~ virus vaccine, Live;"
"(1037.23) Von ~~von~~ Willebrand factor;"
"(1042.8) Zoledronic ~~Acid~~ acid;"
"(1042.95) Zoster ~~Vaccine Recombinant~~ vaccine recombinant, Adjuvanted;"
"(16.92) Any opioid antagonist, as defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, shall also be exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose prevention and when supplied by a dispenser or an authorized wholesale distributor~~.~~;".

(11) Code Section 16-13-122, relating to content of kratom and required labeling, in paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of".

SECTION 17.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 17-6-12, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, effect of failure of person charged to appear for trial, and consideration of criminal record, in subparagraph (a)(1)(GG), by replacing "Code Section 16-10-29;" with "Code Section 16-10-24;".

(2) Code Section 17-10-7, relating to punishment of repeat offenders and punishment and eligibility for parole of persons convicted of fourth felony offense, in subsection (e), by replacing "recidivous" with "recidivist".

SECTION 18.

Reserved.

SECTION 19.

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 19-6-9, relating to voluntary separation, abandonment, or driving off of spouse and equity may compel support, by deleting "and as may be".

(2) Code Section 19-6-32, relating to entering income withholding order or medical support notice for award of child support, when order or notice effective, and hearing on order, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "means judge" with "means a judge" and in paragraph (a)(5), by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 666(b)(A)(I) and (ii)" with "42 U.S.C. Section 666(b)(6)(A)(i) and (ii)".

(3) Code Section 19-6-33, relating to notice and service of income withholding order, hearing on enforcement of order, discharge of obligor, and penalties, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "means judge" with "means a judge".

(4) Code Section 19-6-33.1, relating to family support registry, in subparagraph (e)(2)(A), by replacing "arrears or" with "arrears, or".

SECTION 20.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 20-2-37, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

(2) Code Section 20-2-38, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

(3) Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "system and," with "system,".

(4) Code Section 20-2-751.4, as effective on July 1, 2025, relating to policies prohibiting bullying and cyberbullying required, enforcement of policies including assignment to alternative school, notice, antibullying training programs and materials, limitation of liability, and noncompliance, by revising the introductory language of subparagraph (1)(A) as follows:

"(1)(A) 'Bullying' ~~Bullying' '~~ means an act that is:"

(5) Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillator required in high schools, requirements, and funding, in subparagraph (c)(7)(D), by deleting the comma following "leads".

(6) Code Section 20-2-776.5, relating to opioid antagonists, possession, administration, obligations, and immunity from civil liability, at the end of subsection (g), by inserting a period following "known".

(7) Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by designating Code Section 20-3-1, relating to definitions, as Part 1.

(8) Code Section 20-3-38, relating to agricultural extension work, in subsection (a), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

(9) Code Section 20-3-41.2, relating to surrender of materials to division for preservation, preparation of certified copies, ownership, operation, and management of electronic archival records, exemption for certain records under certain conditions, and "constitutional officer" defined, in subsections (a) through (c), by inserting "of the University System of Georgia" following "Division of Archives and History" each time the term appears.

(10) Code Section 20-3-41.3, relating to study of historical documents and public displays of the Foundations of American Law and Government, in paragraph (a)(1), by inserting "of the University System of Georgia" following "Division of Archives and History".

(11) Code Section 20-3-45, relating to Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council created, purpose, members, expenses, coordinator, officers, meetings, administrative assignment, and staff, in subsections (c) and (h), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with "the division".

(12) Code Section 20-3-45.1, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council, in paragraph (2), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with "the division".

(13) Code Section 20-3-48, relating to short title, public forums designated, "free speech zones" prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (b)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".

(14) Code Section 20-3-60, relating to when properties of university system may be sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of, effect of restrictions on use, and works of art, in subsection (a) and in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "The term 'work of art'" with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.
(15) Code Section 20-3-66, relating to determination of in-state resident status of students for tuition or fees, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "the term 'student from a homeless situation'" with "such term".
(16) Code Section 20-3-67, relating to powers of regents over system and institutions over students not limited by lowering age of majority, by replacing "the system" with "the university system".
(17) Code Section 20-3-92, relating to definitions regarding postsecondary education, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term" and by replacing "is recognized as a student organization" with "are recognized as student organizations".
(18) Code Section 20-3-130, relating to short title regarding junior colleges and name of junior college system, by replacing "shall be known as" with "shall be known and may be cited as" each time the phrase appears.
(19) Code Section 20-3-131, relating to definitions regarding junior colleges, in paragraph (2), by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local school system,".
(20) Code Section 20-3-132, relating to authority to establish and maintain junior colleges, by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local school system," each time the phrase appears.
(21) Code Section 20-3-150, relating to short title regarding Georgia Education Authority (University), by replacing "may be cited" with "shall be known and may be cited".
(22) Code Section 20-3-200, relating to short title regarding Private Colleges and Universities Authority, by replacing "may be cited as" with "shall be known and may be cited as".
(23) Code Section 20-3-201, relating to definitions regarding Private Colleges and Universities Authority, in paragraph (4), by replacing "'Construction project' also means" with "Such term also means" and by replacing "The term 'construction project' also means" with "Such term also means", in paragraph (5), by replacing "the term 'cost,' as applied" with "such term, as applied", and in paragraph (6) and divisions (7)(A)(i), (7)(A)(ii), and (7)(A)(iv), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".
(24) Code Section 20-3-231, relating to legislative findings and purpose of Georgia Student Finance Commission, in subsections (a) and (b), by deleting the internal catchlines.
(25) Code Section 20-3-234, relating to functions and composition of board of commissioners, appointment, qualifications, and terms of commissioners, board officers, meetings, committees, compensation, and advisory councils, in subsections (a) through (h), by deleting the internal catchlines.
(26) Code Section 20-3-235, relating to commission officers, employees, and support services, bonds, and legal services, in paragraphs (1) through (5), by deleting the internal catchlines.

(27) Code Section 20-3-236, relating to powers and duties of commission, board of commissioners, and officers, confidentiality, and repayments and refunds, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "they" with "it" and by replacing "them" with "the board of commissioners" and in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".
(28) Code Section 20-3-242, relating to web based counseling and resources for students, in paragraph (1), by replacing "web based" with "internet based" and in paragraph (2), by replacing "a web based" with "an internet based".
(29) Code Section 20-3-250.2, relating to definitions regarding nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, in paragraph (11.1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(30) Code Section 20-3-250.3, relating to educational institutions exempted from application of part, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (a)(13)(B), by replacing "however that" with "however, that" and in paragraph (a)(14), by replacing "associate" with "associate's".
(31) Code Section 20-3-250.6, relating to minimum standards for educational institutions, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue".
(32) Code Section 20-3-250.8, relating to application to operate or conduct postsecondary activities, in subsection (a), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue" and by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and in subsection (b), by replacing "catalogs," with "catalogues,".
(33) Code Section 20-3-311, relating to legislative findings and purposes of authority, in subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline.
(34) Code Section 20-3-313, relating to authority created as successor to Georgia Higher Education Assistance Authority and abolishment of Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "however:" with "however, that:", in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2), by replacing "That educational" with "Educational", and in paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "That all" with "All".
(35) Code Section 20-3-314, relating to functions, composition, organization, and conduct of affairs of board of directors, in subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline, in the introductory language of subsection (b), by deleting the internal catchline and by replacing "however:" with "however, that:", in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "That nothing" with "Nothing", in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "That no" with "No", and in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "That the" with "The".
(36) Code Section 20-3-316, relating to powers and duties of authority, employees' functions, servicing of educational loans, registration with Selective Service System, and confidentiality, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".
(37) Code Section 20-3-329, relating to employees of commission transferred to authority, status of authority employees hired after July 1, 1996, status of transferred employees, and benefits of transferred employees not impaired, in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(38) Code Section 20-3-373, relating to general loan fund, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (a), by replacing "fund to make" with "fund provided for in subsection

(a) of this Code section to make" and by redesignating such undesignated text as new subsection (b) and by redesignating current subsection (b) as new subsection (c).
(39) Code Section 20-3-374, relating to service cancelable loan fund and authorized types of service cancelable educational loans, in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4), by deleting the internal catchlines.
(40) Code Section 20-3-386, relating to distribution of education loan repayment assistance and conditions, in subsection (d), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".
(41) Code Section 20-3-395, relating to definitions regarding direct loans to students on basis of need and merit, in subparagraphs (3)(A), (3)(B), and (3)(C), by replacing "associate" with "associate's" and in paragraph (6), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".
(42) Code Section 20-3-400.1, relating to definitions regarding graduate on time student loans, in paragraph (1) and subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate" with "associate's".
(43) Code Section 20-3-405.1, relating to definitions regarding Education for Public Service Student Loan, in subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate degrees" with "associate's degrees".
(44) Code Section 20-3-405.2, relating to eligibility, repayment period, maximum amount, application, and statement of requirements, in subsection (c), by replacing "associate degree," with "associate's degree,".
(45) Code Section 20-3-431, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(46) Code Section 20-3-441, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(47) Code Section 20-3-499, relating to selection of REACH scholars, in division (a)(1)(B)(i), by replacing "SNAP (Food Stamp)" with "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)" and in division (a)(1)(B)(ii), by replacing "TANF" with "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)".
(48) Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions regarding HOPE scholarships and grants, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (6)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and in paragraph (25), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".
(49) Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship and award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a) and in the introductory language of subsection (b), by replacing "associate" with "associate's" and in paragraph (d)(3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," each time the phrase appears.
(50) Code Section 20-3-519.5, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant and award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a.1) and the undesignated text at the end of subsection (a.1), by replacing "associate degree" with "associate's degree".
(51) Code Section 20-3-564, relating to authorization to dispose of property, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(52) Code Section 20-3-633, relating to creation, board of directors, and assignment to Department of Administrative Services, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Chancellor" with "chancellor".

(53) Code Section 20-3-642, relating to records not open to public inspection and duration, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "clearing house" with "clearing-house".
(54) Article 13 of Chapter 3, relating to compensation of intercollegiate athletes, by repealing said article.
(55) Code Section 20-4-1, relating to acceptance of federal act regarding vocational education, by replacing "(20 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929)," with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11, et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".
(56) Code Section 20-4-4, relating to employing teachers under federal act, by replacing "(20 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929)," with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11, et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".
(57) Code Section 20-4-10, relating to the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia established, members, and officers, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, in" with "provided, however, that, in".
(58) Code Section 20-4-11, relating to powers of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, at the end of division (3)(C)(ii), by replacing the period with a semicolon.
(59) Code Section 20-4-11.1, relating to public forums designated, "free speech zones" prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (a)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".
(60) Code Section 20-4-15, relating to establishment of adult literacy programs, eligibility, and office of adult literacy, in the introductory language of subsection (d), by replacing "who:" with "who are:", in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Are high" with "High", and in paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "Are at" with "At".
(61) Code Section 20-4-17, relating to agencies to receive federal funds and transfer of personnel to Department of Technical and Adult Education, now known as Technical College System of Georgia, in subsection (a), by replacing "further," with "further, that".
(62) Code Section 20-4-41, relating to extent and nature of training to be offered, by replacing "however, no" with "however, that no".
(63) Article 5 of Chapter 4, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, by replacing "commissioner of the Department of Economic Development" with "commissioner of economic development" each time the phrase appears in:
(A) Code Section 20-4-120, relating to the creation of commission and membership;
(B) Code Section 20-4-131, relating to administration of grant program and purpose;
(C) Code Section 20-4-132, relating to awarding of grants;
(D) Code Section 20-4-133, relating to grant application requirements; and
(E) Code Section 20-4-134, relating to rules and regulations.
(64) Code Section 20-4-141, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high school diploma to successful participants, skills and knowledge, eligibility for participation, and regulation, in paragraph (a)(1) and subparagraph (f)(3)(A), by replacing "associate degree" with "associate's degree" and in divisions (e)(4)(A)(iii) and (e)(4)(B)(ii), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C." each time the term appears.

(65) Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose, employer partnerships, required information, contracts, awards, and limitations, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "$10,000.00" with "Ten thousand dollars", in paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "$5,000.00" with "Five thousand dollars", and in paragraph (e)(2), by deleting "the" preceding "Fiscal Year 2025".
(66) Code Section 20-5-2, relating to powers and duties of the board of regents and director of University of Georgia Libraries, abolition of State Library Commission and transfer of functions, reports of state publications, and electronic submission, in subsection (e), by replacing "For purposes of this article, 'public documents' shall mean" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'public documents' means" and in subsection (k), by replacing "Division of Archives and History," with "Division of Archives and History of the University System of Georgia,".
(67) Code Section 20-5-5, relating to internet safety policies in public libraries, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (h)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".
(68) Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions regarding campus policemen, in paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'campus'" with "Such term".
(69) Code Section 20-12-1, relating to definitions regarding marine resources extension centers and institute for oceanographic studies, in paragraph (3), by deleting "as defined in paragraph (2) of this Code section".
(70) Code Section 20-14-96, relating to accrediting agencies, standards, applicability, and construction, in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(71) Code Section 20-17-2, relating to provisions of The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, in Section A of Article II and in Section A(1) of Article III, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Sections 1209 and 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".

SECTION 21.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in:
(1) Code Section 21-2-217, relating to rules for determining residence, by revising subparagraph (a)(2)(B) and subsection (b) as follows:

"(B) If a person returns to his or her original or new residence after voting or registering to vote in a different or separate jurisdiction, such person shall update ~~their~~ his or her voter registration with ~~their~~ his or her current residency jurisdiction in order to be deemed a valid registered elector and resident of such jurisdiction for voting purposes; and"

"(b) In determining a voter's qualification to register and vote, the registrars to whom such application is made shall consider, in addition to the applicant's expressed intent, any relevant circumstances determining the applicant's residence. The registrars taking such registration may consider the applicant's financial independence~~,~~; business pursuits~~,~~; employment~~,~~; income sources~~,~~; residence for income tax purposes~~,~~; age~~,~~; marital status~~,~~; residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any~~,~~; leaseholds~~,~~; sites of personal and real property owned by the applicant~~,~~; motor vehicle and other personal property registration~~,~~; National Change of Address program information sponsored by the United States Postal

Service~~,~~; and other such factors that the registrars may reasonably deem necessary to determine the qualification of an applicant to vote in a primary or election. The decision of the registrars to whom such application is made shall be presumptive evidence of a person's residence for voting purposes."

SECTION 22.

Reserved.

SECTION 23.

Reserved.

SECTION 24.

Reserved.

SECTION 25.

Reserved.

SECTION 26.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 26-4-116.1, relating to licensed health practitioners authorized to prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine for schools and pharmacists authorized to fill prescriptions, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 31-1-14" with "Code Section 31-1-15".

SECTION 27.

Reserved.

SECTION 28.

Reserved.

SECTION 29.

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 29-5-3, relating to order of preference in selecting conservator, nomination of individual to serve as conservator, and requirements of nomination, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "(c)" with "(d)".

SECTION 30.

Reserved.

SECTION 31.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 31-1-6, relating to reuse of heart pacemakers, in subsection (b), by deleting ", as defined in subsection (a) of this Code section,".
(2) Code Section 31-1-8, relating to notice of proposed special facility, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in", in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "drug users as defined in paragraph (11) of" with "drug abusers as defined in", and in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "provided such" with "provided that such".
(3) Code Section 31-1-9, relating to breast-feeding of baby, by replacing "breast-feeding" with "breastfeeding" and by replacing "breast-feed" with "breastfeed".
(4) Code Section 31-1-19, relating to prohibition on expenditure or use of state resources to advocate for or intend to influence citizens in support of Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Law" with "P.L.".
(5) Code Section 31-1-24, relating to organ transplant protections for individuals with disabilities and civil relief for violations, in division (a)(2)(C)(ii), by inserting a comma following "Section 1320d" and by replacing "such Act" with "such act".
(6) Code Section 31-2-4, relating to department's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities, divisions, directors, and contracts for health benefits, in subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "*State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.*," with "State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.," and in the introductory language of subparagraph (d)(10)(B) and in subparagraph (d)(11)(B), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(7) Code Section 31-2-8, relating to actions against certain applicants or licensees, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in", by replacing "shall be used to refer to" with "means", and by replacing "provisions of the law" with "provisions of law" and in subparagraph (c)(6)(B), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(8) Code Section 31-2-17, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.
(9) Code Section 31-2-18, relating to website reporting on state health plans, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Medical" with "The medical", in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "PeachCare" with "The PeachCare", in the introductory language of subsection (b), by replacing "department website" with "department's website", and in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "non-emergent" with "nonemergent".
(10) Code Section 31-2A-12, relating to the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant Health and composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities, in subsection (c), by replacing "council" with "commission", in paragraph (e)(5), by inserting a comma following "chapter", and in subsection (h), by inserting "and reserved" following "repealed".
(11) Code Section 31-2A-16, relating to Maternal Mortality Review Committee established, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Chapter 7 of Title 31," with "Chapter 7 of this title,".
(12) Code Section 31-5-3, relating to appeals, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".

(13) Code Section 31-6-21.1, relating to procedures for rule making by Department of Community Health, in subsection (h), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'rules' shall mean" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'rules' means".
(14) Code Section 31-6-40, relating to certificate of need required for new institutional health services and exemption, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, all" with "however, that all".
(15) Code Section 31-6-42, relating to qualifications for issuance of certificate, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(16) Code Section 31-6-43, relating to acceptance or rejection of application for certificate, in subsection (k), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(17) Code Section 31-6-44.1, relating to judicial review, in subsection (c), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
(18) Code Section 31-6-45.2, relating to participation as Medicaid provider requirement, termination by health care facility of participation as provider of medical assistance, and monetary penalty, in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'good cause' shall mean:" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'good cause' means:".
(19) Code Section 31-6-70, relating to reports to the department by certain health care facilities and all ambulatory surgical centers and imaging centers and public availability, in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(8), by replacing "person" with "persons" and in subsection (g), by replacing "department website" with "department's website".
(20) Code Section 31-7-1, relating to definitions regarding regulation and construction of hospitals other health care facilities, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (4), by replacing "The term 'institution'" with "Such term" and in subparagraph (8)(B), by inserting "that" following "provided".
(21) Code Section 31-7-2.2, relating to determination that patients or residents in an institution, community living arrangement, or treatment program are in danger, relocation of patients or residents, and suspension of admissions, in the introductory language of paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "or program" with "or a program".
(22) Code Section 31-7-7, relating to refusal or revocation by public hospital of staff privileges, in subsection (a), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".
(23) Code Section 31-7-12, relating to personal care homes, licensure and registration, inspection by local boards, fees, investigations, waiver, variance, or exemption, staffing, training, and financial stability requirements, and certified medication aides, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "This term" with "Such term" and by deleting "of subsection (b)".
(24) Code Section 31-7-12.2, relating to regulation and licensing of assisted living communities, legislative intent, definitions, procedures, and requirements for medication aides, in subsection (e), by replacing "Office" with "office".
(25) Code Section 31-7-12.8, relating to certification as nurse aide, employer sponsored training and competency examination programs, and provisional practice by military medical personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

(26) Code Section 31-7-55, relating to administration of state funds, by inserting "federal" preceding "Public Health Service Act".
(27) Code Section 31-7-56, relating to adherence to federal law and regulations, by inserting "federal" preceding "Public Health Service Act".
(28) Code Section 31-7-92, relating to filing of audits, by deleting the comma following "municipality".
(29) Code Section 31-7-133, relating to confidentiality of review organization's records, in subsection (a) and paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "however, such" with "however, that such".
(30) Code Section 31-7-407.1, relating to report of findings, by replacing "the time for issuing said" with "that the time for issuing such".
(31) Code Section 31-8-3, relating to disbursement of state funds to counties, by replacing "however, the" with "however, that the".
(32) Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, obligations of rural hospitals after receipt of funds, and posting information on website, in subparagraph (a)(3)(H), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(33) Code Section 31-8-82, relating to persons required to report abuse or exploitation, time for making report, contents of report, records, and privileged communications, in paragraph (a)(9), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".
(34) Code Section 31-8-171, relating to definitions regarding quality assessment fees on care management organizations, in paragraph (1), by deleting "of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated" and by replacing "Sec." with "Section".
(35) Code Section 31-8-307, relating to referrals to the drug repository program, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "Corrections" and in paragraph (a)(3), by inserting a comma following "limited to".
(36) Code Section 31-9-2, relating to persons authorized to consent to surgical or medical treatment, in paragraph (a)(7), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph," with "As used in this paragraph, the term" and in subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(37) Code Section 31-9-6.1, relating to disclosure of certain information to persons undergoing certain surgical or diagnostic procedures, failure to comply, exceptions, and regulations establishing standards for implementation, in paragraph (e)(4), by inserting a comma following "however, that".
(38) Code Section 31-9A-2, relating to definitions regarding woman's right to know, in paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'abortion'" with "Such term" each time the phrase appears, in paragraph (6), by replacing "Internet" with "internet", and in paragraph (7), by replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens".
(39) Code Section 31-9A-3, relating to voluntary and informed consent to abortion and availability of ultrasound, in subparagraph (2)(D), by replacing "they shall" with "such materials shall".
(40) Code Section 31-9B-2, relating to requirement to determine presence of detectable human heartbeat of unborn child, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "Code Section 43-34-8".

(41) Code Section 31-10-14, relating to issuance of new certificate of birth following adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, in subsection (b), by replacing "step-parent" with "stepparent".
(42) Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and recertification of, and training for,
paramedics and cardiac technicians, qualifications by felons, and provisional practice by military medical personnel, in subsection (e), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(43) Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified emergency medical technicians and trainees and provisional practice by military medical personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(44) Code Section 31-11-82, relating to evaluation of person with emergency condition, initiation of intervention without prospective authorization, and insurer may not deny payment after prospective authorization given, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(45) Code Section 31-12-2, relating to reporting certain diseases and neonatal abstinence syndrome, confidentiality, reporting required of pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, in subsection (a), by replacing "however," with "however, that" and in paragraph (a.1)(2), by replacing "diagnosis" with "diagnoses".
(46) Code Section 31-12-3.1, relating to vaccination registry and reporting requirements, maintenance, and use of information, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing "United States" with "federal".
(47) Code Section 31-12-4.1, relating to smallpox vaccination and treatment program, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "workers," with "worker," and by replacing "said hospital" with "such hospital," and in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing "said" with "such".
(48) Code Section 31-12-13, relating to definitions concerning bloodborne pathogens, standards, and funds for research and development, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(49) Code Section 31-13-6, relating to bonding licensees, in subsection (a), by replacing "bond not less" with "bond of not less".
(50) Code Section 31-14-14, relating to immunity from liability, by replacing "Title 31," with "this title,".
(51) Code Section 31-17-4.2, relating to HIV and syphilis pregnancy screening, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "28–32" with "28 to 32".
(52) Code Section 31-20-2, relating to performance of sterilization procedure upon request, by replacing "that prior to or at the time of such request" with "that, prior to or at the time of such request,".
(53) Code Section 31-21-3, relating to death of person with infectious or communicable disease, required reporting procedures, confidentiality, disclosure, and penalties, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in" and in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "or" with "and".

(54) Code Section 31-21-6, relating to notification of law enforcement agency upon disturbance, destruction, or debasement of human remains, in the introductory language of subsection (b), by replacing "ancestors of or" with "ancestors of".
(55) Code Section 31-21-7, relating to preneed contracts and revisions, affidavit on disposition of remains, role of probate court, warrant as to truthfulness, and liability of funeral home, in paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(56) Code Section 31-21-20, relating to Board for the Distribution of Cadavers, by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in".
(57) Code Section 31-21-21, relating to delivery to board of certain unclaimed bodies, in subsection (a), by deleting "for distribution".
(58) Code Section 31-21-23, relating to distribution of bodies by board, by deleting "for distribution" and by deleting "above-specified".
(59) Code Section 31-21-24, relating to transportation of bodies, by deleting "for distribution" and by deleting "above".
(60) Code Section 31-21-26, relating to payment of expenses, by deleting "for distribution".
(61) Code Section 31-33-2, relating to furnishing copy of records to patient, provider, or other authorized person, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 1320d-2, et seq.," with "P.L. 104-191,".
(62) Code Section 31-33-7, relating to furnishing copies of psychological or psychiatric evaluation to law enforcement officer upon request, in subsection (c), by inserting a comma following "information".
(63) Code Section 31-33-8, relating to electronic records and application to psychiatric, psychological, or other mental health records, in subsection (g), by inserting a comma following "(d)".
(64) Code Section 31-34-4, relating to loan applicant qualifications and rules and regulations, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Education or the American Osteopathic Association" with "Education, the American Osteopathic Association,", in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this article,", and in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this article," and by replacing "future census state" with "future such census".
(65) Code Section 31-34-5, relating to service cancelable loan, amount, repayment, and determination of underserved rural areas, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "that for applicants that" with "that, for applicants who".
(66) Code Section 31-34-6, relating to contract between applicant and state agreeing to terms and conditions of loan, breach of contract, and service cancelable contracts, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "article who breaches" with "article that breaches".
(67) Code Section 31-35-1, relating to legislative findings, by replacing "the United States Centers" with "the federal Centers".

(68) Code Section 31-36B-5, relating to healthcare decision making by lay caregiver, no delay in care, and responsibilities, in subsection (e), by replacing "Center for Medicare" with "federal Centers for Medicare".
(69) Code Section 31-41-12, relating to definitions regarding childhood lead exposure control, in paragraph (2), by replacing "age including" with "age, including" and in paragraph (7), by replacing "14 U.S.C. Code Section 185(b)(15)" with "P.L. 102-550,".
(70) Code Section 31-52-3, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Right to Try Act," in subparagraph (5)(A), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".
(71) Code Section 31-53-3, relating to establishment of Office of Health Strategy and Coordination and powers and duties, in paragraph (b)(16), by inserting "and" preceding "practice" and by replacing "outcome" with "outcomes" and in paragraph (b)(23), by replacing "Centralizing" with "Centralize".
(72) Code Section 31-53-47, relating to submission of claims and personal identification data not public record, in subsection (b), by deleting the comma following "paid" and by replacing "Data Submission Guide" with "data submission guide" and in subsection (d), by replacing "claim" with "claims".
(73) Code Section 31-53-50, relating to penalties for noncompliance, in subsection (b), by deleting the comma following "31-53-51".
(74) Code Section 31-54-2, relating to law enforcement powers, required training, and carrying of weapon, in subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "however, that" and "further, that" and in subsection (b), by replacing "must" with "shall".
(75) The following Code sections, by inserting "federal" preceding "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention" each time the term appears:

(A) Code Section 31-7-18, relating to vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease for certain discharged patients, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers and other employees in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders;

(B) Code Section 31-7-19, relating to nursing homes to annually offer influenza vaccinations to health care workers and other employees and immunity from liability;

(C) Code Section 31-7-21, relating to provision of influenza education information to assisted living community residents;

(D) Code Section 31-12-3.2, relating to meningococcal disease, vaccinations, and disclosures;

(E) Code Section 31-22-9.2, relating to HIV tests and report of positive results, notification, counseling, violations, exception for insurance coverage, and exposure of health care provider;

(F) Code Section 31-45A-3, relating to development of model aquatic safety plan; and

(G) Code Section 31-49-3, relating to duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness.

SECTION 32.

Reserved.

SECTION 33.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 33-64-7, relating to the Commissioner of Insurance's authority over rules and regulations, in subsection (c), by replacing "deidentified" with "de-identified".

(2) Code Section 33-66-6, relating to data analysis and initial report, in subsection (b), by replacing "this Code Section" with "this Code section" and in subsection (c), by replacing "Governor's Office," with "Governor's office,".

SECTION 34.

Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 34-8-167, relating to collection of delinquent contribution payments generally, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Sections 48-2-55 and 48-3-1" with "Code Section 48-2-55".

SECTION 35.

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 35-1-8, relating to acquisition, collection, classification, and preservation of information assisting in identifying deceased persons and locating missing persons, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in this subsection, the term".

(2) Code Section 35-1-19, relating to disclosure of arrest booking photographs prohibited, in subsection (b), by replacing "State Sexual Offender Registry," with "state sexual offender registry,".

(3) Code Section 35-2-15, relating to off-duty use of motor vehicles and other equipment by certain law enforcement officers, conditions for use, and rules and regulations, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

(4) Code Section 35-2-49, relating to provision of uniforms and equipment to sworn members of the Department of Public Safety and radio operators and retention of weapons and badges upon retirement, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department" each time the term appears and by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

(5) Code Section 35-2-51, relating to storeroom for excess clothing, equipment, and other articles and disposition of old and worn equipment, in subsection (b), by replacing "must" with "shall" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".

(6) Code Section 35-2-52, relating to clothing allowance for members of Uniform Division assigned permanently to personal security or special duty assignments, by replacing "Board of Public Safety," with "board,".

(7) Code Section 35-2-57, relating to use of retired unmarked pursuit cars for training, by replacing "Georgia State Patrol" with "Uniform Division" and by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner".

(8) Code Section 35-2-81, relating to definitions regarding Department of Public Safety nomenclature, in paragraph (1), by replacing "Department of Public Safety," with

"department,", and by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively.

(9) Code Section 35-2-84, relating to procedure for seeking permission to use department nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

(10) Code Section 35-2-120, relating to definitions regarding the Capitol Police Division, by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (2).

(11) Code Section 35-3-5, relating to director and creation, appointment and removal, and powers and duties, in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board".

(12) Code Section 35-3-7, relating to agreements by director and commissioner for provision of services and material, by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner" and by replacing "Board of Public Safety," with "board,".

(13) Code Section 35-3-31, relating to establishment of center, staff and equipment generally, and State Personnel Board status of personnel, in subsection (a), by replacing "Georgia Bureau of Investigation," with "bureau," and in subsection (c), by replacing "Department of Public Safety," with "department,".

(14) Code Section 35-3-63, relating to creation of task force and purposes, by replacing "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with "bureau" each time the term appears and by replacing "This Antiterrorism Task Force" with "The task force".

(15) Code Section 35-3-104, relating to procedures for seeking permission to use bureau nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

(16) Code Section 35-3-150, relating to definitions regarding the Division of Forensic Sciences, by revising said Code section as follows:

"35-3-150.

As used in this article, the term:

~~(1) 'Board' means the Board of Public Safety.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'Crime lab' or 'state crime lab' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

~~(3) 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.~~

~~(4)~~(2) 'Division' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

~~(5)~~(3) 'Division director' means the director of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

~~(6)~~(4) 'Independent test' means a forensic analysis of evidence in the custody and possession of the state or any political subdivision or authority thereof conducted at the request of or on behalf of any person other than a prosecuting attorney, law enforcement officer, or other authorized agent of the state or which are ordered conducted by a court at the request of an accused.

~~(7)~~(5) 'Regional medical examiner' shall have the same meaning as ~~defined in paragraph (13) of~~ set forth in Code Section 45-16-21.

~~(8)~~(6) 'Rule' or 'rules' means a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

(17) Code Section 35-3-204, relating to membership in Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center and availability of analysts, in subsection (a), by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner".
(18) Code Section 35-5-2, relating to board authorized to establish, operate, and maintain center and powers of board as to selection and compensation of administrator, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board"
and in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center".
(19) Code Section 35-5-3, relating to assignment to Department of Public Safety for administrative purposes and authorization to solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations, property, and services, in subsection (a), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".
(20) Code Section 35-5-4, relating to powers and duties of administrator of Georgia Public Safety Training Center, by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center" each time the term appears.
(21) Code Section 35-5-5, relating to center available for use by certain personnel, fees, enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, in subsections (a), (b), and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center" each time the term appears.
(22) Code Section 35-5-7, relating to law enforcement unit, in subsection (a), by replacing "center," with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center,".
(23) Code Section 35-6A-3, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Board of Public Safety," with "board," and by replacing "the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities," with "behavioral health and developmental disabilities,".
(24) Code Section 35-6A-4, relating to election of chairperson and vice chairperson, meetings, minutes and records, and rules, in paragraph (2), by replacing "chairman" with "chairperson" and in paragraph (3), by inserting "and" at the end.
(25) Code Section 35-6A-10, relating to incentives for using federal Department of Homeland Security's Secure Communities initiative and obligations of council, in paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4), by replacing "Internet website;" with "internet website;".
(26) Code Section 35-6A-11, relating to juvenile justice advisory board and membership, in paragraph (a)(8), by deleting "and" at the end and in subsection (d), by replacing "must" with "shall".
(27) Code Section 35-6A-13, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.
(28) Code Section 35-6A-14, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.
(29) Code Section 35-6A-15, relating to grant program for transportation costs to emergency
treatment facilities, by replacing "the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council" with "the council".

(30) Code Section 35-6A-17, relating to the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, membership, and termination, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Office of the Attorney General;" with "office of the Attorney General;".
(31) Code Section 35-8-3, relating to the establishment of Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, membership, organization, and administrative assignment to Department of Public Safety, in paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner" and in subsection (e), by replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with "the department".
(32) Code Section 35-8-7.4, relating to bias motivated intimidation of first responders and prosecution and penalty, in subsection (a), by replacing the comma with a semicolon following "fire department" and by replacing the comma with a semicolon following "Code Section 35-8-2".
(33) Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and "employment related information" defined, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in this subsection,".
(34) Code Section 35-8-10, relating to applicability and effect of certification requirements generally and requirements as to exempt persons, in subsection (b), by replacing "Department of Public Safety," with "department," and by replacing "must" with "shall".
(35) Code Section 35-8-13.1, relating to training and certification of municipal probation officers, in subsection (e), by replacing "The term 'municipal probation officer' as used in this Code section means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'municipal probation officer' means", by replacing "the term 'municipal probation officer'" with "such term", and by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council" and in subsection (f), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".
(36) Code Section 35-8-20, relating to training requirements for police chiefs, department heads, and wardens, effect of failure to fulfill training requirement, and waiver of requirements, in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".
(37) Code Section 35-8-20.1, relating to training for police chiefs and department heads appointed after June 30, 1999, and waivers, in subsections (b) and (h), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".
(38) Code Section 35-8-21, relating to training requirements for peace officers, waiver, exemption for retired peace officers, and confirmation of training, in subsection (a), by replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with "the department" and by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner" and in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".
(39) Code Section 35-8-23, relating to basic training course for communications officers, certification requirements, duties of council, and rules and regulations, in subsection (d), by replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)".

(40) Code Section 35-8-24, relating to training requirements for jail officers and juvenile correctional officers, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (c), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

(41) Code Section 35-8-26, relating to TASER and electronic control weapons, requirements for use, establishment of policies, and training, in subsection (c), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

(42) The following Code sections, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department" each time the term appears:

(A) Code Section 35-1-22, relating to prohibition on law enforcement retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems, limited use of data, and public disclosure prohibited;

(B) Code Section 35-2-1, relating to creation of Board of Public Safety, composition, and appointment and terms of office of members;

(C) Code Section 35-2-31, relating to composition;

(D) Code Section 35-2-36.1, relating to Auxiliary Service of the Uniform Division, appointment of members, salary, authority and powers, equipment, and eligibility;

(E) Code Section 35-2-41.1, relating to donation or conveyance of property, equipment, or services to the department and procedure;

(F) Code Section 35-2-44, relating to enlistment, examination, preliminary training, subsequent instruction, and rules and regulations for discipline and conduct of recruits and troopers of Uniform Division;

(G) Code Section 35-2-45, relating to promotions of personnel in Uniform Division;

(H) Code Section 35-2-49.1, relating to retention of badge and weapon by disabled law enforcement officer;

(I) Code Section 35-2-50, relating to purchasing of uniforms, supplies, and equipment;

(J) Code Section 35-2-53, relating to members of Uniform Division to receive no costs or emoluments, exception for rewards, and payment and distribution of fines and costs;

(K) Code Section 35-2-74, relating to Governor to prescribe coverage by State Personnel Board;

(L) Code Section 35-2-102, relating to weight inspector positions, training, powers and responsibilities, and presence of certified peace officer;

(M) Code Section 35-2-140, relating to transfer of certain personnel, aircraft, and other assets from the Georgia Aviation Authority to the department;

(N) Code Section 35-2-160, relating to definitions regarding Office of Public Safety Support;

(O) Code Section 35-2-161, relating to Office of Public Safety Support established;

(P) Code Section 35-2-163, relating to peer counseling and critical incident support services, certification, and employment of necessary staff;

(Q) Code Section 35-3-4, relating to powers and duties of bureau generally;

(R) Code Section 35-4-3, relating to academy assigned to department for administrative purposes; and

(S) Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions regarding employment and training of peace officers.

(43) The following Code sections, by replacing "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with "bureau" each time the term appears:

(A) Code Section 35-3-3, relating to divisions of bureau;

(B) Code Section 35-3-33, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center generally;

(C) Code Section 35-3-34, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System;

(D) Code Section 35-3-80, relating to definitions regarding the Missing Children Information Center;

(E) Code Section 35-3-81, relating to establishment, development, maintenance, and operation of center and staff;

(F) Code Section 35-3-84, relating to sending information to center;

(G) Code Section 35-3-151, relating to responsibilities of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(H) Code Section 35-3-152, relating to appointment, powers, and responsibilities of division director;

(I) Code Section 35-3-160, relating to DNA analysis in felony convictions and certain felony charges and performance of tests; and

(J) Code Section 35-3-201, relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center established and purpose.

SECTION 36.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 36-1-20, relating to ordinances for governing and policing of unincorporated areas of county, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "however, that" and by inserting a comma following "Clean Water Act".

(2) Code Section 36-5-28, relating to members of county governing authority to receive compensation increase when classified service employees receive increase, calculation, and effective date, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

(3) Code Section 36-9-3, relating to sale or disposition of county real property generally, right of certain counties to make private sale, and right of county to negotiate and consummate private sales of recreational set-asides, in division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing "posts:" with "posts", in subparagraph (a)(3)(D), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,", and in subparagraph (g)(3)(B), by replacing "however," with "however, that".

(4) Code Section 36-17-21, relating to allocation of funds, grant of tax credit to homesteads as prerequisite to receipt of funds, and use of surplus funds, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

(5) Code Section 36-32-2, relating to appointment of judges, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "provided such" with "provided that such".

(6) Code Section 36-32-2.1, relating to removal of judges, in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "alleged" with "alleges" and in subparagraph (b)(3)(D), by deleting "of subsection (c)".
(7) Code Section 36-32-13, relating to municipal court clerks and role of Municipal Courts Training Council, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(8) Code Section 36-34-5, relating to acquisition and construction of water and sewage systems, in subsection (b), by replacing "subsection (c)" with "subsection (d)".
(9) Code Section 36-36-4, relating to creation of unincorporated islands prohibited and authorization to provide services or functions, in subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection, 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as contained in paragraph (3) of Code Section 36-36-90." with "As used in this subsection, the term 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 36-36-90.".
(10) Code Section 36-36-11, relating to effect of objection to land use following rezoning and minimum procedures for addressing issues, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(11) Code Section 36-36-16, relating to procedures for annexation and referendum, in subsection (b), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(12) Code Section 36-36-112, relating to prohibition on a change in zoning or land use, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(13) Code Section 36-36-115, relating to meetings of arbitration panel, duties, findings and recommendations, and compensation, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(14) Code Section 36-37-6, relating to disposition of municipal property generally, in division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing "posts:" with "posts" and in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(15) Code Section 36-41-3, relating to definitions regarding urban residential finance authorities for large municipalities, in paragraph (14), by replacing "The term 'real property'" with "Such term", in paragraph (16), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and by replacing "The term 'residential housing'" with "Such term", and in paragraph (17), by replacing "The term 'security interest'" with "Such term".
(16) Code Section 36-45-20, relating to training course regarding clerk of the governing authority of a municipality, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(17) Code Section 36-60-6, relating to utilization of federal work authorization program, "employee" defined, issuance of license, evidence of state licensure, annual reporting, standardized form affidavit, violation, and investigations, in subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(18) Code Section 36-60-15.1, relating to operation and maintenance of water treatment systems by private entities, by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'applicant' means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'applicant' means".

(19) Code Section 36-60-17, relating to water supplier's cut off of water to property because of indebtedness of prior owner, occupant, or lessee prohibited, records required, statement of past due amounts, and limited liens for unpaid charges for water, gas, sewerage service, or electricity, in subparagraph (c)(1)(D), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".
(20) Code Section 36-60-19, relating to dispatch centers, required training for communications officers, exceptions, and penalty for noncompliance, in subsection (a), by replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)" each time the term appears.
(21) Code Section 36-60-21, relating to contracts with private companies to construct and operate private toll roads and bridges to facilitate public transportation without additional tax revenues, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(22) Code Section 36-60-24, relating to sale or use or ignition of consumer fireworks products, in subsection (f), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in this Code section," and by replacing "provided" with "set forth".
(23) Code Section 36-63-2, relating to purpose of chapter regarding resource recovery development authorities, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
(24) Code Section 36-63-4, relating to definitions regarding resource recovery development authorities, in paragraph (10), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(25) Code Section 36-63-8, relating to powers of authority generally, in paragraph (a)(6), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
(26) Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions regarding zoning procedures, in paragraph (1.1), by replacing "powers including" with "powers, including" and in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
(27) Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and procedure on zoning, in subsection (a), by replacing "this Code Section." with "this Code section.".
(28) Code Section 36-66C-7, relating to requirements of authority following receipt of application, notification of time lapse, consolidated application, limitation on installation locations and permits, reconditioning work, time restrictions, imminent risk to public safety, repair of damage, and delivery of notice or decision, in paragraph (j)(8), by replacing "Title 36" with "this title" and in paragraph (m)(4), by replacing "120 days written notice" with "120 days' written notice".
(29) Code Section 36-70-2, relating to definitions regarding coordinated and comprehensive planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, in paragraph (4), by deleting "of the State of Georgia created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50" and in paragraph (5.2), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
(30) Code Section 36-70-21, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to implementation agreements, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "December 31st" with "December 31".
(31) Code Section 36-70-22, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to date for process initiation and notice to municipalities and counties impacted, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "April 1st" with "April 1" and by replacing "July 1st" with "July 1".

(32) Code Section 36-70-22.1, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to response proposals, in subsection (a), by deleting ", and" following "Code Section 36-70-23" and by replacing "all such factual" with "all factual".
(33) Code Section 36-70-25.2, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to nonbinding arbitration process, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "the 180th day" with "180 days".
(34) Code Section 36-70-25.3, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to judicial resolution of certain disputes, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (b), by replacing "non-binding" with "nonbinding".
(35) Code Section 36-72-2, relating to definitions regarding abandoned cemeteries and burial grounds, in paragraph (3), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
(36) Code Section 36-76-2, relating to definitions regarding expedited franchising of cable and video services, in subparagraph (8)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,", in subparagraph (8)(E), by replacing "Internet" with "internet" each time the term appears, and in paragraph (17), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".
(37) Code Section 36-76-4, relating to application process for the issuance of a state franchise and fees, in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "geographical area" with "geographic area" and in paragraph (g)(8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(38) Code Section 36-80-16.1, relating to the PILOT Restriction Act, payments in lieu of taxes defined, and financing capital projects, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing "The term 'payments in lieu of taxes'" with "Such term".
(39) Code Section 36-80-17, relating to authorization to contract for utility services and conditions and limitations, in subsection (a), by replacing "the term 'local authority' does" with "such term does".
(40) Code Section 36-80-19, relating to general codification of ordinances and resolutions, publication and availability of code, and official state repository for general codifications, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".
(41) Code Section 36-80-25, relating to financing of public projects by local entities, in subsection (a), by replacing "health care" with "healthcare".
(42) Code Section 36-80-26, relating to multi-county community improvement districts for transit projects, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in subsection (b), by replacing "multi-county" with "multicounty".
(43) Code Section 36-81-2, relating to definitions regarding local government budgets and audits, in paragraph (7), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in paragraph (16), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph, 'county' includes" with "As used in this paragraph, the term 'county' includes".
(44) Code Section 36-82-1, relating to election for bonded debt, right to sell bonds at discount, advertisements as binding statements of intention, use of surpluses, meetings open to public, and refunding, in subsection (f), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
(45) Code Section 36-82-60, relating to short title regarding revenue bonds, by inserting "shall be known and" preceding "may be cited".

(46) Code Section 36-82-75, relating to duty of district attorney or Attorney General to file petition, order to show cause, service of petition and order, and answer, by replacing "however," with "however, that".
(47) Code Section 36-82-182, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Allocation System," in paragraph (3), by replacing "For purposes of this article, the term 'bonds'" with "Such term" and in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'business day'" with "Such term".
(48) Code Section 36-82-240, relating to definitions regarding commercial paper notes from government, in paragraph (2), by replacing "The term 'governmental entity' does not include 'state authorities' as defined in paragraph (9) of Code Section 50-17-21." with "Such term does not include state authorities as defined in Code Section 50-17-21.".
(49) Code Section 36-85-2, relating to formation, functions, counties and municipalities as separate classes, agreements creating agencies, and files of administrator are sole property of agency, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".
(50) Code Section 36-91-20, relating to written contract required, advertising, competitive sealed bidding, timing of addendums, and prequalification, in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "Internet" with "internet" each time the term appears.
(51) Code Section 36-91-21, relating to competitive award requirements, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(52) Code Section 36-91-50, relating to projects requiring bid bonds, revocation of bids, and surety, in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

SECTION 37.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in:
(1) Code Section 37-2-6.5, relating to cessation of operations by community service board, notification, and continuation of operations by successor board, county board of health, or outside manager, in paragraph (b)(2), by deleting "paragraph (1) of".
(2) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination in providing services prohibited, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 37-3-6.1," with "Code Section 37-2-6.1,".
(3) Code Section 37-7-167, relating to right of patient to examine his records and to request correction of inaccuracies, promulgation of rules and regulations, and judicial supervision of files and records relating to proceedings under this chapter, in subsection (d), by inserting "of subsection (a)" following "paragraphs (7) and (8)".

SECTION 38.

Reserved.

SECTION 39.

Reserved.

SECTION 40.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 40-1-221, relating to assumption of liability and insurance, in paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "car sharing" with "car-sharing" and in subsection (f), by replacing "car-sharing" with "peer-to-peer car-sharing".

(2) Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor vehicles, in subsection (d), by inserting a comma following "taxes".

(3) Code Section 40-5-100, relating to application, contents of card, prohibition on possession of more than one card, and optional contributions to and participation in voluntary programs, in paragraph (f)(2), by replacing "a identification card" with "an identification card".

(4) Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, in the introductory language of subsection (h), by inserting "of this Code section" following "subsection (g)".

(5) Code Section 40-16-8, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

SECTION 41.

Reserved.

SECTION 42.

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 42-1-12, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, in paragraph (a)(6.1), by replacing "paragraph (2)" with "paragraph (3)".

(2) Code Section 42-5-64, relating to educational programming and information provided to released prisoners, in subsection (f), by replacing "a personal identification card" with "an identification card".

SECTION 43.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces, in the introductory language of paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "described herein," with "set forth in this Code section,".

(2) Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active or transitioning members of the armed forces and license by endorsement for certain professions, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "or a law" with "or law" and by replacing "individual has:" with "individual:".

(3) Code Section 43-6-11, relating to qualifications of applicants for auctioneer's license, in subsection (d), by inserting "diploma" following "(HSE)".

(4) Code Section 43-11-2.1, relating to board authority, appointment, powers, and duties of executive director and meetings, in subsection (b), by replacing "Chapter 1 of Title 43" with "Chapter 1 of this title".
(5) Code Section 43-15-2, relating to definitions regarding professional engineers and land surveyors, in paragraph (5.1), by replacing "'Executive Director'" with "'Executive director'".
(6) Code Section 43-24A-19, relating to exceptions regarding the "Georgia Massage Therapy Practice Act," in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title".
(7) Code Section 43-26-10, relating to practicing without a license prohibited, in paragraph (4), by replacing "so to practice" with "to practice".
(8) Code Section 43-27-2, relating to State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators and members, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "eleven" with "11".
(9) Code Section 43-28-21, relating to text of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, in Section 2A, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and Section 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".
(10) Code Section 43-33-18, relating to refusal to grant or restore licenses, discipline of licensees, suspension, revocation, or restriction of licenses, and immunity for violation reporters, in the introductory language of subparagraph (a)(2)(A), division (a)(2)(A)(i), and subparagraph (a)(2)(E), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title" each time the term appears.
(11) Code Section 43-33-31, relating to ratification and text of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".
(12) Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, conditions of nurse protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, in paragraph (g)(10), by replacing "and who" with "who", in paragraph (g.1)(2), by deleting the comma following "body", and in subparagraph (m)(2)(C), by deleting "that".
(13) Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant, authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, in paragraph (c)(4), by deleting "that".
(14) Code Section 43-34-290, relating to confidentiality of records regarding pain management clinics, by replacing "Chapter 34 of Title 43" with "this chapter".
(15) Code Section 43-41-8, relating to eligibility for licensure without examination, reciprocity, and burden upon applicant, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or her".
(16) Code Section 43-41-18, relating to certain military specialties or certifications entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses, in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "residential light-commercial" with "residential-light commercial" each time the phrase appears.
(17) Chapters 42 and 48, which are repealed, by designating said chapters as reserved.
(18) Code Section 43-44-31, relating to text of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".

(19) Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article regarding licensing of veterinarians and veterinary technicians, in paragraph (19), by replacing "laws;" with "laws; or".

SECTION 44.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 44-2-39, relating to adoption of rules and regulations and standardization, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

(2) Code Section 44-3-106, relating to powers and responsibilities of condominium associations and tort actions, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "complied with or" with "complied with; or".

(3) Code Section 44-3-230, relating to frequency of meetings and notice regarding property owners' associations, in subsection (b), by replacing "may called" with "may be called".

(4) Code Section 44-3-231, relating to powers and duties of property owners' associations and legal actions against agent or employee of association, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "compiled with or" with "complied with; or".

(5) Code Section 44-5-60, relating to effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements for use of public, renewal of certain covenants, and costs, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided, however, that" with "provided, however, that," and in paragraph (d)(6), by replacing "15 individuals plots" with "15 individual plots".

(6) Code Section 44-7-55, relating to judgment, writ of possession, landlord's liability for wrongful conduct, distribution of funds paid into court, and personal property, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sheriff, constable, or marshal to execute a writ of possession within 30 days from the issuance of any order granting a writ of possession, or the issuance, application, or request for the execution of the writ of possession; provided, however, that, in the event the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal is unable to execute the writ within 14 days from the landlord's application or request for such execution, the landlord shall be entitled to utilize the services of an off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other individual certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council having authority within the jurisdiction wherein the premises lie to execute such writ at the landlord's sole cost and expense. The sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain a list of authorized off-duty sheriffs, ~~sheriff deputies~~ deputy sheriffs, constables, marshals, and other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and make the same available upon request by the landlord. The sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain administrative authority over any persons executing writs under this subsection. The landlord shall provide written notice to the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal of the date and time of the execution of the writ by such off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, marshal, or other ~~individuals~~ individual certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council at least five calendar days in advance of

such execution in order to permit the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal to note the same within ~~their~~ his or her own records."

(7) Code Section 44-11-30, relating to manner of ejecting intruders, affidavit, ejection by sheriff and other peace officers, and counteraffidavit, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff," each time the term appears.

(8) Code Section 43-11-31, relating to sheriff and other peace officers competent to administer oath to person in possession, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff,".

(9) Code Section 44-11-32, relating to procedure on submission of counteraffidavit, trial, nonmeritorious submission, and appeal, by deleting the subsection (a) designation and in paragraphs (1) and (2), by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff," each time the term appears.

(10) Code Section 44-11-33, relating to issuance of writ of possession, fi. fa. for costs, and presentation to law enforcement, by replacing "44-11-32, finds" with "44-11-32 finds".

(11) Code Section 44-12-231, relating to enforcement of article regarding disposition of unclaimed property and properties not paid over on a timely basis, in subsection (b), by replacing "48-3-1" with "48-3-3".

SECTION 45.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 45-9-81, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia State Indemnification Fund, in paragraph (1), by repealing and reserving said paragraph.

(2) Code Section 45-17-8, relating to powers and duties generally of notaries public, in subsection (e), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

(3) Code Section 45-19-44, relating to unlawful practices punishable by civil fine, at the end of the introductory language of paragraph (a)(5), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

SECTION 46.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 46-2-8, relating to payment of salaries and expenses by commission, appropriations for salaries and expenses, and designation of Public Service Commission Fund, by replacing "for Commissioners," with "for the Commissioners,".

(2) Code Section 46-2-23.1, relating to "alternative form of regulation" defined, filing, notice, approval, and release of interstate pipeline capacity, in subparagraph (i)(1)(C), by replacing "that if" with "that, if".

(3) Code Section 46-2-26.3, relating to recovery of costs of conversion from oil-burning to

coal-burning generating facility, filing of request, public hearing, determination of rate, and adjustments, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Service Commission" with "commission" and by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) As used in this Code section, the term ~~For the purposes of this Code section, the following words or terms shall have the following meanings~~:

(1) 'Coal' ~~shall mean~~ means coal used as a primary energy source.

~~(2) 'Commission' shall mean the Georgia Public Service Commission.~~

~~(3)~~(2)(A) 'Cost of conversion' ~~shall mean~~ means costs as determined by the commission to be reasonable and necessary for the conversion of an oil-burning electric generating facility to the burning of coal. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, engineering, administrative, and legal costs~~,~~; the cost of environmental studies and control equipment, coal-handling and storage equipment, including rail facilities, equipment and facilities necessary to permit the combustion of coal~~,~~; the cost of retrofitting or refurbishing boilers to permit the combustion of coal~~,~~; the cost of on-site and off-site facilities for handling, storing, and disposing of wastes resulting from the combustion of coal~~,~~; and the cost of all other facilities reasonable and necessary to allow the conversion of an oil-burning electric generating facility to burn coal. Such costs shall also include the reasonable cost of capital for such conversion and for carrying the cost of such conversion until such costs are recovered as provided in this Code section. In no case shall ~~cost of conversion~~ such term include any costs incurred pursuant to an expansion of an electric generating facility's generating capacity above the generating capacity of said facility that existed prior to the conversion from oil to coal.

(B) Such term ~~'Cost of conversion'~~ shall not include the amount financed by the company through tax-exempt pollution control bonds, if any, of any portion of the project certified by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, or other agency vested with similar authority, to be a pollution control facility and therefore eligible for financing under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder or other similar law or regulation now or hereafter adopted.

~~(4)~~(3) 'Fuel cost savings' ~~shall mean~~ means the amount of fuel savings to be obtained by operating the facility converted from oil to coal-fired operation during the facility's first full 12 months of operation using coal as its primary fuel as compared to the operation of such facility on oil, had it been so operated, during the same 12 month period.

~~(5)~~(4) 'Utility' ~~shall mean~~ means any retail supplier of electricity subject to the rate-making jurisdiction of the commission."

(4) Code Section 46-2-26.5, relating to gas supply plans and adjustment factors, filings and hearing procedures, and recovery of purchase gas cost, by deleting paragraph (a)(2) and redesignating paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(8) as paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(7), respectively.

(5) Code Section 46-2-28, relating to procedure for issuance of stocks, bonds, notes, or other debt by companies under commission's jurisdiction and exemptions, in the introductory language of subsection (g), by deleting "paragraph (10) of".

(6) Code Section 46-3-1, relating to the short title regarding allocation of territorial rights to electric suppliers, by inserting "and may be cited" following "known".

(7) Code Section 46-3-3, relating to definitions regarding allocation of territorial rights to electric suppliers, in paragraph (2), by replacing "has the meaning provided by paragraph (3) of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in".
(8) Code Section 46-3-4, relating to assignment or declaration as unassigned areas-B of geographic areas outside municipal limits as of March 29, 1973, in paragraph (3), by replacing "provided that if" with "provided that, if" and by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(9) Code Section 46-3-7, relating to assignment and unassignment of geographic areas annexed to municipalities after March 29, 1973, in subparagraphs (2)(A) and (2)(D), by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(10) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions regarding high-voltage safety, in paragraph (3), by replacing "this term" with "such term".
(11) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language, by deleting "as defined in paragraph (6) of Code Section 46-3-32".
(12) Code Section 46-3-52, relating to jurisdiction of commission over cogeneration facility the energy from which is used solely by operator, by deleting paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) through (12) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively.
(13) Code Section 46-3-62, relating to definitions regarding solar power free-market financing, in paragraph (5), by replacing "has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (3) of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in" and in paragraph (9), by replacing "has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (6) of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in".
(14) Code Section 46-3-66, relating to construction and applicability, in subsections (d) and (e), by replacing "the effective date of this part" with "July 1, 2015,".
(15) Code Section 46-3-115, relating terms of authority members generally and time of meeting of election committee prior to annual meeting of authority, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(16) Code Section 46-3-120, relating to quorum of authority, action by majority vote, and adjournment of meetings at which less than a majority is present, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(17) Code Section 46-3-170, relating to short title regarding general provisions relative to electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, by replacing "article may" with "article shall be known and may".
(18) Code Section 46-3-263, relating to notice of members' meetings, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(19) Code Section 46-3-322, relating to filing articles of incorporation, issuance of certificate of incorporation, forwarding of copy of certificate to clerk of superior court, rejection of articles of incorporation, publication of notice, and commencement of corporate existence, in paragraph (e)(1), by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the form, and by revising paragraph (c)(4) as follows:

"(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the initial registered office of the electric membership corporation is

to be located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

'_____

_____

_____

(name and address of the newspaper designated by the incorporator or incorporators or ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)

Dear Sirs:

You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

"'_____ (name of electric membership corporation) has been duly incorporated on _____ (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State), by the issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "'Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act."' The initial registered office of the electric membership corporation is located at _____ (address of registered office) and its initial registered agent at such address is _____ (name of agent).'"

Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of $60.00 in payment of the costs of publishing this notice.

Very truly yours,

_____

_____

_____

(Name and address of incorporator or incorporators or ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)'"

(20) Code Section 46-3-363, relating to obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon amendment of name of electric membership corporation, filing articles of amendment, issuance of certificate of amendment, forwarding of copy of certificate to superior court, rejection of articles of amendment, and publication of notice, by revising paragraph (c)(4) as follows:

"(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

'_____
_____
_____
(Name and address of the newspaper
designated by the electric
membership corporation)

Dear Sirs:

You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

'"The Articles of Incorporation of _____ (name of electric membership corporation) have been duly amended on _____, ____ (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State), by the issuance of a certificate of amendment by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act."'

Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of $60.00 in payment of the cost of publishing this notice.

Very truly yours,

_____
_____
_____
(Name and address of the electric
membership corporation
or its representative)'"

(21) Code Section 46-3-383, relating to contents of articles of merger or articles of consolidation, obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon use of new name, and procedures involving filing, issuance, rejection, and publication of articles of merger or articles of consolidation, by revising paragraph (d)(4) as follows:

"(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the registered office of the surviving or new electric membership corporation is to be located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

'_____
_____
_____
(name and address of the newspaper designated
by the merging or consolidating
electric membership corporations)

Dear Sirs:

You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

'"A (merger) (consolidation) (has been) (will be) effected by and between _____ (name and state of incorporation of each of the constituent electric membership corporations) on _____ (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State) by the issuance of a certificate of (merger) (consolidation) by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "'Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act."' The name of the (surviving electric membership corporation in the merger) (new electric membership corporation resulting from the consolidation) (is) (will be) _____ (set forth the name and state of incorporation of the surviving electric membership corporation or new electric membership corporation, as the case may be), the registered office of which (is) (will be) located at _____ (address of registered office)."'

Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of $60.00 in payment of the cost of publishing this notice.

Very truly yours,

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_____

(Name and address of merging or consolidating electric membership corporations or their representative)'"

(22) Code Section 46-3-423, relating to procedure after filing statement of intent to dissolve, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The electric membership corporation shall immediately cause notice of its intent to dissolve to be published in a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This notice shall be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

'A Statement of Intent to Dissolve _____ (name of electric membership corporation), a Georgia electric membership corporation with registered office at _____ (address of registered office), has been delivered to the Secretary of State by said electric membership corporation and filed by him on _____, ____ (month, day, and year), in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "'Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act."'"

(23) Code Section 46-3-468, relating to application for reinstatement of certificate of authority, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) The application for reinstatement shall be in substantially the following form:

'Application for Reinstatement of
Certificate of Authority

To: The Secretary of State
Atlanta, Georgia

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 46-3-468, the undersigned foreign electric cooperative hereby applies for a certificate of reinstatement of a foreign electric cooperative and, for that purpose, submits the following:

First: The name of the foreign electric cooperative at the date of the certificate of revocation was _____.

Second: The new name by which the foreign electric cooperative will hereafter be known is _____.

Third: The certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Georgia was revoked on _____ for failure to follow the requirements stated in Code Section 46-3-466.

Fourth: The address, including street and number, of its registered office in Georgia is _____; and the name of its registered agent in Georgia at that address is _____.

Fifth: The application is accompanied by all delinquent reports together with the filing fees and penalties required by Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the '"Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act."'

Date _____, ____.

_____
(President or vice-president)

_____
(Secretary or assistant secretary)'"

(24) Code Section 46-3-480, relating to requirement of annual reports by electric membership corporation and foreign electric cooperative, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "provided, however, that".

(25) Code Section 46-3A-1, relating to definitions regarding integrated resource planning, in the introductory language, by replacing "chapter:" with "chapter, the term:" and by deleting paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively.

(26) Code Section 46-3A-3, relating to actions prohibited without a certificate of public convenience and necessity, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that".

(27) Code Section 46-3A-10, relating to effect on rates of changed revenues and risks and basis and effect of commission decision, by replacing "however," with "however, that".

(28) Code Section 46-4-85, relating to authority members and terms of office, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

(29) Code Section 46-4-90, relating to quorum and majority vote, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(30) Code Section 46-4-152, relating to definitions regarding natural gas competition and deregulation, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term control" with "Such term" and in paragraph (10.1), by replacing "defined" with "described".
(31) Code Section 46-4-154, relating to notice of election, unbundling, rates, application requirements, and surcharge on interruptibles, in subsection (e), by replacing "medicare" with "Medicare" and by replacing "writeoffs" with "write-offs".
(32) Code Section 46-4-158.2, relating to rules governing marketer's terms of service, in paragraph (8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(33) Code Section 46-4-159, relating to standards of conduct for electing distribution companies and response to complaints, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "The term control" with "Such term", in subparagraph (a)(3)(B), by replacing "the term marketer" with "such term", and in paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "however," with "provided, however, that".
(34) Code Section 46-4-160, relating to commission's authority over certificated marketers, access to records, investigations and hearings, price summary, billing, violations, and slamming, in subsection (j), by replacing "phrase" with "term".
(35) Code Section 46-5-1, relating to exercise of power of eminent domain by telephone companies, placement of posts and other fixtures, regulation of construction of fixtures, posts, and wires near railroad tracks, liability of telephone companies for damages, required information, and due compensation, in subparagraph (b)(1)(B) and paragraph (b)(7), by replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with "commission", in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "Code section," with "Code section, the term", in paragraph (b)(12), by replacing "As used in this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term" and by replacing "however, that if" with "however, that, if", in paragraph (b)(13), by replacing "ten percent" with "10 percent", and in subparagraph (b)(19)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(36) Code Section 46-5-2, relating to avoiding or attempting to avoid charges for use of telecommunication service, penalties, and computation of damages, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(37) Code Section 46-5-3, relating to making, possessing, selling, allowing use of, or publishing assembly plans for devices, equipment, or apparatus for committing theft of telecommunications service, or for concealing origin or destination of any telecommunication and compensatory damages, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "The term" with "Such term" and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(38) Code Section 46-5-5, relating to inclusion of local exchanges 495 and 567 in area code 404, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(39) Code Section 46-5-26, relating to access to live telephone operator, in subsection (a), by replacing "For the purpose of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term" and by replacing "dials '0'." with "dials '0.'"

(40) Code Section 46-5-27, relating to telephone solicitation calls and do not call database, in subparagraph (b)(3)(B), by deleting "or" at the end and in subsection (n), by replacing "voice over internet protocol" with "Voice over Internet Protocol".
(41) Code Section 46-5-28, relating to consent required for inclusion of subscribers' names or dialing numbers in a wireless telephone data base or a traditional telephone directory, exceptions, disclosure of wireless numbers to telemarketers prohibited, violations, and immunity of service suppliers for authorized disclosures, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
(42) Code Section 46-5-30, relating to establishment, administration, and operation of state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service, in subsection (c), by replacing "basis; however," with "basis; provided, however, that".
(43) Code Section 46-5-60, relating to short title regarding rural telephone cooperatives, by replacing "part may" with "part shall be known and may".
(44) Code Section 46-5-62, relating to definitions regarding rural telephone cooperatives, in paragraph (5), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".
(45) Code Section 46-5-63, relating to powers of cooperatives generally, in paragraph (4.1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(46) Code Section 46-5-75, relating to certificate of Secretary of State, by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the form.
(47) Code Section 46-5-93, relating to pledging or encumbering of property, assets, rights, and privileges of cooperative by board of directors to secure indebtedness to federal government, tax exemption for mortgages and deeds of trust, and sale, pledge, or encumbrance of property, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(48) Code Section 46-5-122, relating to definitions regarding emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'emergency 9-1-1 system'" with "Such term", in paragraph (7), by replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with "commission" and by replacing "The term 'exchange access facility'" with "Such term", in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (12.1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet", in paragraph (17.1), by replacing "over the Internet" with "over the internet" and by replacing "Internet protocol" with "Internet Protocol", and in paragraph (19), by replacing "The term" with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.
(49) Code Section 46-5-134.2, relating to prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge, definitions, imposition of fee by localities, collection and remission of charges, and distribution of funds, in paragraph (g)(3), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
(50) Code Section 46-5-162, relating to definitions regarding telecommunications and competition development, in the introductory language of paragraph (10), by replacing "For purposes of this article, there" with "There" and in paragraph (18), by replacing "For purposes of illustration, the term 'telecommunications services'" with "Such term".
(51) Code Section 46-5-163, relating to certificates of authority, in subsection (f), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
(52) Code Section 46-5-165, relating to alternative regulation of rates, terms, and conditions, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

(53) Code Section 46-5-167, relating to Universal Access Fund, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in subsection (g), by replacing "Public Service Commission" with "commission".

(54) Code Section 46-5-181, relating to definitions regarding the "Telecommunications Marketing Act of 1998," by revising said Code section as follows:

"46-5-181.

As used in this article, the ~~terms 'local exchange company,' 'telecommunications company,' and 'telecommunications services' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 46-5-162; the term 'local exchange carrier' shall have the same meaning as 'local exchange company'; and the term 'long distance service' shall include interexchange inter-LATA telecommunications service and interexchange intra-LATA telecommunications service~~ term:

(1) 'Local exchange carrier' shall have the same meaning as the term 'local exchange company.'

(2) 'Local exchange company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 46-5-162.

(3) 'Long distance service' includes interexchange inter-LATA telecommunications service and interexchange intra-LATA telecommunications service.

(4) 'Telecommunications company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 46-5-162.

(5) 'Telecommunications services' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 46-5-162."

(55) Code Section 46-5-221, relating to definitions regarding competitive emerging communications technologies, in subparagraph (1)(A), by replacing "Internet;" with "internet;", in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (1), by replacing "For the purposes of this article, broadband service" with "Such term", and in paragraph (2), by replacing "Internet protocol" with "internet protocol".

(56) Code Section 46-8-20, relating to exclusive power of commission to determine just and reasonable rates and charges, establishing rates and tariffs generally, and locating of depots and construction of freight and passenger buildings, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

(57) Code Section 46-8-42, relating to certificate of incorporation, duration of corporate existence, and fee for issuance of certificate, in subsection (a), by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the form.

(58) Code Section 46-8-100, relating to general powers regarding powers of railroad companies generally, in paragraph (3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

(59) Code Section 46-8-291, relating to consent and contributory negligence as defenses and comparative negligence as affecting amount of recovery, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

(60) Code Section 46-8-312, relating to service of process on lessor railroad company, generally, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

(61) Code Section 46-8-339, relating to authority of street, suburban, and interurban railroad companies to furnish steam for heating and power purposes and to lay and maintain steampipes, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(62) Code Section 46-9-42, relating to effect of strike by carrier's employees on carrier's duty to transport goods, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(63) Code Section 46-9-48, relating to adjustment and payment by common carriers of claims for loss of property or overcharge for freight and effect of failure by common carrier to adjust and pay claim, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(64) Code Section 46-9-50, relating to weighing of railroad cars by certified public weighers and manner of weighing cars, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that when" with "provided that, when".
(65) Code Section 46-9-138, relating to granting of annual passes by common carriers to sheriffs and their deputies, by replacing "provided that the term 'sheriffs and their lawful deputies,' as used in this Code section, means" with "provided that, as used in this Code section, the term 'sheriffs and their lawful deputies' means".
(66) Code Section 46-9-212, relating to switching off and delivering to connecting roads all cars consigned to points over or beyond the connecting roads, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
(67) Code Section 46-9-230, relating to manner of incorporation of express companies, by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the certificate form.
(68) Code Section 46-9-290, relating to Designated Georgia Rail Passenger Corridors, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "For the purposes of this subsection, 'high speed rail' is defined as involving" with "As used in this subsection, the term 'high speed rail' means".
(69) Chapters 10 and 11, which are reserved, by designating said chapters as repealed.
(70) The following Code sections, by replacing "Public Service Commission" and "Georgia Public Service Commission" with "commission" each time the term appears:

(A) Code Section 46-1-2, relating to measure of damages for wrongs and injuries by railroad companies generally and venue for actions against railroad companies and electric companies generally;

(B) Code Section 46-2-10, relating to payment of special fee by corporations and utilities subject to jurisdiction of commission, notice of amount due, and procedure on default;

(C) Code Section 46-2-25.2, relating to sixteen-mile toll-free telephone calling, modification of rate schedules, recovery of expenses or lost revenues by telephone companies, and rate-making power of Public Service Commission not affected;

(D) Code Section 46-2-25.3, relating to toll-free calls within 22 miles of exchange, hearings, and "net gain" defined;

(E) Code Section 46-3-152, relating to jurisdiction of commission over rates, services, and practices of authority;

(F) Code Section 46-4-53, relating to application to commission by gas utility for order approving utilization or operation of underground reservoir, hearing on application generally, and giving notice of hearing;

(G) Code Section 46-4-54, relating to investigation by state geologist of site of proposed storage project, procedures involving state geologist, investigation of proposed storage

project by director of Environmental Protection Division, procedures involving director, and investigation of proposed storage project by commission;
(H) Code Section 46-4-60, relating to adoption by Board of Natural Resources of rules and regulations governing construction, installation, utilization, and operation of underground reservoirs and stations, wells, fixtures, and other facilities, enforcement of rules and regulations, and inspection and examination;
(I) Code Section 46-4-122, relating to exemption from regulation by Public Service Commission;
(J) Code Section 46-4A-12, relating to construction of chapter regarding provision of energy conservation assistance to residential customers by electric and gas utilities;
(K) Code Section 46-5-6, relating to exclusive power and authority of the Public Service Commission to prescribe rules and regulations regarding public pay telephones;
(L) Code Section 46-5-41, relating to obtaining of certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction, operation, acquisition, or extension of telephone lines, plants, or systems;
(M) Code Section 46-5-124, relating to guidelines for implementing a state-wide emergency 9-1-1 system and training and equipment standards;
(N) Code Section 46-5-126, relating to cooperation by commission and telephone industry;
(O) Code Section 46-5-137, relating to powers of Public Service Commission not affected;
(P) Code Section 46-5-182, relating to certification of telecommunications companies which bill for or solicit intrastate telecommunications services;
(Q) Code Section 46-5-211, relating to consent of end user required for release of telephone records and law enforcement exception;
(R) Code Section 46-5-213, relating to circumstances to which this article not applicable regarding disclosure of certain customer information;
(S) Code Section 46-5-222, relating to commission has no authority over setting of rates or terms and conditions for the offering of broadband service, voice over Internet protocol, or wireless service and limitations;
(T) Code Section 46-8-73, relating to contents of petition for dissolution, certification resolution recommending dissolution, attachment of resolution to petition, verification of petition, and fee for filing petition;
(U) Code Section 46-8-75, relating to transfer of copy of petition from Secretary of State to commission;
(V) Code Section 46-8-78, relating to order of Secretary of State accepting surrender of charter and franchises and dissolving corporation and recording of petition, certificate of approval, certificate of publication, and order by Secretary of State;
(W) Code Section 46-8-196, relating to use of standard signs for highway crossings and for advertising or other purposes, mutilation, destruction, and defacement of standard signs, and removal of unauthorized signs by county authorities; and
(X) Code Section 46-8A-2, relating to line or system permit required regarding rapid rail passenger service.

SECTION 47.

Reserved.

SECTION 48.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 48-5-7.6, relating to preferential assessment for brownfield property, in division (h)(1)(B)(iii), by redesignating the second subdivision (II) as subdivision (III).

(2) Code Section 48-5-28, relating to priority of taxes over other claims and superiority of security deed, in subsection (a), by replacing "Code Section 53-7-91," with "Code Section 53-7-40,".

(3) Code Section 48-5-164, relating to duties of successor tax collector or tax commissioner as to performing uncompleted duties of outgoing collector or commissioner, distribution of commissions, and liability, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)~~(1)~~ Each tax collector or tax commissioner to whom a list is furnished as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section shall pay to the outgoing tax collector or tax commissioner, as the taxes are collected, one-half of the commissions and retain for his or her services one-half, the commissions to be calculated as if the amounts had been collected by the outgoing tax collector or tax commissioner.

~~(2) Reserved.~~"

(4) Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, at the end of subparagraph (a)(3)(A), by replacing the period with a semicolon, in paragraph (a)(3), by deleting the subparagraph (A) designation and by redesignating subparagraph (B) as paragraph (a)(3.1), and in division (a)(5)(D)(i), by deleting "or" at the end.

(5) Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, in subparagraph (e)(2)(E), by replacing "section including" with "section, including" and in subparagraph (e)(4)(B), by replacing "their approval" with "such approval".

(6) Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase or lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, in the table in subsection (b), under Tier 2, Credit amount per vehicle, by replacing "2000.00" with "2,000.00".

(7) Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital production, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (c)(2)(B), by replacing "paragraph" with "subparagraph".

(8) Code Section 48-7-40.30, relating to tax credits for certain qualified investments for limited period of time, in paragraph (f)(5), by replacing "transferrable" with "transferable".

(9) Code Section 48-8-2, relating to definitions regarding state sales and use tax, in the introductory language of paragraph (39), by replacing "voice over internet protocol" with "Voice over Internet Protocol".

(10) Code Section 48-8-15, relating to ratification of Executive Order on temporary and partial exemption for liquid propane gas commodity sold and delivered for residential heating, in subsection (e), by replacing "Chapter 10" with "Chapter 1".

(11) Code Section 48-13-133, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations regarding taxation of consumer fireworks, by replacing "this Code section" with "this article".

SECTION 49.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 49-3-6, relating to functions of county department of family and children services, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Council of Accountability Courts" with "Council of Accountability Court Judges" and in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Human Services," with "board,".

(2) Code Section 49-4-159.2, relating to remote maternal health clinical services, reporting, and termination, in subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "transmitting" with "transmit" and in subsection (c), by replacing "repealed" with "repealed and reserved".

(3) Code Section 49-5-8, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Human Services, in subparagraph (a)(11)(A), by replacing "with, a photograph of himself or herself, provided however, that if" with "with a photograph of himself or herself; provided, however, that, if" and in subparagraph (a)(11)(B), by replacing "a personal identification card" with "an identification card" each time the phrase appears.

SECTION 50.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in:

(1) Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to regional commissions, by deleting the Part 1 designation.

(2) Code Section 50-18-160, relating to individuals or nonprofit organizations, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Code, has" with "Code or has" and in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "in possession" with "in the possession".

(3) Code Section 50-36-4, relating to submission of annual immigration compliance report, creation of reporting system, contents of reports, and annual review, in paragraph (d)(7), by replacing "42-4-11.4, 42-4-11.5," with "42-1-11.4, 42-1-11.5,".

SECTION 51.

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 51-1-22.1, relating to liability of an operator of a vessel under certain conditions, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "$1,000,000.00" with "$1 million".

SECTION 52.

Reserved.

SECTION 53.

Reserved.

SECTION 54.

(a) In accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 28-9-5, the following portions included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state by LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised volumes thereof, are hereby reenacted, and such reenactment shall have the effect of adopting and giving force and effect of law to the following portions as contained in such supplements and volumes:

(1) Statutory text; and

(2) Arrangement and numbering system, including, but not limited to, title, chapter, article, part, subpart, Code section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, division, and subdivision numbers and designations.

(b) The following portions included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state by LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised volumes thereof, are specifically not enacted or reenacted, have no binding authority, bear no weight or effect, and shall not be construed to have the imprimatur of the General Assembly or the State of Georgia:

(1) Case annotations;

(2) Research references, including, but not limited to:

(A) Law reviews;

(B) Collateral references to secondary sources;

(C) Opinions of the Georgia Attorney General;

(D) Advisory opinions of the State Bar; and

(E) Cross-references;

(3) Captions;

(4) Catchlines;

(5) Headings;

(6) Title and chapter analyses;

(7) History lines;

(8) Repeal lines;

(9) Editorial notes;

(10) Amendment notes;

(11) Code Commission notes;

(12) Effective date notes;

(13) Tables;

(14) User's Guide;

(15) General Index;

(16) Volume indices;

(17) Indices related to local and special laws;

(18) Conversion tables;

(19) The United States Constitution;

(20) The Georgia Constitution;

(21) Rules and regulations of state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or other entities;

(22) Material in brackets or parentheses and editorial, delayed effective date, effect of amendment, or other similar notes within the text of a Code section which have been added by the publisher in order to explain or to prevent a misapprehension concerning the contents of the Code section; and

(23) Any other matter published in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which is not included in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The reenactment of the portions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by subsection (a) of this section shall not affect, supersede, or repeal any Act of the General Assembly, or portion thereof, which is not contained in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and which was not repealed by Code Section 1-1-10, specifically including those Acts which have not yet been included in the text of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated because of effective dates which extend beyond the effective date of the Code or the publication date of the Code or its supplements. This subsection shall not apply to any Act or portion thereof which was superseded due to conflict as provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 28-9-5.

(d) The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and in the other Acts enacted at the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia shall supersede the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ratified and reenacted by subsection (a) of this section.

(e) In the event of a conflict between a provision in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and a provision of another Act enacted at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly, the provision of such other Act shall control over the conflicting provision in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 55.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	E Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
E Chastain	Y Griffin	Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 252. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 35th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 37 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and disposition of real and personal property generally, so as to provide for conveyance of municipal property interests to independent school systems; to provide for municipal replacement of such conveyed property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 37 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and disposition of real and personal property generally, so as to provide for conveyance of municipal property interests to independent school systems; to provide for

municipal replacement of such conveyed property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 37 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and disposition of real and personal property generally, is amended by revising Code Section 36-37-6.1, relating to sale, exchange, lease, or grant of easement over property used for recreational purposes by incorporated municipalities having population greater than 300,000, as follows:

"36-37-6.1.

(a) This Code section shall be applicable to incorporated municipalities of the State of Georgia having a population of more than 300,000 according to the United States decennial census of 1960 or any future such census.

(b) All such municipalities shall have authority to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property comprising parks, playgrounds, golf courses, swimming pools, or other like property used primarily for recreational purposes, provided that nothing in this Code section shall have the effect of authorizing alienation where such would be in derogation of rights, duties, and obligations imposed by prior deed, contract, or like document of similar import or where such alienation would cause divesting of title to a park, playground, golf course, swimming pool, or other like property that had been dedicated to public use and not subsequently abandoned.

(c)(1) All such municipalities shall have authority to lease out and grant easements over property used primarily for recreational purposes to others consistent with general park and recreational purposes for a period not exceeding 50 years and for a valuable consideration. Any such recreational property which was formerly used for annual regional fair purposes but is no longer so used may be leased by any such municipality to one or more private entities for terms of not more than 50 years each for development and use as motion picture and television production, processing, and related facilities together with all such support and service facilities as are necessary or convenient to such use.

(2) All such municipalities shall have authority to enter into contracts and renewals and extensions of contracts for the cooperative operation, maintenance, cooperative management, and funding of property which in no way limits the governance or the policy role of said municipalities which property is used primarily for recreational purposes consistent with general park and recreational purposes, for periods not exceeding ten years and for a valuable consideration.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, all such municipalities shall have authority to lease out, grant easements over, or convey any property described in subsection (b) of this Code section to an independent school system operating in such municipality for a valuable consideration where the governing authority of such municipality and the board of such independent school system

determine that such lease, easement, or conveyance is in the best interest of their respective jurisdictions and for use of the school system for educational purposes. If such property is conveyed, the governing authority of such municipality shall subsequently replace such property with one or more properties which are determined by such governing authority to be, in the aggregate, of equal or greater acreage and of substantially equivalent or greater benefit to the citizens of such municipality, taking into consideration the prevailing uses and needs of such municipality. One or more independent conveyances of property as may be agreed upon by such municipality and independent school system for the public uses set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be credited against the replacement property required by this paragraph for any subsequent conveyance of property described in subsection (b) of this Code section by the municipality to the independent school system. The cumulative impact of such conveyances shall not result in a net loss of park acreage owned by such municipality."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
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Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	E Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	E Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
E Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative
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March 20, 2025

Clerk of the House,

On March 20th, I missed two votes; SB 153 and SB 252 and would like the official record to reflect a vote of a Yes.

Thank you,

/s/ Rep. Kim Schofield
Rep. Kim Schofield, D63
Georgia General Assembly

SB 68. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 13, 40, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, contracts, motor vehicles, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for substantive and

comprehensive revision of provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions; to provide limitations relative to pain and suffering testimony; to provide for timing of answers and discovery; to provide for dismissals of civil actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 9, 40, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, motor vehicles, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for substantive and comprehensive revision of provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions; to provide limitations relative to evidence of noneconomic damages; to provide for timing of answers and discovery; to provide for dismissals of civil actions; to provide for attorney's fees, court costs, and litigation expenses; to provide for admissibility of evidence related to seat safety belts; to provide for trial procedures; to provide for a negligent security cause of action; to provide for exclusive remedies for negligent security actions subject to exceptions; to provide for apportionment of damages in negligent security actions; to provide for the recovery of special damages for medical and healthcare expenses in personal injury and wrongful death cases; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended by revising Code Section 9-10-184, relating to value of pain and suffering may be argued, as follows:

"9-10-184.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Economic damages' means pecuniary damages recoverable in tort for bodily injury or wrongful death, including, but not limited to, damages for past and future medical expenses; costs of rehabilitation; costs of therapy; loss of wages; loss of income; loss of earning capacity; loss of services performed by the injured or deceased person as a result of the injury or death, including domestic and other necessary services performed without compensation; and funeral or burial expenses.

(2) 'Noneconomic damages' means all damages recoverable in tort for bodily injury or wrongful death other than economic damages, including, but not limited to, damages

for physical or emotional pain, discomfort, anxiety, hardship, distress, suffering, inconvenience, physical impairment, mental anguish, disfigurement, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of society and companionship, loss of consortium, injury to reputation, and in wrongful death cases, the nonpecuniary elements of the full value of life.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, in the trial of any action to recover damages for bodily injury or wrongful death, counsel shall not argue the worth or monetary value of noneconomic damages, and counsel shall not, in the hearing of the jury or any prospective juror, elicit any testimony regarding, or make any reference to, any specific amount or range of amounts of noneconomic damages, the measure of such damages being the enlightened conscience of an impartial jury.

(c)(1) In the trial of any action to recover damages for bodily injury or wrongful death, counsel for any party shall be allowed to argue the worth or monetary value of noneconomic damages only after the close of evidence and at the time of such party's first opportunity to argue the issue of damages, provided that such argument shall be rationally related to the evidence of noneconomic damages and shall not make reference to objects or values having no rational connection to the facts proved by the evidence.

(2) If counsel is entitled to the opening and concluding arguments, then counsel shall not be allowed to argue the worth or monetary value of noneconomic damages during such counsel's concluding argument unless counsel has argued the worth or monetary value of noneconomic damages during such counsel's opening argument, and such counsel shall not argue a different worth or monetary value of noneconomic damages in concluding arguments than was argued in such counsel's opening argument.

(d) If counsel elicits any testimony, or makes any argument or reference, prohibited by this Code section in the hearing of the jury or one or more prospective jurors, the court shall take remedial measures as provided in Code Section 9-10-185 or shall, with respect to prospective jurors, excuse the prospective jurors.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit counsel from asking prospective jurors during voir dire whether they could return a verdict that does not award any damages or a verdict in excess of some unspecified amount, provided that such question is supported by the evidence. ~~In the trial of a civil action for personal injuries, counsel shall be allowed to argue the worth or monetary value of pain and suffering to the jury; provided, however, that any such argument shall conform to the evidence or reasonable deductions from the evidence in the case.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 9-11-12, relating to answer, defenses, and objections, when and how presented and heard, when defenses waived, and stay of discovery, by revising subsections (a), (e), and (j) as follows:

"(a) **When answer presented.**

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a ~~A~~ defendant shall serve ~~his~~ an answer within 30 days after the service of the summons and complaint upon ~~him~~ the defendant, unless otherwise provided by statute. A cross-claim or counterclaim

shall not require an answer, unless one is required by order of the court, and shall automatically stand denied.

(2) Unless the court sets a different time, serving a motion under this Code section alters the time for serving an answer pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection as follows:

(A) If the court denies the motion or postpones its disposition until trial, the answer shall be served within 15 days after notice of the court's action; or

(B) If the court grants a motion for a more definite statement, the answer shall be served within 15 days after the more definite statement is served."

"(e) **Motion for more definite statement.** If a pleading to which a responsive pleading is permitted is so vague or ambiguous that a party cannot reasonably be required to frame a proper responsive pleading, ~~he shall nevertheless answer or respond to the best of his ability, and he~~ such party may move for a more definite statement. The motion shall point out the defects complained of and the details desired. If the motion is granted and the order of the court is not obeyed within 15 days after notice of the order, or within such other time as the court may fix, the court may strike the pleading to which the motion was directed or make such order as it deems just."

"(j) **Stay of discovery.**

(1) If a party files a motion to dismiss before ~~or at the time of~~ filing an answer and pursuant to the provisions of this Code section, discovery shall be stayed ~~for 90 days after the filing of such motion or~~ until the ruling of the court on such motion; provided, however, that, if a defendant files an answer before the ruling of the court on such motion, the stay imposed by this subsection shall immediately terminate with respect to such defendant~~, whichever is sooner~~. The court shall decide the motion to dismiss within ~~the~~ 90 days ~~provided in this paragraph~~ following the conclusion of briefing on such motion.

(2) The discovery period and all discovery deadlines shall be extended for a period equal to the duration of the stay imposed by this subsection.

(3) If the court has not ruled on the motion to dismiss within 90 days following the conclusion of briefing on such motion, the ~~The~~ court may ~~upon its own motion or~~ upon motion of a party, and for good cause shown, terminate or modify the stay imposed by this subsection ~~but shall not extend such stay~~; provided, however, that such remedy shall not preclude any other remedy available for the failure to timely rule on such motion, including, but not limited to, a writ of mandamus.

(4) If a motion to dismiss raises defenses set forth in paragraph (2), (3), (5), or (7) of subsection (b) of this Code section; ~~or~~ if any party needs discovery in order to identify persons who may be joined or substituted as proper parties; or if any party needs discovery in order to establish the jurisdiction of the court, limited discovery needed to respond to such defenses, to ~~or~~ identify such persons, or to establish such jurisdiction shall be permitted ~~until the court rules on such motion~~ notwithstanding the stay imposed by this subsection.

(5) The provisions of this subsection shall not modify or affect the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 9-11-23 or any other power of the court to stay discovery."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 9-11-41, relating to dismissal of actions and recommencement within six months, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) **Voluntary dismissal; effect.** ~~:~~

(1) **By plaintiff; by stipulation.** Subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of Code Section 9-11-23, Code Section 9-11-66, and any statute, an action may be dismissed by the plaintiff, without order or permission of court:

(A) By filing a written notice of dismissal at any time before ~~the first witness is sworn~~ the sixtieth day following the date the opposing party serves an answer; or

(B) By filing a stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared in the action.

(2) **Effect.** A dismissal under paragraph (1) of this subsection is without prejudice, except that if the plaintiff previously dismissed any federal or state court action based on or including the same claim, such notice or stipulation operates as an adjudication upon the merits.

~~(2)~~(3) **By order of court.** Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, an action shall not be dismissed upon the plaintiff's motion except upon order of the court and upon the terms and conditions as the court deems proper. If a counterclaim has been pleaded by a defendant prior to the service upon him or her of the plaintiff's motion to dismiss, the action shall not be dismissed against the defendant's objection unless the counterclaim can remain pending for independent adjudication by the court. Unless the court order states otherwise, a dismissal under this paragraph is without prejudice.

~~(3) **Effect.** A dismissal under this subsection is without prejudice, except that the filing of a second notice of dismissal operates as an adjudication upon the merits.~~"

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to court and litigation costs, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"9-15-16.

(a) In any civil action, no party shall recover the same attorney's fees, court costs, or expenses of litigation more than once pursuant to one or more statutes authorizing awards of attorney's fees, court costs, or expenses of litigation, whether such statute or statutes authorize such awards for compensatory or punitive purposes, unless the statute or statutes specifically authorize the recovery of duplicate attorney's fees, court costs, or expenses of litigation.

(b) In any civil action, if a party seeks to recover attorney's fees pursuant to any statute authorizing an award of reasonable attorney's fees, a contingent fee agreement between such party and such party's attorney shall not be admissible as proof of the reasonableness of the fees.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall limit or diminish any contractual right to recover attorney's fees, court costs, or expenses of litigation."

SECTION 5.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-8-76.1, relating to use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The failure of an occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a seat safety belt in any seat of a motor vehicle which has a seat safety belt or belts ~~shall not be considered evidence of negligence or causation, shall not otherwise be considered by the finder of fact on any question of liability of any person, corporation, or insurer, shall not be any basis for cancellation of coverage or increase in insurance rates, and shall not~~ may be considered in any civil action as evidence admissible on the issues of negligence, comparative negligence, causation, assumption of risk, or apportionment of fault or for any other purpose and may be evidence used to diminish any recovery for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, occupancy, or operation of a motor vehicle; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not prevent a court from determining the admissibility of such evidence pursuant to Code Section 24-4-403 or any other statutory or common law rule of evidence.

(2) The failure of an occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a seat safety belt in any seat of a motor vehicle which has a seat safety belt or belts shall not be any basis for a cancellation of insurance coverage or an increase in insurance rate."

SECTION 6.

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to liability of owners and occupiers of land, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

51-3-50.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Negligent security' means any claim against an owner or occupier, or against a security contractor, that:

(A) Sounds in tort or nuisance, including, but not limited to, any claim under Article 1 of this chapter;

(B) Seeks to recover damages for bodily injury or wrongful death; and

(C) Arises from an alleged failure to keep the premises and approaches safe from the wrongful conduct of third persons.

(2) 'Owner or occupier' means any person that owns, leases, occupies, operates, maintains, or manages real property of any kind or any director, officer, employee, or agent of such person.

(3) 'Particularized warning of imminent wrongful conduct by a third person' means information actually known to an owner or occupier and deemed credible by the owner or occupier, which causes the owner or occupier to consciously understand that a third person is likely to imminently engage in wrongful conduct on the premises that poses a clear danger to the safety of persons upon the premises, such information being specific as to the identity of the third person, the nature and character of the wrongful conduct, the degree of dangerousness of the wrongful conduct, and the location, time, and circumstances of the wrongful conduct.

(4) 'Premises' means the real property that is owned, leased, occupied, operated, maintained, or managed by an owner or occupier.

(5) 'Prior occurrences of substantially similar wrongful conduct' means prior occurrences of wrongful conduct which are sufficiently similar in nature and character, degree of dangerousness, proximity, location, time, and circumstances to the wrongful conduct from which a claim of negligent security arises to lead a reasonable person in the position of the owner or occupier to apprehend that such wrongful conduct is reasonably likely to occur upon the premises, to understand the risk of injury to persons upon the premises presented by such wrongful conduct, and to understand that a specific and known physical condition of the premises has created a risk of such wrongful conduct on the premises that is substantially greater than the general risk of such wrongful conduct in the vicinity of the premises.

(6) 'Security contractor' means any person that contracts with an owner or occupier to provide protective or security services upon any premises or any director, officer, employee, or agent of such person.

(7) 'Third person' means any person other than an owner or occupier or a security contractor or a person under the direction, control, or supervision of an owner or occupier or security contractor.

(8) 'Wrongful conduct' means:

(A) Any violation of a law of this state or an ordinance of any political subdivision thereof that is punishable as a felony or misdemeanor, regardless of whether such violation results in an arrest, citation, accusation, indictment, or conviction; or

(B) Any other conduct that amounts to an intentional, or willful and wanton, tort.

51-3-51.

Except as provided in Code Section 51-3-54, an owner or occupier shall be liable for negligent security arising from any injury sustained by any person upon the premises of the owner or occupier as an invitee if the plaintiff proves that:

(1) The wrongful conduct by a third person that caused the injury sustained by the invitee was reasonably foreseeable because the owner or occupier:

(A) Had particularized warning of imminent wrongful conduct by a third person; or

(B) Reasonably should have known that a third person was reasonably likely to engage in such wrongful conduct upon the premises, based on:

(i) Prior occurrences of substantially similar wrongful conduct upon the premises of which the owner or occupier had actual knowledge;

(ii) Prior occurrences of substantially similar wrongful conduct upon the property adjoining the premises, or otherwise occurring within 500 yards of the premises, of which the owner or occupier had actual knowledge; or

(iii) Prior occurrences of substantially similar wrongful conduct by the third person whose wrongful conduct caused the injury, if the owner or occupier knew or should have known, by clear and convincing evidence, that such third person was or would be upon the premises and if the owner or occupier had actual knowledge of such prior occurrences of substantially similar wrongful conduct;

(2) The injury sustained by the invitee was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of such wrongful conduct by a third person;

(3) Such wrongful conduct by a third person was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of such third person exploiting a specific physical condition of the premises known to the owner or occupier, which created a reasonably foreseeable risk of wrongful conduct on the premises that was substantially greater than the general risk of wrongful conduct in the vicinity of the premises;

(4) The owner or occupier failed to exercise ordinary care to remedy or mitigate such specific and known physical condition of the premises and to otherwise keep the premises safe from such wrongful conduct by a third person; and

(5) Such failure of the owner or occupier to exercise ordinary care was a proximate cause of the injury sustained by the invitee.

51-3-52.

Except as provided in Code Section 51-3-54, an owner or occupier shall be liable for negligent security arising from any injury sustained by any person upon the premises of the owner or occupier as a licensee if the plaintiff proves that:

(1) The wrongful conduct by a third person that caused the injury sustained by the licensee was reasonably foreseeable because the owner or occupier had particularized warning of imminent wrongful conduct by a third person;

(2) The injury sustained by the licensee was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of such wrongful conduct by a third person;

(3) Such wrongful conduct by a third person was a reasonably foreseeable consequence of such third person exploiting a specific physical condition of the premises known to the owner or occupier, which created a reasonably foreseeable risk of wrongful conduct on the premises that was substantially greater than the general risk of wrongful conduct in the vicinity of the premises;

(4) The owner or occupier willfully and wantonly failed to exercise any care to remedy or mitigate the specific and known physical condition of the premises and to otherwise keep the premises safe from such wrongful conduct by a third person; and

(5) Such failure of the owner or occupier to exercise any care was a proximate cause of the injury sustained by the licensee.

51-3-53.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section, the provisions of this article shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for negligent security against owners or occupiers, and no owner or occupier shall be liable for negligent security except as provided in this article.
(b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect any cause of action brought pursuant to Code Section 51-1-56 or any other applicable law or theory of recovery otherwise recognized by law, including, but not limited to, negligence and nuisance, in connection with an alleged violation of Code Section 16-5-46.
(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect any claim or remedy for breach of contract or any other claim, remedy, or cause of action not arising under Article 1 of this chapter.

51-3-54.
Notwithstanding Code Sections 51-3-51 and 51-3-52, no owner or occupier shall be liable for negligent security:
(1) Arising from an injury sustained by a person upon the premises of the owner or occupier as a trespasser;
(2) Arising from an injury sustained by a person not upon the premises of the owner or occupier;
(3) Arising from the wrongful conduct of a third person, if such wrongful conduct did not occur upon the premises and in a place from which the owner or occupier had the legal right and authority to exclude such third person;
(4) Arising from the wrongful conduct of a third person, if such third person was upon the premises as a tenant or as a guest of a tenant, if the owner or occupier had commenced eviction proceedings against such tenant at the time of the wrongful conduct;
(5) Arising from an injury sustained by a third person upon the premises of the owner or occupier as an invitee or a licensee, if such person:
(A) Came upon the premises for the purpose of committing any violation of a law of this state that is punishable as a felony or any violation of Chapter 8 of Title 16 that is punishable as a misdemeanor; or
(B) Was engaged at the time of the injury in the commission of any violation of a law of this state that is punishable as a felony or any violation of Chapter 8 of Title 16 that is punishable as a misdemeanor, provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to a victim of a violation of Code Section 16-5-46;
(6) Arising from an injury sustained upon premises that is used as a single-family residence; or
(7) Based on a particularized warning of imminent wrongful conduct by a third person, if the owner or occupier made any reasonable effort to provide such information to law enforcement personnel, provided that calling 9-1-1 or otherwise making a report about such information to law enforcement personnel shall be deemed a reasonable effort.

51-3-55.

(a) No owner or occupier shall be required to exercise extraordinary care to keep persons on or around any premises safe from wrongful conduct by a third person, and no owner or occupier shall be required to assume the responsibilities and obligations of government for law enforcement and public safety.

(b) In any action for negligent security, in assessing whether an owner or occupier has breached a duty to exercise ordinary care to keep persons on or around any premises safe from wrongful conduct by a third person, the trier of fact shall consider the security measures employed by the owner or occupier at the time of the injury from which the claim of negligent security arises, the need for additional or other security measures, the practicality of additional or other security measures, whether additional or other security measures would have prevented the injury, the respective responsibilities of owners or occupiers with respect to the premises and government with respect to law enforcement and public safety, and any other relevant circumstances.

51-3-56.

In any action for negligent security:

(1) If the trier of fact finds that any defendant is liable to the plaintiff, the trier of fact shall make an apportionment of fault under Code Section 51-12-33, and in making such an apportionment, the trier of fact shall reasonably apportion fault to:

(A) The owner or occupier;

(B) Any third person whose wrongful conduct was a cause of the injury from which the claim of negligent security arises; and

(C) Any other persons to whom fault otherwise should be apportioned under Code Section 51-12-33;

(2) In connection with an apportionment of fault under Code Section 51-12-33, no party shall offer evidence, or make an argument or other comment in the hearing of any juror or prospective juror, concerning:

(A) Any sentence of imprisonment or probation, fine, or other punishment that has been, or could be, imposed in a criminal prosecution of any third person for the wrongful conduct from which the claim of negligent security arises;

(B) The financial resources of any party or nonparty; or

(C) The effect of an apportionment of fault upon any award of damages to the plaintiff; and

(3) If a jury fails as the trier of fact to apportion a reasonable degree of fault to the third person whose wrongful conduct was a cause of the injury from which the claim of negligent security arises, the trial court shall set aside the verdict of the jury and order a retrial of liability and damages. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that an apportionment of fault is unreasonable if the total percentage of fault apportioned to all third persons for their wrongful conduct is less than the total percentage of fault apportioned to all owners or occupiers, security contractors, and other persons and entities that did not engage in wrongful conduct.

51-3-57.

(a) If a security contractor assumes and undertakes a duty to invitees and licensees to keep all or part of a premises of an owner or occupier safe from the wrongful conduct of a third person, the security contractor may be liable for negligent security only in the same manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same limitations and provisions applicable to an owner or occupier contained in this article. In no event shall a security contractor be subject to liability for negligent security to an extent greater than the liability for negligent security of an owner or occupier.

(b) No security contractor shall be liable for negligent security except as provided in this Code section.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall limit or otherwise affect any claim or remedy of an owner or occupier for breach of contract."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 12, relating to general provisions relative to damages, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-12-1.1.

(a) In any civil action to recover damages resulting from injury or death to a person, special damages for medical and healthcare expenses shall be recoverable only as provided in this Code section.

(b) Special damages for medical and healthcare expenses shall be limited to the reasonable value of medically necessary care, treatment, or services, and the amount of such special damages shall be determined by the trier of fact.

(c) If the plaintiff in any such civil action has any form of public or private health insurance, including benefits under a governmental workers' compensation program, evidence relevant to the determination of the reasonable value of medically necessary care, treatment, or services pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall include both the amounts charged for past, present, or future medical and healthcare expenses and the amounts actually necessary to satisfy such charges pursuant to the insurance contract or the applicable governmental workers' compensation program, regardless of whether the health insurance has been used, is used, or will be used to satisfy such charges.

(d) In any claim for medical and healthcare expenses rendered under a letter of protection or any other arrangement by which a healthcare provider renders treatment in exchange for a promise of payment for the plaintiff's medical and healthcare expenses from any judgment or settlement of a civil action to recover damages resulting from injury or death to a person, regardless of how such arrangement is referred to, the following shall be relevant and discoverable:

(1) A copy of the letter of protection;

(2) All charges for the plaintiff's medical and healthcare expenses, which shall be itemized and, to the extent applicable, coded according to generally accepted medical billing practices;

(3) If the healthcare provider sells the accounts receivable for the plaintiff's medical and healthcare expenses to a third party at less than the invoice price:

(A) The name of the third party; and

(B) The dollar amount for which the third party purchased such accounts receivable; and

(4) Whether the claimant was referred for treatment under a letter of protection or other similar arrangement and, if so, the identity of the person who made the referral.

(e) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this Code section abrogates the common law collateral source rule to the extent necessary to introduce the evidence described in this Code section; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to prevent the court from issuing appropriate jury instructions to clarify the role of collateral source payments and to prevent potential jury confusion regarding the effect of collateral source payments on the plaintiff's recovery.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed or applied to limit the right of a plaintiff or defendant to present evidence or testimony, or both, challenging the reasonableness of medical and healthcare expenses, whether incurred or projected future expenses, or the medical necessity of any treatment."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-12-15.

(a) In any action to recover damages for bodily injury or wrongful death, any party may elect, by written demand prior to the entry of the pretrial order, to have fault and any award of damages determined at trial in the following manner:

(1) In the first phase of the trial, the trier of fact shall determine the fault of each defendant, and if the trier of fact finds that any defendant is at fault for the plaintiff's injuries or wrongful death, the trier of fact shall further determine through an appropriate form of the verdict the percentages of fault of all persons or entities that contributed to such injuries or wrongful death as provided in Code Section 51-12-33, prior to any determination of the total amount of damages to be awarded, if any such findings are required. The evidence and arguments of counsel in the first phase of the trial shall be limited to the issues provided for in this paragraph;

(2) If the trier of fact finds in the first phase of the trial that any defendant is at fault for the plaintiff's injuries or wrongful death, the trial shall be recommenced immediately with the same judge and the same jury. In the second phase of the trial, the trier of fact shall determine all compensatory damages to be awarded to the plaintiff, if any, and the evidence and arguments of counsel shall be limited to this issue; and

(3) If the trier of fact finds in the second phase of the trial that any compensatory damages are to be awarded to the plaintiff, the trial may be recommenced immediately with the same judge and the same jury for such further proceedings as may be required, including, but not limited to, proceedings provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 51-12-5.1 concerning punitive damages and proceedings to determine liability for, and

the amount of, any attorney's fees, court costs, or expenses of litigation that may be awarded by the trier of fact as provided by law.

(b) The court may reject an election by any party made pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and order the concurrent trial of fault and damages only upon motion by any party in opposition to such election and upon the court's determination that:

(1) The plaintiff, or if the plaintiff is the legal guardian of a minor, the minor, was injured by an alleged sexual offense and would be likely to suffer serious psychological or emotional distress as a result of testifying more than once in a bifurcated proceeding; or

(2) The amount in controversy is less than $150,000.00."

SECTION 9.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Sections 6 and 7 of this Act shall apply only with respect to causes of action arising on or after the effective date of this Act, and any prior causes of action shall be governed by prior law. It is the intention of the General Assembly that all other provisions of this Act shall apply to causes of action pending on the effective date of this Act, unless such application would be unconstitutional.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
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N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	N DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	N Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	N Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin

N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	N Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 91, nays 82.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 20, 2025

Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Clerk,

Please accept this letter as my formal request to have my vote recorded as **"NO"** on **Senate Bill 68**. Due to a family wedding with an excused absence by the Speaker's Office, I was unable to cast my vote during the official roll call. However, I would like the record to reflect my opposition to this legislation.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring the official journal accurately reflects my position on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charlice Byrd

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Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that SB 68 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	E Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 94, nays 77.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Mathiak of the 82nd District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 753 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mathiak of the 82nd
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 662. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Hitchens of the 161st, LaHood of the 175th, Baker of the 64th and Cummings of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of A'Cariyon Dwight Perry and supporting further action to improve ice cream truck safety in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 663. By Representatives Howard of the 129th, Myles of the 126th, Heffner of the 130th and Prince of the 132nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 26, 2025, as Mr. Johnny C. Nimes Day; and for other purposes.

HR 664. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the esteemed delegation from Wexford, Ireland, upon their visit to the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 665. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Buckner of the 137th, Griffin of the 149th, Scott of the 76th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Association of Senior Centers in honor of National Senior Center Month; and for other purposes.

HR 666. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Stacia Mac; and for other purposes.

HR 667. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, Park of the 107th and McClain of the 109th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing July 9, 2025, as Level Up Day; and for other purposes.

HR 668. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Holly of the 116th, Okoye of the 102nd, Beckles of the 96th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 669. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Wilkerson of the 38th, McQueen of the 61st, Sanchez of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 20, 2025, as Mableton Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 670. By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Flournoy of the 74th, Reese of the 140th, Crawford of the 89th, Myles of the 126th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Association of St. Augustine Alumni-Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 671. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Cedartown High School cheerleading team for winning the 2024 GHSA Division 4A State Cheerleading Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 672. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Gambill of the 15th, Hitchens of the 161st, Thomas of the 21st and Evans of the 57th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 673. By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Clifford Walker Jones Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 674. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st, Bennett of the 94th, Miller of the 62nd and Jackson of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. William Holmes Robinson on the occasion of his 13th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 675. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, DeLoach of the 167th, Parrish of the 158th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Keith Hatcher upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 676. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the women of State House District 60 during Women's History Month; and for other purposes.

HR 677. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Adeyina of the 110th, Jones of the 143rd and Carpenter of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 22, 2025, as DJ Day; and for other purposes.

HR 678. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Bell of the 75th, Flournoy of the 74th, McClain of the 109th and Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Reginald B. Newman on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 679. By Representative Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Wesley Nichols; and for other purposes.

HR 680. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, McClain of the 109th, Burchett of the 176th and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Will Anderson Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 681. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending The Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett; and for other purposes.

HR 682. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries; and for other purposes.

HR 683. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th, Okoye of the 102nd, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joy Monroe; and for other purposes.

HR 684. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Burnough of the 77th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 60th, Reese of the 140th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. and the 100 Black Men of America Inc. and recognizing March 25, 2025, as their Joint Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Schofield of the 63rd et al., Bonner of the 73rd et al., Berry of the 56th et al., Richardson of the 125th et al., Stephens of the 164th et al., and Sharper of the 177th.

Representative Hawkins of the 27th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Health:

SB 140. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Still of the 48th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to provide for doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients

under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Campbell of the 171st moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 792. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gambill of the 15th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, so as to increase the amount of magistrate court claims from $15,000.00 to $30,000.00; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 140 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, March 21, 2025

Thirty-Fourth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cox	Hatchett	Lupton	Richardson
Alexander	Crawford	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Crowe	Heffner	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Au	E Cummings	E Henderson	Mathiak	Roberts
E Baker	Davis	Herring	Mathis	E Sampson
Ballard	Dawson	Hilton	McClain	Santos
Ballinger	DeLoach	Hitchens	McCollum	Schofield
Barnes	Dempsey	Holcomb	McDonald	Scoggins
Barton	Dickey	Holland	E McQueen	Scott
Bazemore	Donatucci	E Holly	Meeks	Seabaugh
Beckles	Douglas	Hong	Miller	Sharper
Bell	Draper	Horner	Mitchell	Silcox
Bennett	Drenner	Howard, J	Momtahan	Smith, L
Berry	Dubnik	Howard, K	Moore	Smith, TP
Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Huddleston	New	Smith, V
Bonner	Efstration	Hugley	Newton	E Stinson
Buckner	Ehrhart	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Tarvin
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Burnough	Evans	Jackson, E	Oliver	Taylor, R
E Byrd	Fleming	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Thomas
Cameron	Flournoy	Jasperse	E Panitch	Townsend
Camp	Ford	Jones, A	Paris	Tran
Campbell, J	Franklin	Jones, J	Park	Wade
Campbell, L	Frye	Jones, S	Parrish	Washburn
Cannon, C	Gaines	Jones, T	Parsons	Werkheiser
Carpenter	Gambill	Kahaian	Persinger	Westbrook
Carson	Gilliard	Kelley	Petrea	Wiedower
Chastain	Glaize	Kendrick	Powell	E Williams, A
Cheokas	Greene	LaHood	Prince	Williams, N
Clark, D	Griffin	Leverett	Reese	Williamson
E Clifton	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Yearta
Cooper	Gunter	Lim	Rhodes	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hagan	Lumsden	Rice	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Cannon of the 58th, Carter of the 93rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Neal of the 79th, Romman of the 97th, Sainz of the 180th, Williams of the 37th, and Willis of the 55th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Kimbrell Washburn, Greenwood Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 799. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Long County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3293), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4390), so as to provide compensation for board of education members, the vice chairperson, and the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 800. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for optional vehicle equipment inspections and premium discounts if policyholders obtain such inspections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 801. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to re-create and establish the Board of Commissioners of Long County, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3755), as amended, so as to revise the powers of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a county manager; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 802. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 803. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dublin independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 804. By Representatives Holly of the 116th, Dawson of the 65th, Bell of the 75th, Frye of the 122nd, Davis of the 87th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana and penalties, so as to codify the proclamation by the Office of the President of the United States that would grant a pardon and restore full political, civil, and other rights regarding the offense of simple possession of marijuana; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 805. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dublin independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide that such exemption shall only apply to tax years 2026 through 2030; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 806. By Representative Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Oglethorpe County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 807. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th, Byrd of the 20th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3560), so as to extend the homestead exemption to surviving spouses without regard to the five-year residency requirement; to revise provisions for the grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 808. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Powell of the 33rd and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to establish the State Law Enforcement Officer Plan to offer enhanced benefits for electing state law enforcement officers; to provide for irrevocable elections; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for deferred retirement option program accounts; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 809. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Thomas of the 21st, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed restrictions, so as to provide for a minimum speed limit of 50 miles per hour on certain highways; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 810. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Newton of the 127th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers and Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require that final reimbursements to pharmacies for prescription drugs are based on certain formulas; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 653. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing United States military veterans and dedicating a highway in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 654. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Lim of the 98th, Campbell of the 35th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION commending Community EsTr(El/La); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 655. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Blackmon of the 146th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Gaming in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HR 656. By Representatives Olaleye of the 59th, Anderson of the 10th, Oliver of the 84th, Williamson of the 112th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Expanding Home Ownership Opportunities for Georgians; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rural Development.

HR 657. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Burns of the 159th, Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th, Wade of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mrs. Emma Lou Stover and dedicating a bridge in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 658. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Parsons of the 44th, Scoggins of the 14th and Carson of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. David Allen Donley and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 659. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Insurance Market Reform; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HR 660. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Lamar Hudgins and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 661. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Buckner of the 137th, Alexander of the 66th, Taylor of the 92nd, Tran of the 80th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Federal Railroad Administration to deny CSX's request to become the first railroad to use Trip Optimizer's Zero-to-Zero feature; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were read the second time:

HB 778	HB 779
HB 780	HB 781
HB 782	HB 783
HB 784	HB 785
HB 786	HB 787
HB 788	HB 789
HB 790	HB 791
HB 792	HB 793
HB 794	HB 795
HB 796	HB 797
HB 798	HR 611

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 63	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 82	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 93	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 123	Do Pass
SB 236	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 151	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 730	Do Pass	HB 742	Do Pass
HB 743	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 744	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 745	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 746	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 748	Do Pass	HB 749	Do Pass
HB 750	Do Pass	HB 754	Do Pass
HB 768	Do Pass	HB 769	Do Pass
HB 770	Do Pass	HB 772	Do Pass
HB 775	Do Pass	HB 776	Do Pass
HB 777	Do Pass	SB 237	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Resolution of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SR 231 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 34th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

SB 84 Special License Plates; specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; establish (Substitute)(MotV-Townsend-179th) Albers-56th

Modified Structured Rule

SB 13 Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; authorize (Substitute)(EU&T-O'Steen-169th) Summers-13th

SB 58 "Georgia Transporting Life-Saving Organs and Personnel Act"; enact (Hth-Townsend-179th) Albers-56th

SB 96 Official Code of Georgia Annotated; provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; update and modernize (Substitute) (CR-Gambill-15th) Echols-49th

SB 98 Guardian and Ward; county conservators; provide (JudyJ-Scoggins-14th) Cowsert-46th

SB 154 United States Department of Education; references from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise or remove (Substitute)(Ed-Dubnik-29th) Hatchett-50th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 730. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4701), as amended, so as to provide for membership; to provide for meetings; to provide for purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 742. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Broxton, Georgia, in the County of Coffee, approved April 6, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 3597), as amended, so as to increase the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 743. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Williamson of the 112th and Martinez of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Social Circle ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of Social Circle ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes" means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Social Circle for municipal purposes, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Adjusted base year assessed value" means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year plus 25 basis points; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) "Base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2026 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

(5) "Inflation rate" means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(6) "Previous adjusted base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(7) "Substantial property change" means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this section, each resident of the City of Social Circle is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of Social Circle or its designee as will enable the governing authority of the City of Social Circle or its designee to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2025 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2026 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this section for that homestead without further application. The governing authority of the City of Social Circle or its designee shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of Social Circle or its designee in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption. The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this section, so long as that surviving spouse continues to occupy the home as a residence and homestead.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the City of Social Circle. In any such event, the governing authority of the City of Social Circle or its designee shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the City of Social Circle.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the commissioner of revenue shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the commissioner of revenue determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of this state.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of Social Circle shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Social Circle for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Walton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Social Circle ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an
( ) NO amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value, including any

final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Social Circle. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Social Circle may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 744. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Walnut Grove ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of Walnut Grove ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes" means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Walnut Grove for municipal purposes, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Adjusted base year assessed value" means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year plus 25 basis points; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) "Base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2026 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

(5) "Inflation rate" means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(6) "Previous adjusted base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(7) "Substantial property change" means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this section, each resident of the City of Walnut Grove is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, or its designee as will enable the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, or its designee to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2025 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2026 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this section for that homestead without further application. The governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, or its designee shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, or its designee in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such

exemption. The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this section, so long as that surviving spouse continues to occupy the home as a residence and homestead.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the City of Walnut Grove. In any such event, the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, or its designee shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the City of Walnut Grove.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the commissioner of revenue shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the commissioner of revenue determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of this state.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of Walnut Grove shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Walnut Grove for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Walton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Walnut Grove ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an
( ) NO amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Walnut Grove. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Walnut Grove may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 745. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Williamson of the 112th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Loganville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the

procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of Loganville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes" means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Loganville for municipal purposes, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Adjusted base year assessed value" means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year plus 25 basis points; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) "Base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2026 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

(5) "Inflation rate" means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(6) "Previous adjusted base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(7) "Substantial property change" means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this section, each resident of the City of Loganville is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of Loganville or its designee as will enable the governing authority of the City of Loganville or its designee to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2025 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2026 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this section for that homestead without further application. The governing authority of the City of Loganville or its designee shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this

section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of Loganville or its designee in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption. The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this section, so long as that surviving spouse continues to occupy the home as a residence and homestead.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the City of Loganville. In any such event, the governing authority of the City of Loganville or its designee shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the City of Loganville.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the commissioner of revenue shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the commissioner of revenue determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of this state.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of Loganville shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Loganville for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall

issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Walton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Loganville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount
( ) NO equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Loganville. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Loganville may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 746. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Monroe ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the

amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide a homestead exemption from City of Monroe ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) As used in this Act, the term:

(1) "Ad valorem taxes" means all ad valorem taxes levied by, for, or on behalf of the City of Monroe for municipal purposes, except for any ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire bonded indebtedness.

(2) "Adjusted base year assessed value" means the sum of:

(A) The previous adjusted base year assessed value;

(B) An amount equal to the difference between the current year assessed value of the homestead and the base year assessed value of the homestead, provided that such amount shall not exceed the total of the previous adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead multiplied by the inflation rate for the prior year plus 25 basis points; and

(C) The value of any substantial property change, provided that no such value added improvements to the homestead shall be duplicated as to the same addition or improvement.

(3) "Base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to an exemption under this section which is first granted to a person on such person's homestead for the 2026 taxable year, the assessed value for taxable

year 2024, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead; or

(B) In all other cases, the assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., of the homestead from the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the exemption under this section is first granted to the applicant.

(4) "Homestead" means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., as amended.

(5) "Inflation rate" means the annual inflationary index rate as determined for a given year by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(6) "Previous adjusted base year assessed value" means:

(A) With respect to the year for which the exemption under this section is first granted to a person on such person's homestead, the base year assessed value; or

(B) In all other cases, the adjusted base year assessed value of the homestead as calculated in the taxable year immediately preceding the current year, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(7) "Substantial property change" means any increase or decrease in the assessed value of a homestead derived from additions or improvements to, or the removal of real property from, the homestead which occurred after the year in which the base year assessed value is determined for the homestead. The assessed value of the substantial property changes shall be established following any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A.

(b)(1) Subject to the limitations provided in this section, each resident of the City of Monroe is granted an exemption on that person's homestead from ad valorem taxes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of that homestead, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311, exceeds its previous adjusted base year assessed value.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (c) of this section, no exemption provided for in this subsection shall transfer to any subsequent owner of the property, and the assessed value of the property shall be as provided by law.

(c) No person shall receive the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section unless such person or person's agent files an application with the governing authority of the City of Monroe, or its designee as will enable the governing authority of the City of Monroe, or its designee to make a determination regarding the initial and continuing eligibility of such person for such exemption; provided, however, that any person who had previously applied for a homestead exemption, was allowed such homestead exemption for the 2025 tax year, and remains eligible for a homestead exemption for that same homestead property in the 2026 tax year shall be automatically allowed the exemption granted under subsection (b) of this section for that homestead without further application. The governing authority of the City of Monroe, or its designee shall provide application forms for this purpose.

(d) The exemption shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1 of the O.C.G.A., as amended. The exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to

year so long as the person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section occupies the residence as a homestead. After such person has filed the proper application as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it shall not be necessary to make application thereafter for any year, and such exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person. It shall be the duty of any such person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) of this section to notify the governing authority of the City of Monroe, or its designee in the event that such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption. The surviving spouse of the person who has been granted the exemption provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall continue to receive the exemption provided under subsection (b) of this section, so long as that surviving spouse continues to occupy the home as a residence and homestead.

(e)(1) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to or affect any state ad valorem taxes, county ad valorem taxes for county purposes, or county or independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other homestead exemption applicable to ad valorem taxes.

(3) The homestead exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not be applied in addition to any other base year value homestead exemption provided by law with respect to the City of Monroe. In any such event, the governing authority of the City of Monroe, or its designee shall apply only the base year value homestead exemption that is larger or more beneficial for the taxpayer with respect to the City of Monroe.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the commissioner of revenue shall promulgate a standardized method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of inflation and deflation on the cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government if the commissioner of revenue determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of this state.

(g) The exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 2.

In accordance with the requirements of Article VII, Section II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3.

The municipal election superintendent of the City of Monroe shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Monroe for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2025 and shall

issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Walton County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Monroe ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount
( ) NO equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value, including any final determination of value on appeal pursuant to Code Section 48-5-311 of the O.C.G.A., as amended, of such homestead?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2026. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the 365th calendar day following the election date provided for in this section. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Monroe. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any elector of the City of Monroe may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 748. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the coroner of Carroll County on an annual salary, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2924),

as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3716), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 749. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act amending, revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws pertaining to the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, approved February 28, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3546), as amended, so as to change the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for contractual expenditures; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 750. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Clark of the 100th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 754. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Catoosa County, Georgia, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4258), as amended, so as to require an internal audit function of the board and to establish the position of internal auditor; to provide for the selection, powers, and duties of the internal auditor; to provide for internal cooperation; to provide a sunset date on the provisions governing such internal

auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 768. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue and re-create the State Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3331), as amended, so as to provide a supplement for the chief judge of said court; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 769. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3722), so as to change provisions relating to the salary supplements for the judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 770. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, so as to provide an additional supplement for the chief judge of said circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 772. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Beckles of the 96th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to increase the homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Norcross who own and occupy their residences; to increase the homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Norcross who are 62 years of age or older and who own and occupy their residences, approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3941), so as to raise the exemption amounts; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 775. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $15,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over without regard to their income, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4289), so as to increase said homestead exemption to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 776. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Glaize of the 67th, Martin of the 49th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 50 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions;

to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 777. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Glaize of the 67th, Martin of the 49th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 25 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 237. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the Newton County Public Facilities Authority, approved June 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3600), so as to revise provisions regarding contracts and borrowing of funds; to revise provisions regarding revenue bonds; to revise provisions regarding credit not pledged; to provide for distribution of assets of the authority upon dissolution; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 330. By Senators Esteves of the 35th, Halpern of the 39th, McLaurin of the 14th, Kemp of the 38th and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older with an aggregate maximum of $487,804,878.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 331. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Winder and the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3087), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5518) and an Act approved March 16, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3764); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 333. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 334. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Trion independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the

procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 335. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chattooga County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 336. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dade County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 55. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor;

to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 161. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to provide for authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property; to provide for punishment for failure to obey certain subpoenas; to amend Title 16 and Code Sections 20-3-10, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, and definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to repeal the definition of 'domestic terrorism'; to establish the crime of domestic terrorism; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 584. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 26, 31, and 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, and mental health, respectively, so as to reassign licensing and oversight of drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 614. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Thomas of the 21st and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, so as to authorize local governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain facilities housing equines; to provide for special event permits; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 111. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the rate of the tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 112. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a one-time tax credit for individual taxpayers who filed income tax returns for the 2023 and 2024 taxable years; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 406. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to increase the retirement age of superior court judges first taking office on or after July 1, 2026; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 423. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority as relevant to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to add members to the board of directors of such authority; to require all new 9-1-1 systems conform to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1

service standards; to revise the role of the executive director of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 593. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Baker County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 648. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Miller of the 62nd and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older, approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3696), so as to remove the income cap from such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 42. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A RESOLUTION ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 10.01.24.02, 10.08.24.01, and 10.15.24.01 suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 330. By Senators Esteves of the 35th, Halpern of the 39th, McLaurin of the 14th, Kemp of the 38th and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older with an aggregate maximum of $487,804,878.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms

and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 331. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Winder and the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3087), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5518) and an Act approved March 16, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3764); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 333. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 334. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Trion independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 335. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chattooga County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 336. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dade County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Reese of the 140th et al., Barnes of the 86th et al., Yearta of the 152nd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th et al., Okoye of the 102nd et al., Hilton of the 48th et al., Santos of the 117th et al., and Bell of the 75th et al.

Representative Corbett of the 174th District, Chairman of the Committee on Motor Vehicles, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Motor Vehicles has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 160 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Corbett of the 174th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 154. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to revise or remove references to the United States Department of Education from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to replace a reference to student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to revise or remove references to the United States Department of Education from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to replace a reference to student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, are amended by inserting ", or its successor," after "United States Department of Education" or "U.S. Department of Education" wherever the latter terms appear in:

(1) Code Section 20-2-148, relating to elective course in history and literature of the Old and New Testaments and religious neutrality;

(2) Code Section 20-2-286, relating to innovative assessment pilot program, procedure, and reporting;

(3) Paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-250.5, relating to administration and general powers and duties;

(4) Code section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and "employment related information" defined;

(5) Code Section 43-10A-3, relating to definitions relative to licensing provisions for professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists;

(6) Code Section 43-11-71, relating to qualifications of applicants for license and criminal background check relative to dental hygienists;

(7) Code Section 43-24A-3, relating to definitions relative to massage therapy practice;

(8) Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions relative to optometrists;

(9) Code Section 43-39-22, relating to the terms of the "Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (Psypact)"; and

(10) Code Section 43-44-31, relating to the text of compact relative to the "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Act."

SECTION 2.

Titles 20 and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and professions and businesses, respectively, are amended by inserting "or its successor" after "United States Department of Education" wherever the latter appears in:

(1) Code Section 20-2-206, relating to alternative teacher certification program and creditable service;

(2) Code Section 20-2-664, relating to role of department of education relative to student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency;

(3) Code Section 20-3-250.3, relating to educational institutions exempted from application of part;

(4) Subsection (e) of Code Section 20-3-250.5, relating to administration and general powers and duties;

(5) Code Section 20-3-395, relating to definitions relative to direct loans to students on basis of need and merit;

(6) Code Section 20-3-400.1, relating to definitions relative to Graduate on Time student loans;

(7) Code Section 20-3-405.1, relating to definitions relative to education for public service student loans;

(8) Code Section 43-10A-61, relating to the enactment and text of the Social Work Licensure Compact;
(9) Code Section 43-21A-3, relating to definitions relative to the "Industrial Hygiene, Health Physics, and Safety Profession Recognition and Title Protection Act";
(10) Code Section 43-26-3, relating to definitions relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act"; and
(11) Code Section 43-26-32, relating to definitions relative to licensed practical nurses.

SECTION 3.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Code Section 20-3-660, relating to tuition waiver program for qualifying foster and adopted individuals, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) For each student who meets the requirements provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section, such student's public postsecondary educational institution shall waive tuition and all fees as necessary to cover all assessed costs of attendance, as defined in 20 U.S.C. Section 1087ll, that are not covered by all available federal and nonfederal student aid sources identified in the student's ~~Student Aid Report from the United States Department of Education~~ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submission summary, excepting student loans and any work-study program provided for in 42 U.S.C. 2751-2756b."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval; provided, however, that Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall only become effective upon an act of Congress repealing the establishment of the United States Department of Education or otherwise abolishing the United States Department of Education.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Neal	N Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Jackson, D	E Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 144, nays 15.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 96. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to modernize and update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to modernize and update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; to revise certain provisions relating to the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Environmental Advisory Council; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council; to revise certain provisions relating to the Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council; to repeal certain provisions related to the Stakeholder Advisory Board; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Governor's Office for Children and Families; to revise certain provisions relating to the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council; to revise certain provisions relating to the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination; to revise and repeal certain provisions relating to the Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness; to revise certain provisions relating to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Board of Homeland Security; to revise certain provisions relating to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Employment First Georgia Council; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Georgia State Games Commission; to repeal certain provisions relating to the Lottery Retailer Advisory Board; to make conforming changes throughout the Code; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission

SECTION 1-1.

Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 8-3-306, relating to commission established and membership, as follows:

"(a)(1) There is established the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission which shall consist of ~~nine~~ eleven members. Two of the ~~nine~~ eleven members shall be the commissioner of community affairs, or his or her designee, and either the chairperson of the Board of Community Affairs or a member of the Board of Community Affairs designated by the chairperson. The Governor shall appoint ~~three~~ five of the public members and the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint two of the public members. The public members shall be knowledgeable in the area of housing and, to the extent practicable, shall represent diverse housing concerns.

(2)(A) Public members shall serve for a term of four years except ~~that initial appointments shall be staggered as follows: three of the appointees shall serve an~~

~~initial term of four years and four of the appointees shall serve an initial term of two years~~ as provided in subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph. Public members shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed and qualified. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a public member by death, resignation, or otherwise, the ~~Governor~~ appointing authority shall appoint a successor to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

(B) The terms of the five public members appointed by the Governor pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall begin on August 23, 2025.

(C) The terms of the two public members appointed by the President of the Senate pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall begin on August 23, 2025. One of such members and his or her successors shall serve terms of four years and one of such members and his or her successors shall serve terms of two years.

(D) The terms of the two public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall begin on August 23, 2025. One of such members and his or her successors shall serve terms of four years and one of such members and his or her successors shall serve terms of two years.

(3) Membership on the commission does not constitute public office, and no member shall be disqualified from holding public office by reason of his or her membership."

PART II

Environmental Advisory Council

SECTION 2-1.

Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 12-2-2, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, as follows:

"(b)~~(1)~~ The division shall have a director who shall be both appointed and removed by the Board of Natural Resources with the approval of the Governor. The director shall appoint an assistant director of the division. The director and the assistant director shall be qualified professionals, competent in the field of environmental protection. The director and the assistant director shall be in the unclassified service. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the director or in his or her absence or if he or she is disabled, the assistant director shall perform all the duties of the director. The director shall be responsible for enforcing the environmental protection laws of Georgia. The director shall hire the personnel for the division and shall supervise, direct, account for, organize, plan, and execute the functions vested in the division.

~~(2)(A) The Governor shall appoint an Environmental Advisory Council. The council shall consist of 15 members who shall be representative of professional and lay individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies associated or involved with environmental matters. The term of each member of the council shall be for two~~

~~years, provided that of the members first appointed, seven shall be appointed for terms of one year and eight for terms of two years. Vacancies shall be filled by similar appointment for unexpired terms.~~

~~(B) The council shall advise the Governor, the board, and the director as to the efficacy of the state's environmental protection programs, the need for legislation relating to the environment, the need for expansion or reduction of specific environmental programs, and the need for specific changes in the state's environmental protection programs. The council may review and prepare written comments on proposed state plans and on standards, rules, and regulations proposed by the division. Such comments may be submitted to the director, the board, and any other individual or agency deemed appropriate.~~

~~(C) Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same expense allowance as that received by members of the General Assembly and the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car or a travel allowance of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier as that received by all other state officials and employees.~~"

SECTION 2-2.

Any assets of the Environmental Advisory Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Environmental Advisory Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART III

Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council

SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 12-3-233.1, relating to Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council, purpose, members, meetings, and reimbursement for expenses.

SECTION 3-2.

Any assets of the Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART IV

Stakeholder Advisory Board

SECTION 4-1.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 12-7-7.1, relating to erosion and sediment control plan prepared, completion, and implementation, as follows:

"(f)(1) There shall be an Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council which shall approve the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia prior to publication by the commission. In addition, the council shall provide guidance on the best management practices for implementing any erosion and sediment control plan for purposes of this Code section. The council shall be composed of nine members, including one member of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and serve at the pleasure thereof; one member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ President of the Senate and serve at the pleasure thereof; and seven members who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure thereof, including one employee each from the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, and the State Road and Tollway Authority, a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state from a private engineering consulting firm practicing environmental engineering, one representative of the highway contracting industry certified by the Department of Transportation, one representative of the electric utility industry, and a chairperson. The council shall meet ~~prior to December 1, 2015, to approve the most current version of the manual and at all other times~~ as necessary to approve any subsequent changes or updates to the manual prior to its implementation. Such meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson. Each council member shall receive a daily allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21; provided, however, that any full-time state employee serving on the council shall draw no compensation but shall receive necessary expenses. The commissioner is authorized to pay such compensation and expenses from department funds.

(2) The ~~council~~ Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council may develop recommendations governing the preparation of plans and the installation and maintenance of best management practices. If a dispute concerning the requirements of this Code section should arise, the Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council shall mediate the dispute.

(3) The Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council shall establish, evaluate, and maintain the education and training programs established pursuant to Code Section 12-7-19, including, but not limited to, reviewing course curricula, educational materials, and exam and testing procedures; evaluating trainer and instructor qualifications; and reviewing audit results performed by the commission."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 12-7-19, relating to education and training requirements, required programs, instructor qualifications, and expiration of certification, as follows:

"12-7-19.

(a)(1) Persons involved in land development design, review, permitting, construction, monitoring, or inspection or any land-disturbing activity shall meet the education and training certification requirements, dependent on his or her level of involvement with the process, as developed by the commission in accordance with this Code section and in consultation with the division and the ~~Stakeholder Advisory Board created pursuant to Code Section 12-7-20~~ Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council created pursuant to Code Section 12-7-7.1.

(2) On or after May 14, 2007, for each site on which land-disturbing activity occurs, each entity or person acting as either a primary, secondary, or tertiary permittee, as defined in the state general permit, shall have as a minimum one person who is in responsible charge of erosion and sedimentation control activities on behalf of said entity or person and meets the applicable education or training certification requirements developed by the commission present on site whenever land-disturbing activities are conducted on that site. A project site shall herein be defined as any land disturbance site or multiple sites within a larger common plan of development or sale permitted by an owner or operator for compliance with the state general permit.

(3) Persons or entities involved in projects not requiring a state general permit but otherwise requiring certified personnel on site may contract with certified persons to meet the requirements of this chapter.

(4) If a state general permittee who has operational control of land-disturbing activities for a site has met the certification requirements of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, then any person or entity involved in land-disturbing activity at that site and operating in a subcontractor capacity for such permittee shall have until December 31, 2007, to meet those educational requirements specified in paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of ~~Code Section 12-7-19~~ this Code section and shall not be required to meet any educational requirements that exceed those specified in said paragraph.

(b) No less than the following training programs shall be established:

(1) A fundamentals seminar (Level 1) will be established which provides sufficient training to all participants as to the applicable laws, requirements, processes, and latest means and methods recognized by this state to effectively control erosion and sedimentation;

(2) An advanced fundamentals seminar (Level 1) will be established which provides additional details of installation and maintenance of best management practices for both regulatory and nonregulatory inspectors and others;

(3) An introduction to design seminar (Level 2) will be established which provides required training to design and review a successful erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control plan;

(4) An awareness seminar (Level 1) will be established which does not exceed two hours in duration and which provides information regarding the erosion and sediment control practices and processes in the state and which will include an overview of the systems, laws, and roles of the participants; and

(5) A trainer and instructor seminar will be established for both Level 1 and Level 2 trainers and instructors which will provide the minimum training as to applicable laws and best management practices and design of erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control plans in this state.

(c) Trainer and instructor qualifications will be established with the following minimum requirements:

(1) Level 1 trainers and instructors shall meet at least the following minimum requirements and any other requirements as set by the commission:

(A) Education: four-year college degree or five years' experience in the field of erosion and sediment control;

(B) Experience: five-years' experience in the field of erosion and sediment control. Where years of experience is used in lieu of the education requirement of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, a total of ten years' field experience is required;

(C) Approval by the commission and the ~~Stakeholder Advisory Board~~ Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council; and

(D) Successful completion of the Level 1 trainer and instructor seminar found in paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(2) Level 2 trainers and instructors shall meet at least the minimum requirements of a Level 1 trainer or instructor, any other requirements as set by the commission, and successful completion of the Level 2 trainer and instructor seminar created under paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c) of this Code section, the commission shall establish and any person desirous of holding certification must obtain a passing grade, as established by the ~~Stakeholder Advisory Board~~ Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council, on a final exam covering the material taught in each mandatory seminar; provided, however, that there shall be no final exam requirement for purposes of paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section. Final exams may, at the discretion of the commission, serve in lieu of attendance at the seminar. Any person shall be authorized to administer a final examination for any seminar for which he or she was the instructor.

(e)(1) A certification provided by achieving the requirements established by the commission shall expire no later than three years after its issuance.

(2) A certified individual shall be required to attend and participate in at least four hours of approved continuing education courses, as established by the commission, every three years.

(3) A certification may be extended or renewed by meeting requirements established by the commission.

(4) Revocation procedures may be established by the commission in consultation with the division and the ~~Stakeholder Advisory Board~~ Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council.

SECTION 4-3.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 12-7-20, relating to creation of stakeholder advisory board, responsibilities, and procedures, and designating said Code section as reserved.

PART V

Governor's Office for Children and Families

SECTION 5-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-81, relating to advisory council commission, as follows:

"(a) There shall be an advisory council to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission. The advisory council shall consist of the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or the director's designee, the commissioner of corrections or the commissioner's designee, the commissioner of community supervision or the commissioner's designee, the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee, the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or the chairperson's designee, the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or the director's designee, the director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council or the director's designee, ~~the director of the Governor's Office for Children and Families or the director's designee,~~ and the executive director of the Georgia Technology Authority or the executive director's designee."

SECTION 5-2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 15-11-504, relating to place of detention and data on child detained, as follows:

"(f) All facilities shall maintain data on each child detained and such data shall be recorded and retained by the facility for three years and shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours by any court exercising juvenile court jurisdiction, by DJJ, ~~by the Governor's Office for Children and Families,~~ by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and by the Council of Juvenile Court Judges. Such data shall be used by the inspecting agency for official purposes and shall not be subject to release by such agency pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, nor subject to subpoena. The required data are each detained child's:

(1) Name;
(2) Date of birth;
(3) Sex;
(4) Race;
(5) Offense or offenses for which such child is being detained;
(6) Date of and authority for confinement;
(7) Location of the offense and the name of the school if the offense occurred in a school safety zone, as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1;

(8) The name of the referral source, including the name of the school if the referring source was a school;
(9) The score on the detention assessment;
(10) The basis for detention if such child's detention assessment score does not in and of itself mandate detention;
(11) The reason for detention, which may include, but shall not be limited to, preadjudication detention, detention while awaiting a postdisposition placement, or serving a short-term program disposition;
(12) Date of and authority for release or transfer; and
(13) Transfer or to whom released."

SECTION 5-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 15-11-704, relating to public inspection of court files and records and use in subsequent juvenile or criminal prosecution, as follows:

"(d) A judge shall permit authorized representatives of DJJ, ~~the Governor's Office for Children and Families,~~ the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to inspect and extract data from any court files and records for the purpose of obtaining statistics on children and to make copies pursuant to the order of the court. Such data shall be used by the inspecting agency for official purposes and shall not be subject to release by such agency pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, nor subject to subpoena."

SECTION 5-4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 15-11-708, relating to separation of juvenile and adult records for law enforcement, inspection, and limited fingerprint access, as follows:

"(d) The court shall allow authorized representatives of DJJ, ~~the Governor's Office for Children and Families,~~ the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to inspect and copy law enforcement records for the purpose of obtaining statistics on children. Such data shall be used by the inspecting agency for official purposes and shall not be subject to release by such agency pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, nor subject to subpoena."

SECTION 5-5.

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 49-4A-2, relating to Board of Juvenile Justice created, membership, appointment, terms, chairperson, and duties, as follows:

"(3) Ensure that detention assessment, risk assessment, and risk and needs assessment instruments that are utilized by intake personnel and courts are developed in consultation with the ~~Governor's Office for Children and Families, the~~ Criminal Justice

Coordinating Council~~,~~ and the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and ensure that such instruments are validated at least every five years;"

SECTION 5-6.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (n) of Code Section 49-4A-8, relating to commitment of delinquent children and procedures, as follows:

"(n)(1) The department shall conduct a continuing inquiry into the effectiveness of treatment methods it employs in seeking the rehabilitation of maladjusted children. To this end, the department shall maintain a statistical record of arrests and commitments of its wards subsequent to their discharge from the jurisdiction and control of the department and shall tabulate, analyze, and publish annually in print or electronically ~~annually~~ these data so that they may be used to evaluate the relative merits of methods of treatment. The department shall cooperate and coordinate with courts, juvenile court clerks, ~~the Governor's Office for Children and Families,~~ the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and public and private agencies in the collection of statistics and information regarding:

(A) Juvenile delinquency;

(B) Arrests made;

(C) Detentions made, the offense for which such detention was authorized, and the reason for each detention;

(D) Complaints filed;

(E) Informations filed;

(F) Petitions filed;

(G) The results of complaints, informations, and petitions, including whether such filings were dismissed, diverted, or adjudicated;

(H) Commitments to the department, the length of such commitment, and releases from the department;

(I) The department's placement decisions for commitments;

(J) Placement decisions to institutions, camps, or other facilities for delinquent children operated under the direction of courts or other local public authorities;

(K) Community programs utilized and completion data for such programs;

(L) Recidivism;

(M) Data collected by juvenile court clerks pursuant to Code Section 15-11-64; and

(N) Other information useful in determining the amount and causes of juvenile delinquency in this state."

SECTION 5-7.

Said title is further amended in Article 6 of Chapter 5, relating to programs and protections for children, by repealing Part 1, relating to Governor's Office for Children and Families, and designating said part as reserved.

SECTION 5-8.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 49-5-155, relating to effect of article on Department of Juvenile Justice and office as recipient entity for federal grants, as follows:

"(b) Other than the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Governor's Office for Children and Families created pursuant to Code Section 49-5-132 and~~ the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council shall be the only other authorized controlling recipient entity for grants under the United States Department of Justice Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Grants."

SECTION 5-9.

Said title is further amended by replacing "Governor's Office for Children and Families", with "Department of Human Services" wherever the former occurs in Code Section 49-5-156, relating to the "Georgia Mentoring Act of 2000."

SECTION 5-10.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 49-5-227, relating to Governor's Office for Children and Families to comment on plan for Coordinated System of Care and provide recommendations.

SECTION 5-11.

Any assets of the Governor's Office for Children and Families existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Governor's Office for Children and Families existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART VI

Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council

SECTION 6-1.

Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 25-3-21, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2)(A) 'Fire department' means any fire department<u>, including, but not limited to, a fire department solely utilizing volunteer firefighters,</u> which is authorized to exercise the general and emergency powers enumerated in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.

(B) 'Fire department' also means any department, agency, organization, or company operating in this state with the intent and purpose of carrying out the duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities normally associated with a fire department. These duties, functions, powers, and responsibilities include<u>,</u> but are not limited to<u>,</u> the protection of life and property against fire, explosions, or other hazards."

SECTION 6-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-3-22, relating to notification and documentation that fire department meets requirements and issuance of certificate of compliance, as follows:

"25-3-22.

~~(a)~~ In order for a fire department ~~employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters~~ to be legally organized to operate in the State of Georgia, the chief administrative officer of the fire department shall notify and submit all required documentation to the executive director that demonstrates that the organization meets the minimum requirements specified in Code Section 25-3-23 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council to function as a fire department. If the executive director is satisfied that ~~the~~ such fire department meets the minimum requirements contained in Code Section 25-3-23 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council, he or she shall recommend to the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council that a certificate of compliance be issued by the council to the fire department. If the council issues such certificate of compliance, the fire department shall be authorized to exercise the general and emergency powers set forth in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.

~~(b) In order for a volunteer fire department to be legally organized to operate in the State of Georgia, the chief administrative officer of the fire department shall notify and submit all required documentation to the executive director that demonstrates that the organization meets the minimum requirements specified in Code Section 25-3-23 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council to function as a volunteer fire department. If the executive director is satisfied that the volunteer fire department meets the minimum requirements contained in Code Section 25-3-23 and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, he or she shall recommend to the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council that a certificate of compliance be issued by such council to the volunteer fire department. If the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council issues such certificate of compliance, the fire department shall be authorized to exercise the general and emergency powers set forth in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.~~"

SECTION 6-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 25-3-23, relating to general requirements, equipment and clothing, and insurance, as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, in order to be legally organized:

(1) A fire department shall comply with the following requirements:

(A) Be established to provide fire and other emergency and nonemergency services in accordance with standards specified by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters,~~ and the applicable local government;

(B) Be capable of providing fire protection 24 hours a day, 365 days per year;

(C) Be responsible for a defined area of operations depicted on a map located at the fire station, which area of operations shall have been approved and designated by the governing authority of the applicable county, municipality, or other political subdivision in the case of any ~~county, municipal, or volunteer~~ county or municipal fire department or any fire department solely utilizing volunteer firefighters; and

(D) Be staffed with a sufficient number of ~~full-time, part-time, or volunteer~~ firefighters who have successfully completed basic firefighter training as specified by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters~~; and

(2) A fire department shall possess the following items of approved equipment and protective clothing:

(A) A minimum of one fully equipped, operable pumper with a capacity of at least 750 GPM at 150 PSI and a tank capacity of a minimum of 250 gallons; provided, however, that previously approved fire apparatus which does not meet such minimum standards may be used in lieu of the minimum required pumper until replaced by the local authority;

(B) A minimum of equipment, appliances, adapters, and accessories necessary to perform and carry out the duties and responsibilities of a fire department set forth in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2 as approved by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters~~;

(C) A minimum of two approved self-contained breathing apparatus for each pumping apparatus as approved by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters~~; and

(D) A minimum issue of sufficient personal protective clothing to permit each member to perform safely the duties of a firefighter."

"(c)~~(1)~~ The Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council shall be authorized to adopt such rules and regulations for all fire departments ~~employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters~~ as are reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section and to establish and modify minimum requirements for all fire departments operating in this state, provided that such requirements are equal to or exceed the requirements provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section.

~~(2) The Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council shall be authorized to adopt such rules and regulations for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters as are reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section and to establish and modify minimum requirements for all volunteer fire departments operating in this state, provided that such requirements are equal to or exceed the requirements provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section.~~"

SECTION 6-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-3-25, relating to suspension or revocation of certification of compliance, hearing by aggrieved departments, and enforcement of suspensions or revocations, as follows:

"25-3-25.

(a) ~~The~~ Any certificate of compliance issued by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council ~~or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council~~ shall be subject to suspension or revocation by ~~the applicable~~ such council at any time it receives satisfactory evidence that the fire department is not maintaining sufficient personnel, equipment, or insurance required by Code Section 25-3-23, or the rules and regulations of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters~~, pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 25-3-23.

(b) The chief administrative officer of any fire department aggrieved by a decision of the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters~~, under subsection (a) of this Code section may, within 30 days of the date of such decision, request a hearing on the matter before ~~the applicable~~ such council. Following a hearing before the ~~applicable~~ council, the chief administrative officer of the fire department affected shall be served with a written decision of the ~~applicable~~ council announcing whether the certificate of compliance shall remain revoked or suspended or whether it shall be reinstated.

(c) The Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters,~~ shall not suspend or revoke any certificate of compliance for failure to meet firefighter training requirements when such failure was due to unavailability of required training from or through the Georgia Fire Academy.

(d) The Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council~~, for fire departments employing full-time firefighters or part-time firefighters, or the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council, for fire departments solely utilizing volunteer firefighters,~~ may refer suspensions or revocations to the Attorney General for enforcement. Upon referral from ~~a~~ the council, the Attorney General may bring a civil action to enjoin any organization which is not in compliance with the ~~applicable~~ requirements of this chapter from performing any or all firefighting functions until such requirements are met by such organization."

SECTION 6-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-2, relating to definitions relative to firefighter standards and training, as follows:

"25-4-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Airport' means any airport located in this state which has regularly scheduled commercial air carrier service or commuter airline service as required for certification under Section 139.49 of the Federal Aviation Administration regulations.
(2) 'Airport firefighter' means any person assigned to any airport located in this state who performs the duties of aircraft fire fighting or rescue.
(3) 'Candidate' means a prospective firefighter who has not yet been certified by the council as having met the requirements of this chapter.
(4) 'Certified firefighter' or 'state certified firefighter' means any firefighter who has been certified by the council as having met the requirements of this chapter.
(5) 'Council' means the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council.
(5.1) 'Fire department' shall have the same meaning as ~~provided~~ set forth in Code Section 25-3-21.
(6) 'Firefighter' means a recruit or a trained individual who is a full-time employee, part-time employee, or volunteer for a municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department and as such has duties of responding to mitigate a variety of emergency and nonemergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk, which may include, without limitation, fire suppression; fire prevention activities; emergency medical services; hazardous materials response and preparedness; technical rescue operations; search and rescue; disaster management and preparedness; community service activities; response to civil disturbances and terrorism incidents; nonemergency functions, including training, preplanning, communications, maintenance, and physical conditioning; and other related emergency and nonemergency duties as may be assigned or required; provided, however, that a firefighter's assignments may vary based on geographic, climatic, and demographic conditions or other factors, including training, experience, and ability. Such term includes an airport firefighter.
(7) 'Full-time' means employed for compensation on a basis of at least 40 hours per week by any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
(8) 'Part-time' means employed for compensation on less than a full-time basis by any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
(8.1) 'Recruit' means a prospective firefighter who has not yet been certified or registered by the council as having met the requirements of Code Section 25-4-8 and the rules and regulations to be a firefighter as provided for by the council.
(9) 'Volunteer' means not employed for compensation on an hourly or salaried basis, but appointed and regularly enrolled to serve as a firefighter for any municipal, county, state, or private incorporated fire department.
~~(10) 'Volunteer council' means the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council established by Code Section 25-4-3.1.~~"

SECTION 6-6.

Said title is further is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 25-4-3, relating to establishment of Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council, as follows:

"(b) The members of the council appointed by the Governor pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be appointed at the sole discretion of the Governor; provided,

however, that at least one member appointed by the Governor shall be a representative of a volunteer fire department. ~~However, the~~ For the remaining members of the council to be appointed by the Governor, the Governor may consider ~~for appointment to the council~~ persons suggested ~~for membership thereon~~ as follows:

(1) The Association County Commissioners of Georgia may suggest the names of three persons for each appointment pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section;

(2) The Georgia Municipal Association may suggest the names of three persons for each appointment pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section;

(3) The Georgia City and County Management Association may suggest the names of three persons for each appointment pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section;

(4) The Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs may suggest the names of three persons for each appointment pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(5) The Executive Board of the Georgia State Firemen's Association may suggest the names of three persons for each appointment pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 6-7.

Said title is further is amended by repealing Code Section 25-4-3.1, relating to establishment of Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council.

SECTION 6-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-4, relating to eligibility of council and volunteer council members for public office, as follows:

"25-4-4.

Membership on the council ~~or volunteer council~~ does not constitute public office, and no member shall be disqualified from holding public office by reason of his or her membership."

SECTION 6-9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-5, relating to administrative assignment to Department of Public Safety, source of funds, and authority to accept gifts and other items of value, as follows:

"25-4-5.

The council ~~and volunteer council are~~ is assigned to the Department of Public Safety for administrative purposes. The funds necessary to carry out this chapter shall come from funds appropriated to and available to the council ~~and volunteer council~~ and from any other available funds. The council ~~and volunteer council are~~ is authorized to accept and use gifts~~,~~; grants~~,~~; ~~and~~ donations; property, both real and personal; and services for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. ~~The council and volunteer council are also authorized to accept and use property, both real and personal, and services for the purpose of carrying out this chapter.~~"

SECTION 6-10.

Said title is further revised by amending Code Section 25-4-6, relating to meetings, quorum, and annual reporting of council and volunteer council, as follows:

"25-4-6.

~~(a)~~ The business of the council shall be conducted in the following manner:

(1) The council shall hold at least two regular meetings each year at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of six members of the council. Six members of the council shall constitute a quorum. The council shall adopt such rules for the transaction of its business as it shall desire and may appoint such committees as it considers necessary to carry out its business and duties; and

(2) The council shall make an annual report of its activities to the Governor and to the General Assembly and shall include in ~~the~~ such report its recommendations for appropriate legislation. The council shall not be required to distribute copies of ~~the annual~~ such report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner ~~which~~ it deems to be most effective and efficient.

~~(b) The business of the volunteer council shall be conducted in the following manner:~~

~~(1) The volunteer council shall hold at least two regular meetings each year at the call of the chairperson or upon written request of four members of the volunteer council. Four members of the volunteer council shall constitute a quorum. The volunteer council shall adopt such rules for the transaction of its business as it shall desire and may appoint such committees as it considers necessary to carry out its business and duties; and~~

~~(2) The volunteer council shall make an annual report of its activities to the Governor and to the General Assembly and shall include in the report its recommendations for appropriate legislation. The volunteer council shall not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which it deems to be most effective and efficient.~~"

SECTION 6-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-7, relating to functions and powers of council and volunteer council, as follows:

"25-4-7.

~~(a)~~ The council is vested with the following functions and powers:

(1) To promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the council;

(2) To provide rules of procedure for its internal management and control;

(3) To enter into contracts or do such things as may be necessary and incidental to the administration of its authority pursuant to this chapter;

(4) To establish uniform minimum standards for the employment and training of ~~full-time firefighters, part-time firefighters, airport~~ firefighters, fire and life safety educators, fire inspectors, fire investigators, and other such firefighting service professionals as determined by the council, including qualifications, certifications,

recertifications, decertifications, and probations for certified individuals and suspensions for noncertified individuals, and requirements, which are consistent with this chapter;

(5) To establish minimum curriculum requirements for schools operated by or for any employing agency for the specific purpose of training ~~firefighter recruits or full-time firefighters, part-time firefighters, airport~~ firefighters, fire and life safety educators, fire inspectors, and fire investigators;

(6) To approve institutions and facilities for school operation by or for any employing agency for the specific purpose of training ~~full-time and part-time firefighters and full-time and part-time firefighter recruits, including airport~~ firefighters;

(7) To make or support studies on any aspect of firefighter education and training or recruitment;

(8) To make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview;

(9) To establish basic firefighter training requirements ~~for full-time, part-time, and contract firefighters, including airport firefighters~~;

(10) To certify any person satisfactorily complying with the training program established in accordance with paragraph (9) of this subsection and the qualifications for employment covered in this chapter; and

(11) To issue a certificate to any person who has received training in another state or who has received training as a federal firefighter by the United States government, when the council has determined that the training was at least equivalent to that required by the council for approved firefighter education and training programs in this state and when the person has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this chapter.

~~(b) The volunteer council is vested with the following functions and powers:~~

~~(1) To promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the volunteer council;~~

~~(2) To provide rules of procedure for its internal management and control;~~

~~(3) To enter into contracts or do such things as may be necessary and incidental to the administration of its authority pursuant to this chapter;~~

~~(4) To establish uniform minimum standards for the training of volunteer firefighters, including qualifications, certifications, and requirements, which are consistent with this chapter;~~

~~(5) To make or support studies on any aspect of firefighter education and training or recruitment;~~

~~(6) To make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview;~~

~~(7) To establish basic firefighter training requirements for volunteer firefighters;~~

~~(8) To certify any person satisfactorily complying with the training program established in accordance with paragraph (7) of this subsection and the qualifications for serving as a volunteer firefighter covered in this chapter; and~~

~~(9) To issue a certificate to any person who has received training in another state or who has received training as a federal firefighter by the United States government, when the volunteer council has determined that the training was at least equivalent to that required by the volunteer council for approved volunteer firefighter education and~~

~~training programs in this state and when the person has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this chapter.~~

~~(c) All rules and regulations promulgated by the volunteer council may be overturned by a two-thirds' vote of the council. In such instance, the rule or regulation shall be returned to the volunteer council for reconsideration.~~"

SECTION 6-12.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-7.1, relating to appointment of executive director and employment of other personnel, as follows:

"25-4-7.1.

(a) The council~~, in conjunction with the volunteer council,~~ shall appoint and establish the compensation of an executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of the council.

(b) The executive director may contract for such services and employ such other professional, technical, and clerical personnel as may be necessary and convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

~~(c) The executive director shall provide the same services in support of the volunteer council as provided to the council.~~

~~(d) The executive director shall bring all issues involving volunteer firefighters and volunteer fire departments to the volunteer council.~~"

SECTION 6-13.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(c)(1) For the purposes of making determinations relating to eligibility <u>of full-time or part-time firefighters</u> under this Code section, a local fire department shall provide information relative to prospective employees to the local law enforcement agency and a state fire department shall provide information relative to prospective employees to a state law enforcement agency. Such local or state law enforcement agency shall be authorized to obtain conviction data with respect to such prospective employees of a local or state fire department as authorized in this subsection. The local or state law enforcement agency shall submit to the Georgia Crime Information Center two complete sets of fingerprints of the applicant for ~~appointment or~~ employment, the required records search fees, and such other information as may be required. Upon receipt thereof, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall promptly transmit one set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall retain the other set and promptly conduct a search of its own records and records to which it has access. The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the local or state law enforcement agency in writing of any derogatory finding, including, but not limited to, any conviction data regarding the fingerprint records check or if there is no such finding. All conviction data received by the local or state law enforcement agency shall not be a public record, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency except as provided in this subsection and except to any person or agency which otherwise has a legal right to

inspect the employment file. All such records shall be maintained by the local or state law enforcement agency pursuant to laws regarding such records and the rules and regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center, as applicable. As used in this subsection, the term 'conviction data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(2) The local or state law enforcement agency shall provide to the chief of the fire department which requested information on an applicant for employment any criminal data indicating that the applicant was convicted of a felony. Such information may be provided to the council. The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection relating to privileged information and records of conviction data shall apply to any information provided by a law enforcement agency to a fire department under this subsection.

(d)(1) For purposes of making determinations relating to eligibility of volunteer firefighters under this Code section, a local fire department shall provide information relative to prospective volunteers to the local law enforcement agency or other agency having access to the Georgia Crime Information Center to determine if a prospective volunteer has been convicted of a felony in this state. Such local agency or other agency shall be authorized to obtain conviction data with respect to prospective volunteers of a local volunteer fire department as authorized in this subsection. All conviction data received by the local agency or other agency shall not be a public record, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency except as provided in this subsection and except to any person or agency which otherwise has a legal right to inspect the file. All such records shall be maintained by the local agency or other agency pursuant to laws regarding such records and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Crime Information Center, as applicable. As used in this subsection, the term 'conviction data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(2) The council shall create a form upon which may be indicated only whether a prospective volunteer was convicted of a felony or has no felony convictions. The local agency shall complete and provide such form to the chief of the fire department which requested information on a prospective volunteer. Such information may be provided to the council. The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection relating to privileged information and records of conviction data shall apply to any information provided by a local agency or other agency to a local fire department under this subsection."

SECTION 6-14.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 25-4-8.1, relating to qualifications for volunteer firefighters.

SECTION 6-15.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-9, relating to basic firefighter training course and transfer of certification, as follows:

"25-4-9.

(a)(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, full-time, and part-time firefighters~~, including airport firefighters,~~ shall successfully complete a basic training course. The council shall determine the course content, number of hours, and all other matters relative to basic firefighter training, including airport rescue firefighter training ~~for full-time and part-time firefighters~~. Upon satisfactory completion of such basic training, a firefighter shall be issued a certificate of completion ~~evidencing the same~~. Each firefighter shall be required to successfully complete such basic training course within 12 months after being employed or appointed as a firefighter or, in the case of airport firefighters, within such time period as the council may prescribe by rule or regulation.

(B) The ~~volunteer~~ council shall determine the course content, number of hours, and all other matters relative to basic firefighter training for volunteer firefighters. Each volunteer firefighter shall be required to complete such basic training course within 18 months after being appointed as volunteer firefighter.

(2) Each firefighter who presents to the council, ~~or to the volunteer council in the case of volunteer firefighters,~~ satisfactory documentation, as determined by the council ~~or volunteer council,~~ of his or her training as a member of the United States armed forces, the Georgia National Guard, or the Georgia Air National Guard shall be issued a certificate of completion by the council ~~or volunteer council~~.

(b) A firefighter certified by the council may, upon termination of employment or volunteer arrangement from any fire department and upon agreement with a ~~subsequently employing~~ subsequent fire department, transfer such certification to the ~~employing~~ subsequent fire department for the purpose of employment or volunteering.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, any local fire department may refuse to accept the transfer of previously acquired certification and may require any ~~newly employed~~ new firefighter who is an employee or a volunteer to complete the basic training course provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 6-16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 25-4-10, relating to mandatory training, as follows:

"25-4-10.

~~(a)~~ As a condition of continued certification, all ~~full-time and part-time~~ firefighters shall train, drill, or study at schools, classes, or courses at the local, area, or state level, as specified by the council. Authorized leaves of absence are expected.

~~(b) As a condition of continued certification, all volunteer firefighters shall train, drill, or study at schools, classes, or courses at the local, area, or state level, as specified by the volunteer council. Authorized leaves of absence are expected.~~"

SECTION 6-17.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 45-9-101, relating to

definitions relative to temporary disability compensation program for law enforcement officers, firemen, prison guards, and publicly employed emergency medical technicians, as follows:

"(3) 'Firefighter' means:

(A) Any person who is employed as a professional firefighter on a full-time or part-time basis by any municipal, county, or state government fire department certified in writing by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council pursuant to Code Section 25-3-22 employing three or more firefighters and who has the responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires~~,~~; protecting life and property~~,~~; enforcing municipal, county, and state fire prevention codes~~,~~; enforcing any law pertaining to the prevention and control of fires, or who performs any acts or actions while on duty or when responding to a fire or emergency during any fire or other emergency or while performing duties intended to protect life and property;

(B) Any individual serving as an officially recognized or designated member of a legally organized volunteer fire department certified in writing by the ~~Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council~~ Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council pursuant to Code Section 25-3-22 who performs any acts or actions while on duty and when responding to a fire or emergency during any fire or other emergency or while performing duties intended to protect life and property; or

(C) Any employee at the State Forestry Commission whose job duties include fire mitigation."

SECTION 6-18.

Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is amended by revising subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 47-7-1, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, as follows:

"(A) A permanent, compensated employee of a fire department who in the course of his or her employment by and within a department either is a candidate for or holds a current firefighter's certificate issued under ~~Article 1 of~~ Chapter 4 of Title 25 and has as incident to his or her position of employment the principal duty of, and actually performs the function of, preventing and suppressing fires and who works at least 1,040 hours per year; provided, however, that such term shall not include persons whose primary responsibility is the performance of emergency medical services; or"

SECTION 6-19.

Any assets of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART VII

Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council

SECTION 7-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-7-191, relating to definitions relative to patient centered and family focused palliative care, as follows:

"31-7-191.

As used in this article, the term:

~~(1) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of community health.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health.

~~(3) 'Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council' or 'council' means the advisory council created pursuant to Code Section 31-7-192.~~

~~(4)~~(2) '~~Health care~~ Healthcare facility' means hospitals; other special care units, including but not limited to podiatric facilities; skilled nursing facilities; intermediate care facilities; assisted living communities; personal care homes; ambulatory surgical or obstetrical facilities; health maintenance organizations; home health agencies; and diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation centers.

~~(5)~~(3) 'Palliative care' means those interventions which are intended to alleviate suffering and to achieve relief from, reduction of, or elimination of pain and of other physical, emotional, social, or spiritual symptoms of distress to achieve the best quality of life for the patients and their families."

SECTION 7-2.

Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 31-7-192, relating to Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 7-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-53-6, relating to compiling of reports and public dissemination of data by the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination, as follows:

"(a) The office shall compile reports received from the following boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices pursuant to each such entity's respective statutory reporting requirements:

(1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;

(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;

~~(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;~~

~~(5)~~(4) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;

~~(6)~~(5) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;

~~(7)~~(6) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry;

~~(8)~~(7) The Office of Cardiac Care; and

~~(9)~~(8) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission."

SECTION 7-4.

Any assets of the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART VIII

Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness

SECTION 8-1.

Chapter 49 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-49-1.1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of public health.

(2) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness created pursuant to Code Section 31-49-2.

(3) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health."

SECTION 8-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 31-49-2, relating creation of Council on Lupus Education and Awareness, membership, and organization, as follows:

"(a) There is created the Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness within the ~~Department of Community Health~~ department.

(b) The council shall consist of six members as follows:

(1) The commissioner ~~of community health,~~ or the commissioner's designee~~,~~ as an ex officio member;

(2) Three members to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint two members to serve for one year and one to serve for two years. Thereafter, successors to such initial appointees shall serve for two years. Of these three members, one shall be a physician who treats patients with lupus and one shall be a lupus patient;

(3) One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve for two years; and

(4) One member to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for two years~~;~~."

SECTION 8-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-49-3, relating to duties and responsibilities, as follows:

"(a) The council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) To initially investigate the level of education concerning lupus in this state; ~~and~~
(2) Based on the results of its initial investigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Code section, to develop information on lupus endorsed by government agencies, including, but not limited to, the National Institutes of Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
(3) To make recommendations to the department regarding the distribution of funds for lupus education, awareness, and research."

SECTION 8-4.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 31-49-6, relating to donations, in its entirety.

PART IX

Board of Homeland Security

SECTION 9-1.

Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, is amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 38-3-20, relating to Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency created, director, staff, offices, director's duties, and disaster coordinator, as follows:

"(e) The director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall:
(1) Be the executive head of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for emergency management and homeland security in this state;
(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;
(3) Have authority over areas involving imminent or current terrorist activity within this state, including, but not limited to, leading and directing the actions of the Homeland Security Task Force and the Emergency Operations Command where such Emergency Operations Command shall not usurp the operational authority of participating agencies but shall be responsible only for coordinating the public safety response to natural disasters, homeland security activities, and other emergencies within the state;
(4) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management and homeland security within the state;
(5) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government;
(6) Through risk and threat assessments, coordinate plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;
(7) Be responsible for crisis and consequence management planning, including, but not limited to, measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of terrorism;

(8) Coordinate and review activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;

(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of terrorism;

(10) Serve as ~~this~~ the state's security manager for the purpose of identifying and processing state personnel for security clearances through the United States Department of Homeland Security; ~~and~~

(11) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter as may be prescribed by the Governor and such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities as described in Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended~~.~~; and

(12) As deemed necessary by the Governor, develop a new state-wide homeland security strategy; provided, however, that such strategy shall, in the Governor's discretion, improve the state's ability to protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic terrorism and other homeland security threats and hazards and mitigate loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future homeland security threats and hazards."

SECTION 9-2.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Article 2A, relating to Board of Homeland Security.

SECTION 9-3.

Any assets of the Board of Homeland Security existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Board of Homeland Security existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART X

Employment First Georgia Council

SECTION 10-1.

Chapter 9 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, is amended by adding new paragraphs to Code Section 49-9-1, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(3.1) 'Competitive integrated employment' means work, including self-employment, in the labor market performed on a full-time or part-time basis in a setting in which an individual with a disability interacts with individuals without disabilities in all aspects of

the job function and for which such individual with a disability is compensated at or above the level of salary and benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals without disabilities."

"(4.1) 'Disability' means a permanent physical, cognitive, or behavioral condition that significantly limits one or more functions of daily living."

SECTION 10-2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-9-2.1.

(a) The board shall advise the Governor, General Assembly, and state agencies as to the adoption and integration of a policy that recognizes that competitive integrated employment is the first and preferred option of all state funded services provided to working age individuals with disabilities. Such policy shall be known as the Employment First Policy or Employment First.

(b) The board shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities with respect to the Employment First Policy provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section:

(1) Develop an Employment First training plan for providers of services to individuals with disabilities;

(2) Conduct educational activities to increase awareness of the Employment First Policy;

(3) Evaluate the funding mechanism for services in this state for individuals with disabilities and for students attending inclusive postsecondary institutions; and

(4) Make recommendations in a biannual report to the Governor and the General Assembly with regard to issues and necessary steps surrounding the adoption and implementation of the Employment First Policy, including, but not limited to:

(A) Proposed legislative or administrative changes to policies and programs that are integral to the full implementation of the Employment First Policy;

(B) Proposed changes to or creation of funding mechanisms and other initiatives for services in this state for individuals with disabilities and for students attending inclusive postsecondary institutions; and

(C) State-wide best practices to ensure that providers of services in this state for individuals with disabilities are facilitating competitive integrated employment in the workforce."

SECTION 10-3.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Article 3, relating to the Employment First Georgia Council.

SECTION 10-4.

Any assets of the Employment First Georgia Council existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Employment First Georgia Council existing as

of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XI

Georgia State Games Commission

SECTION 11-1.

Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Games Commission, is amended by revising Code Section 50-12-40, relating to definitions, as follows:

"50-12-40.

As used in this article, the term~~:~~

~~(1) 'Direct support~~ 'direct-support organization' means a Georgia nonprofit corporation organized and operated to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and to make expenditures to or for the benefit of the Georgia State Games, Olympic training facilities, and the promotion of national and international amateur sports competition.

~~(2) 'Physical fitness' means good or improved habits relating to recreation, exercises, sports, and the use of leisure time and instructions for these purposes and for improving the physique and health of the residents of the state.~~"

SECTION 11-2.

Said article is further amended by repealing Code Sections 50-12-41 through 50-12-44 and Code Section 50-12-48, relating to creation, purpose of article, membership, appointment, terms, chairperson, powers and duties, and annual report, respectively, relative to the Georgia State Games Commission, and designating said Code sections as reserved.

SECTION 11-3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 50-12-45, relating to assistance by direct-support organization, contract with organization, pattern and design of games, frequency and sites, and subsidiary corporations, as follows:

"50-12-45.

~~(a) The commission may authorize a direct support organization as defined by Code Section 50-12-40 to assist the operation of the Georgia State Games, the promotion of national and international amateur athletic competitions, and the development of Olympic training centers. The direct support organization shall operate under contract with the Department of Natural Resources.~~

~~(b) The contract between the direct support organization and the Department of Natural Resources shall, at a minimum, provide for:~~

~~(1) Approval of the articles of incorporation of the direct support organization by the commission, and for the governance of the direct support organization by members appointed by the commission and approved by the Governor;~~

~~(2) Submission of an annual budget for the approval of the commission and the Governor. The budget shall be in accordance with rules adopted by the commission;~~

~~(3) Certification by the Governor or his designee, after conducting an annual financial and performance review, that the direct-support organization is operating in compliance with the terms of the contract and in a manner consistent with the goals of the commission and in the best interest of the state. Such certification shall be made to the commission annually and reported in the official minutes of a meeting of the commission;~~

~~(4) The release and conditions for the expenditure of any state revenues;~~

~~(5) The reversion to the state of funds held in trust by the direct-support organization if the contract is terminated; and~~

~~(6) The fiscal year of the direct-support organization as beginning on July 1 and ending June 30 in each and every year.~~

~~(c)~~ The Georgia State Games shall be patterned after the Summer Olympic games with variations as necessitated by the availability of facilities, equipment, and expertise. The games shall be designed to encourage the participation of athletes representing a broad range of age groups, skill levels, and Georgia communities. Participants shall be residents of this state. Regional competitions shall be held throughout the state, and the top qualifiers in each sport shall proceed to the final competitions to be held at a site in ~~the~~ this state having the necessary facilities and equipment for conducting the competitions.

~~(d) The commission shall determine the frequency of the Georgia State Games and shall select the sites of the final competition and regional competitions.~~

~~(e) The commission is authorized to incorporate one or more nonprofit corporations as subsidiary corporations of the commission for the purpose of carrying out any of the powers of the commission and to accomplish any of the purposes of the commission. Any subsidiary corporations created pursuant to this subsection shall be created pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' and the Secretary of State shall be authorized to accept such filings. Upon dissolution of any subsidiary corporation of the commission, any assets shall revert to the commission or to any successor to the commission or, failing such succession, to the State of Georgia.~~"

SECTION 11-4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 50-12-47, relating to audit of Georgia State Games direct-support organization, as follows:

"50-12-47.

The Georgia State Games direct-support organization shall make provisions for an annual financial and compliance audit of its financial accounts and records by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with ~~rules~~ standards established by the ~~commission~~ Department of Audits and Accounts. The annual audit report shall be submitted to the Governor ~~and the commission~~ for review and approval. Upon approval, the Governor ~~and the commission~~ shall certify the audit report to the Department of Audits and Accounts for review and approval."

SECTION 11-5.

Any assets of the Georgia State Games Commission existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia State Games Commission existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XII

Lottery Retailer Advisory Board

SECTION 12-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by repealing Code Section 50-27-6, relating to Lottery Retailer Advisory Board, and designating said Code section as reserved.

SECTION 12-2.

Any assets of the Lottery Retailer Advisory Board existing as of June 30, 2025, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1, 2025. Any liabilities and obligations of the Lottery Retailer Advisory Board existing as of June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

PART XIII

General Repealer

SECTION 13-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 58. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the licensing and operation of emergency organ transport vehicles as ambulance services; to provide for the operation of such vehicles on public roadways; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to exempt emergency organ transport vehicles from those vehicles required to obtain an emergency vehicle permit from the Department of Public Safety; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya Adeyina	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Alexander	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Anderson	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Au	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Baker	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Ballard	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballinger	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Barnes	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barrett	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barton	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Bazemore	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Beckles	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bennett	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Berry	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Blackmon	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Bonner	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Buckner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Burchett	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burnough	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
E Byrd	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Cameron	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Camp	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Campbell, J	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, L	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Cannon, C	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, P	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Carpenter	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carson	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carter	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Cheokas	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Clark, D	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, J	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
E Clifton	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 84. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Burns of the 23rd, Still of the 48th and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate benefiting the Georgia Transplant Foundation; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to

provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, so as to establish a specialty license plate recognizing the importance of organ donation; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations or issued to qualified motor vehicles or owners with proceeds deposited in the general fund, is amended in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) A special license plate recognizing the importance of organ donation. The design of the special plate shall include the phrase 'Organ Donors Save Lives.' The funds raised by the sale of this license plate shall be deposited in the general fund."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 98. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Strickland of the 42nd, Ginn of the 47th, Watson of the 1st and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to provide for county conservators generally; to provide for respective rights and responsibilities of county conservators and county guardians; to provide that county administrators shall serve as ex officio county conservators; to make conforming changes; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the

change of designation of county guardian to county conservator by operation of law under certain circumstances and subject to an exception; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 13. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities and conversion of electrical lines; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, is amended in Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (5), (6), (10.1), and (10.2) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) 'Environmental facilities' means any projects, structures, and other real or personal property acquired, rehabilitated, constructed, or planned:

(A) For the purposes of supplying, distributing, and treating water and diverting, channeling, or controlling water flow and head including, but not limited to, surface or ground water, canals, reservoirs, channels, basins, dams, aqueducts, standpipes, penstocks, conduits, pipelines, mains, pumping stations, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells, purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, connections, water meters, mechanical equipment, electric generating equipment, rights of flowage or division and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, distribution, pumping, treatment, storing, or disposing of water;

(B) For the purposes of collecting, treating, or disposing of sewage including, but not limited to, main, trunk, intercepting, connecting, lateral, outlet, or other sewers, outfall, pumping stations, treatment and disposal plants, ground water rechange basins, backflow prevention devices, sludge dewatering or disposal equipment and facilities, clarifiers, filters, phosphorus removal equipment and other plants, soil absorption systems, innovative systems or equipment, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, conveyance, pumping, treatment, neutralization, storing, and disposing of sewage;

(C) For the purposes of collecting, treating, recycling, composting, or disposing of solid waste, including, but not limited to, trucks, dumpsters, intermediate reception stations or facilities, transfer stations, incinerators, shredders, treatment plants, landfills, landfill equipment, barrels, binders, barges, alternative technologies and other plant structures, equipment, conveyances, improvements, real or personal property or rights therein, and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the collection, treatment, or disposal of solid waste; ~~or~~

(D) For the purposes of carrying out a community land conservation project or a state land conservation project pursuant to Chapter 22 of Title 36;

(E) For the purposes of conversion of electrical lines from aboveground lines to underground lines; or

(F) For the purposes of storing, supplying, and distributing natural gas outside any certified area of a nonmunicipal gas company, as such term is defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 46-1-1, including, but not limited to, pipelines, storage tanks and facilities, natural gas distribution systems, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances, furnishings, accessories, and devices thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the storage, supply, and distribution of natural gas.

(6) 'Environmental services' means the provision, collectively or individually, of water facilities, sewerage facilities, solid waste facilities, natural gas facilities, conversion of electrical lines from aboveground lines to underground lines, community land conservation projects or state land conservation projects pursuant to Chapter 22 Title 36, or management services."

"(10.1) 'Natural gas facility' means any environmental facility described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (5) of this Code section.

(10.2) 'Nongovernmental entity' means a nonprofit organization the primary purposes of which are the permanent protection and conservation of land and natural resources.

~~(10.2)~~(10.3) 'Nonprofit corporation' means any corporation qualified as a not for profit corporation by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-23-5, relating to purpose, powers, and duties, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (33), by deleting the period and substituting in lieu thereof "; and" at the end of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (34), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(35) To promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 50-23-12, relating to personal liability of members, officers, and employees of the authority, by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) The construction, ownership, maintenance, or operation of any solid waste system, sewerage system, natural gas system, environmental facility, or water system owned by a local government; or"

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 109, nays 50.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 223. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene; to provide for refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to authorize certain local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from ad valorem taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber from eligible timber property that was severely damaged or destroyed in certain disaster areas; to provide for conditions and procedures; to provide for the establishment of a certification form; to

provide for audits; to provide for grants to such local governing authorities to offset the loss of certain revenues resulting from certain disaster damage to standing timber and such temporary tax relief; to provide for an appropriations contingency; to provide for a grant cap; to provide for the calculation of equalized adjusted property tax digests; to require the establishment of criteria regarding damage or destruction; to exclude from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments and crop insurance proceeds for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene; to provide for refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene; to provide for transferability of such credits; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for credit preapproval; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for a limited period of time for building materials used to repair or replace greenhouses and real property structures or fixtures used exclusively for the production of animals; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title and legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Timberlands Recovery, Exemption, and Earnings Stability (TREES) Act."

SECTION 1-2.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Hurricane Helene has had a catastrophic impact on the citizens and the economy of many areas in this state, has particularly devastated the timber industry on which the citizens of southwest Georgia are heavily dependent for their livelihood by reducing or eliminating the long-held investments in standing timber and timberlands of businesses and families, and has created both a public fire hazard and a danger of insect infestations due to the massive amounts of downed timber caused by the severity of this natural disaster;

(2) As of November, 2024, the estimated losses to standing timber caused by Hurricane Helene as measured by the State Forestry Commission were nearly $1.3 billion;

(3) Timberlands as investments are unique as an agriculture product in this state, as timber products often take ten years or longer to realize any return on the investment;

(4) Many counties, municipalities, and local school districts rely on the taxes levied at the time of timber's harvest or sale pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5, but with the destruction of timberlands throughout this state, that tax revenue will likely not be realized; and

(5) It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from the taxes levied pursuant to Code 48-5-7.5 so that the timber industry, and the businesses and families that provide timber products to such industry, will realize a reduced cost for growing new product and recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene. These reduced costs will help stabilize the market and allow for quicker harvesting and recovery of lands where some timber is still salvageable.

SECTION 1-3.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-33.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Disaster area' means any county designated for public assistance or individual and public assistance pursuant to the Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA-4830-DR Georgia disaster declaration as of November 4, 2024.

(2) 'Eligible governing authority' means the governing authority of any county, consolidated government, or municipality or the governing body of any county or independent board of education that is located in whole or in part in the disaster area.

(3) 'Eligible standing timber' means any timber which is subject to taxation pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 that is on eligible timber property.

(4) 'Eligible timber property' means any parcel, tract, stand, or other identifiable unit of property that:

(A) Contains standing timber which would, in the ordinary course of business, be sold or harvested;

(B) Is timberland property as such term is defined in Code Section 48-5-600;

(C) Is located within the disaster area; and

(D) Was severely damaged or destroyed as a result of the natural disaster.

(5) 'Severely damaged or destroyed' means damaged to the extent which would require salvage thinning, a salvage operation, or clear-cut of eligible standing timber based on criteria established by the State Forestry Commission pursuant to subsection (k) of this Code section.

(b) Pursuant to Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(h) of the Constitution of Georgia and in accordance with the provisions of this Code section, an eligible governing authority may grant temporary tax relief from taxes levied for eligible standing timber pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 during:

(1) The final quarter of 2024; and

(2) Each quarter of 2025.

(c) To grant the temporary tax relief authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section, an eligible governing authority shall adopt a resolution or ordinance that:

(1) Declares that its jurisdiction contains eligible timber property;

(2) Consents to grant the tax relief provided under this Code section;

(3) Requires that taxpayers seeking such tax relief submit the certification established pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section and that such certification shall be accepted by the eligible governing authority; and

(4) Waives the levy and collection of payment of taxes otherwise due pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 for the final quarter of 2024 and during each quarter of 2025.

(d) Upon adoption of the resolution or ordinance provided under subsection (c) of this Code section, no taxpayer who submits the certification established pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section shall be required to pay taxes otherwise levied pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 for eligible standing timber during the final quarter of 2024 or during any quarter of 2025.

(e) In the event taxes were levied and paid by a taxpayer pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 for eligible standing timber during the final quarter of 2024 or during any quarter of 2025, the eligible governing authority to which such taxes were payable or collected shall provide that a refund be issued to such taxpayer for the total amount paid in the same manner as otherwise provided under Code Section 48-5-380. If such taxes were levied but unpaid, the eligible governing authority to which such taxes are payable or collected shall waive payment and collection as provided in the resolution or ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, and shall be provided by the tax collector or tax commissioner an updated tax bill reflecting that the amount is no longer due.

(f)(1) A certification form shall be established by the State Forestry Commission in consultation with the commissioner and Association County Commissioners of Georgia within ten days of the effective of this Code section. In addition to requiring necessary identification and location information, such certification shall:

(A) Require such taxpayer to declare that their otherwise taxable property is eligible standing timber;

(B) Require such taxpayer to declare that they are making a claim for temporary tax relief for eligible standing timber pursuant to this Code section; and

(C) Allow the taxpayer to attach photographs of their eligible timber property, verification by a registered forester that the otherwise taxable property is eligible timber property, or other supporting documentation.

(2) Such certification shall be completed by the taxpayer and shall be submitted to the eligible governing authority as provided in the resolution or ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(3) The State Forestry Commission shall distribute or otherwise make available such certification form to taxpayers.

(g) The State Forestry Commission is authorized to conduct audits of property for compliance with this Code section at the request of the tax collector or tax commissioner for an eligible governing authority. In the event the State Forestry Commission conducts an audit and finds that the temporary tax relief granted to a taxpayer pursuant to this Code section was improper, the State Forestry Commission shall report such findings to the tax collector or tax commissioner who may pursue all remedies available by law as necessary

to recapture the tax that would have been due but for being wrongfully claimed by a taxpayer.

(h) Any temporary tax relief approved or allowed under this Code section shall be paid from funds of the eligible governing authority to which the taxes were or were to have been paid.

(i)(1) For the purpose of offsetting an eligible governing authority's revenue loss in the final quarter of 2024 and any quarter of 2025 due to the destruction of eligible standing timber in the disaster area and the temporary tax relief authorized pursuant to this Code section, the commissioner shall, subject to an appropriation by the General Assembly specifically referencing the provisions of this Code section, provide a grant to each eligible governing authority that has consented to grant the temporary tax relief authorized pursuant to this Code section.

(2) A grant provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be allotted to each eligible governing authority based on:

(A) The governing authority's estimated revenue loss as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(B) The revenue received by such governing authority pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 in each of the preceding three years; and

(C) The estimated damage to eligible standing timber in the jurisdiction as provided in the *Hurricane Helene Timber Damage Assessment* published by the State Forestry Commission on November 5, 2024, or other reliable data from the State Forestry Commission.

(3) No grant to an eligible governing authority provided pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall exceed the average of the total revenue received by such governing authority pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.5 in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

(j)(1) The grants provided pursuant to subsection (i) of this Code section shall not be included in the calculation of the equalized adjusted property tax digest under Code Section 48-5-274 for the purpose of calculating the required local five mill share for school funding purposes under Code Section 20-2-164.

(2) The temporary tax relief authorized pursuant to this Code section shall not affect the requirement provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (m) of Code Section 48-5-7.5 that the fair market value of timber harvested or sold be added to a digest and be included in the calculation of the equalized adjusted property tax digest under Code Section 48-5-274 for the purpose of calculating the required local five mill share for school funding purposes under Code Section 20-2-164.

(k)(1) The commissioner, tax collectors, and tax commissioners shall be authorized to consult with the State Forestry Commission to implement the provisions of this Code section.

(2) The State Forestry Commission shall establish criteria for determining whether timber property is severely damaged or destroyed. In establishing such criteria, such commission may consider:

(A) The average damage sustained throughout the timber property;

(B) Whether the timber property has adequate remaining trees per acre to maintain viable timber property; and

(C) The risk of insect and disease damage to the timber property as a result of the disaster.

(l) The commissioner may promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions this Code section."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by adding new paragraphs to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(11.3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and ending on or before December 31, 2029, income received as payments from a federal disaster relief or assistance grant program administered by this state or its instrumentalities or the United States Department of Agriculture, if such federal grant program was established specifically to address agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene which was a weather event declared to be a major disaster in this state by the President of the United States during the 2024 calendar year, to the extent such income is included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income;

(11.4) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and ending on or before December 31, 2025, federal crop insurance proceeds received for the destruction or damage to crops due to Hurricane Helene which was a weather event declared to be a major disaster in this state by the President of the United States during the 2024 calendar year, to the extent such proceeds are included in federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income;"

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.37.

(a)(1) The General Assembly finds and determines that Hurricane Helene has had a catastrophic impact on the citizens and the economy of Georgia, has particularly devastated the timber industry on which the citizens of Georgia are heavily dependent for their livelihood, and has created both a public fire hazard and a danger of insect infestations due to the massive amounts of downed timber caused by the severity of this natural disaster.

(2) The General Assembly further finds and declares that it is appropriate and advisable to provide relief to the timber industry in the form of a tax credit targeted to those taxpayers that have suffered substantial economic losses and that will have to incur significant expenses for salvaging downed timber, site clearance, restoration, and reforestation over the coming years.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Disaster area' means the real property encompassed by the borders of the 66 counties included in the renewal of the State of Emergency pronounced in the Executive Order of the Governor dated October 29, 2024, and filed in the official records of the office of the Governor as Executive Order No. 10.29.24.01.

(2) 'Eligible timber property' means timber which on September 24, 2024, was being grown by a taxpayer in a disaster area as part of a trade or business or a transaction entered into for profit.

(3) 'Timber' means trees grown for the primary purpose of commercial production of food or wood or wood fiber products.

(4) 'Timber casualty loss' means the amount of the diminution of value included in the computation of the casualty loss deduction for such casualty losses claimed and allowed pursuant to Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as casualty losses incurred by a taxpayer between September 24, 2024, and December 31, 2024, as a result of damage to or destruction of eligible timber property caused by Hurricane Helene.

(c)(1) A taxpayer shall be allowed tax credits against the tax imposed by this article in an amount equal to 100 percent of such taxpayer's timber casualty loss; provided, however, that the credit amount shall not exceed the number of the taxpayer's affected acres of eligible timber property in such disaster areas multiplied by $550.00.

(2) To be allowed such tax credits, a taxpayer shall submit an application for preapproval of such credits based on timber casualty losses incurred by such taxpayer by December 31, 2025.

(d)(1) The commissioner shall require preapproval applications to contain such information as is necessary to substantiate a taxpayer's eligibility for tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(2) The commissioner is authorized to require electronic submission of preapproval applications in the manner specified by the commissioner.

(3) The commissioner shall review completed preapproval applications in the order in which such applications were submitted and shall provide notice to each taxpayer that submitted an application within 30 days of receipt stating whether such taxpayer's application is complete or incomplete.

(4) In no event shall the commissioner preapprove tax credits pursuant to this Code section in an amount that exceeds $200 million in aggregate.

(5) In the event that properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications are submitted for an amount that exceeds the amount of funds available to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(6) The commissioner shall approve properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications and issue a preapproval certificate to the taxpayer by January 31, 2026, certifying the amount of credits such taxpayer is eligible to claim if the taxpayer meets the conditions of this Code section.

(e) In no event shall the amount of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section exceed $200 million in aggregate.

(f)(1)(A) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be eligible to be claimed only by the taxpayer to which the commissioner issued a preapproval certificate.

(B) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall only be claimed in the taxable year in which the taxpayer first completes:

(i) The restoration of each acre for which timber casualty losses were incurred to a condition that has an adequately stocked stand that is expected to result in forest products or ecological services in the foreseeable future; or

(ii) The replanting of timber in a quantity projected to yield at maturity at least 90 percent of the value of the timber casualty loss claimed. Such timber shall be planted within the same county in which the eligible timber property was being grown when the timber casualty loss was incurred. Timber market conditions as of September 25, 2024, shall be used for the purposes of establishing projected value.

(2) To claim tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section, a taxpayer shall attach to such taxpayer's state tax return certification from the taxpayer that the requirements of this Code section have been met and any other information required by the commissioner, including information which demonstrates that it has completed the restoration or replanting of timber required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Any tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be claimed on or before December 31, 2030.

(g)(1) The total amount of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section for a taxable year may exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Such tax credits allowed in excess of a taxpayer's income tax liability shall be refundable to such taxpayer, provided that such taxpayer is the same taxpayer that incurred the timber casualty loss.

(2) Tax credits claimed pursuant to this Code section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for ten years from the close of the taxable year in which the credits are claimed.

(h) Tax credits claimed pursuant to this Code section but neither used by the taxpayer against its income tax liability nor refunded may be transferred or sold one time to one single other Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Only the taxpayer that claimed the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall make the transfer or sale of such tax credits;

(2) The taxpayer that claimed the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall submit to the commissioner written notification of any transfer or sale of such tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of the tax credits. Such written notification shall include:

(A) Such taxpayer's credit balance prior to transfer;

(B) The credit certificate number;

(C) The remaining balance of credits after transfer;

(D) The tax identification number of the transferee;

(E) The date of transfer;

(F) The amount of credits transferred; and

(G) Other information as may be required by the department;

(3) Failure to comply with any provision of this subsection shall result in the disallowance of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section until the taxpayer that claimed the credits is in full compliance;

(4) The transfer or sale of the tax credits shall not extend the time during which such tax credits may be used. The carry-forward period for tax credits that are transferred or sold shall begin on the date on which such tax credits were originally claimed;

(5) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credits that were available to the transferor at the time of the transfer; provided, however, that a transferee shall not be eligible to transfer or receive a refund of such tax credits. To the extent that the transferor did not have rights to claim or use the tax credits at the time of the transfer, the commissioner shall disallow the tax credits claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credits from the transferee or transferor. The transferee's recourse shall not be against the commissioner; and

(6) The transferee shall acquire the tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section for a minimum of 60 percent of the amount of the tax credits so transferred.

(i)(1) A taxpayer claiming, transferring, or selling tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall be required to reimburse the department for any department initiated audits relating to the tax credits, provided that such amount shall not exceed the value of the credits claimed by the taxpayer. This paragraph shall not apply to routine tax audits of such taxpayer that may include the review of the tax credits provided in this Code section.

(2) The commissioner shall have access to timber property for the purpose of determining eligibility for both the preapproval and claiming of tax credits allowed and conducting audits pursuant to this Code section, provided that prior notice is given to any taxpayer that submitted a preapproval application or transferred or claimed tax credits pursuant to this Code section and the owner of the underlying real property.

(3) The commissioner may pursue all remedies available by law as necessary to recapture tax credits wrongfully preapproved, allowed, or claimed by a taxpayer or a taxpayer's transferee.

(4) The commissioner shall be authorized to consult with the State Forestry Commission as necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this Code section.

(j) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to sales and use taxes, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-3.3, relating to exemptions for agricultural operations and establishment of Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund, as follows:

"(3)(A) 'Agricultural production inputs' means seed; seedlings; plants grown from seed, cuttings, or liners; fertilizers; insecticides; livestock and poultry feeds, drugs, and instruments used for the administration of such drugs; fencing products and materials used to produce agricultural products regardless of whether the fencing products or materials become incorporated into real property; fungicides;

rodenticides; herbicides; defoliants; soil fumigants; plant growth regulating chemicals; desiccants, including, but not limited to, shavings and sawdust from wood, peanut hulls, fuller's earth, straw, and hay; feed for animals, including, but not limited to, livestock, fish, equine, hogs, or poultry; sugar used as food for honeybees kept for the commercial production of honey, beeswax, and honeybees; cattle, hogs, sheep, equine, poultry, or bees when sold for breeding purposes; ice or other refrigerants, including, but not limited to, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, ammonia, and propylene glycol used in the processing for market or the chilling of agricultural products in storage facilities, rooms, compartments, or delivery trucks; materials, containers, crates, boxes, labels, sacks, bags, or bottles used for packaging agricultural products when the product is either sold in the containers, sacks, bags, or bottles directly to the consumer or when such use is incidental to the sale of the product for resale; and containers, plastic, canvas, and other fabrics used in the care and raising of agricultural products or canvas used in covering feed bins, silos, greenhouses, and other similar storage structures.

(B)(i) For the period beginning on the effective date of this Act and ending on December 31, 2025, such term also means building materials used to repair or replace:

(I) Greenhouses; and

(II) Real property structures or fixtures used exclusively for the production of animals, including, but not limited to, poultry sheds and livestock barns.

(ii) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-63, contractors shall not incur any use tax on any building materials that a qualified agricultural producer purchases tax-exempt under division (i) of this subparagraph for use in an agricultural operation and furnishes to such contractor for installation into real property."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 223.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson

Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
E Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
E Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 153, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 686. By Representative Petrea of the 166th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Barry A. Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 687. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Judge William F. Lee Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 688. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Momtahan of the 17th, Gullett of the 19th, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. John "Johnny" Savage; and for other purposes.

HR 689. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Crawford of the 89th, Washburn of the 144th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge Bryant Culpepper Jr. for his outstanding public service to the State of Georgia, the Judicial Branch specifically, and the community at large as well as for his dedication to upholding the principles of justice and fairness; and for other purposes.

HR 690. By Representative Cummings of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Mazal Tazazo, a survivor of the October 7th massacre, for her resilience and courage; and for other purposes.

HR 691. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th and LaHood of the 175th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lowndes County High School baseball team for winning the 2024 GHSA 7A State Baseball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 692. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Smith of the 18th and Howard of the 71st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives and legacy of Kelly Nelon Clark, Jason Clark, and Amber Nelon Kistler of The Nelons and commending Autumn Nelon Streetman; and for other purposes.

HR 693. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Momtahan of the 17th, Scoggins of the 14th, Gullett of the 19th, Yearta of the 152nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 17, 2025, as Profound Autism Day; and for other purposes.

HR 694. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th and Ballard of the 147th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sheriff Terry Deese upon his retirement from the Peach County Sheriff's Department; and for other purposes.

HR 695. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Holland of the 54th, Tran of the 80th, Silcox of the 53rd and Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Councilwoman Dr. Melody Kelley, recipient of the 2025 Georgia Single Parent Fifth "Legacy Builders" Award; and for other purposes.

HR 696. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tenisha Lynette Dixon; and for other purposes.

HR 697. By Representatives Alexander of the 66th, Cannon of the 58th and Berry of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Haywood Tucker; and for other purposes.

HR 698. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Sis. Terri Ali; and for other purposes.

HR 699. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Crawford of the 89th and Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 200th anniversary of Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 700. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Werkheiser of the 157th, Kahaian of the 81st, New of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Happy Hitters of North Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 701. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Chanikki Brown-Reeves; and for other purposes.

HR 702. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Evetta B. Washington, recipient of the Women on Purpose award; and for other purposes.

HR 703. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lanier County High School Lady Bulldogs for winning the GHSA Class A Division II State Softball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 704. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th and Sharper of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lowndes County on the occasion of its Bicentennial; and for other purposes.

HR 705. By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lanier County High School baseball team for winning the GHSA Class A Division II State Baseball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 706. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Erwin of the 32nd, Cannon of the 172nd, Jenkins of the 136th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Cole Creel; and for other purposes.

HR 707. By Representative Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending Paulding County's social workers during National Social Worker Month; and for other purposes.

HR 708. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Sunshine House on its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 709. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Persinger of the 119th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kenneth Rogers Bridges; and for other purposes.

HR 710. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ego Mang Nwokeka Ndukwe; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Herring of the 145th et al., Seabaugh of the 34th, Berry of the 56th et al., and Leverett of the 123rd.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, March 25, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Thirty-Fifth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Clark, D	Hagan	Martin	Richardson
Adeyina	Clifton	Hatchett	Martinez	Ridley, Jas
Alexander	Cooper	Hawkins	Mathiak	Ridley, Jor
Anderson	Corbett	Henderson	Mathis	Roberts
Baker	Cox	Herring	McClain	Sainz
Ballard	Crawford	Hilton	McCollum	Sampson
Ballinger	Crowe	Hitchens	McDonald	Schofield
Barnes	Cummings	Holcomb	McQueen	Scoggins
Barrett	Davis	Hong	Meeks	Scott
Barton	DeLoach	Howard, J	Miller	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Dempsey	Howard, K	Mitchell	Silcox
Beckles	Dickey	Huddleston	Momtahan	Smith, L
Bell	Donatucci	Hugley	E Moore	Smith, TP
Bennett	Douglas	E Hutchinson	Myles	Smith, V
Berry	Drenner	Jackson, D	Neal	Stephens
Blackmon	Dubnik	Jackson, E	New	Stinson
Bonner	Dunahoo	E Jackson, M	Okoye	Tarvin
Buckner	Efstration	Jasperse	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Burchett	Ehrhart	Jenkins	O'Steen	Taylor, R
Burnough	Erwin	Jones, A	Panitch	Thomas
Byrd	Evans	Jones, J	Paris	Townsend
Cameron	Fleming	Jones, S	Park	Tran
Camp	Flournoy	Jones, T	Parrish	Westbrook
Campbell, J	Ford	Kahaian	Parsons	Wiedower
Campbell, L	Franklin	Kelley	Persinger	Wilkerson
Cannon, C	Frye	Kendrick	Petrea	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Gaines	LaHood	Powell	Williams, N
Carpenter	Gambill	Leverett	Reese	Williamson
Carson	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Willis
Carter	Greene	Lim	Rhodes	Yearta
Chastain	Gullett	Lumsden	Rice	Burns, Speaker
E Cheokas	Gunter	Lupton		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Au of the 50th, Dawson of the 65th, Draper of the 90th, Griffin of the 149th, Holly of the 116th, Horner of the 3rd, Newton of the 127th, Oliver of the 84th, Prince of the 132nd, Romman of the 97th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th,

Sharper of the 177th, Wade of the 9th, Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Chip Gordon, City of Hope Cancer Center, Newnan, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 811. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide a homestead

exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 812. By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Jasperse of the 11th, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to revise the process by which a local governing body may propose amendments to state minimum standard codes; to require the approval of the Department of Community Affairs for amendments to such codes; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise provisions regarding denial or nonacceptance of permits; to require local issuing authorities to provide rejected permit applicants with a written list of reasons for denial within specified time frames; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 813. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $12,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 814. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 815. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $12,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 816. By Representative Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Greene County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction of Act and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 817. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock dealers, so as to provide for source verification requirements for large-scale meat producers; to provide for written disclosures; to provide for disclosures and health risk management for older livestock; to provide for avian influenza testing for large-scale poultry producers; to regulate multispecies producers; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs.

HB 818. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th, Blackmon of the 146th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System, so as to provide for membership in the system for each judge employed full time in the Georgia Tax Court; to provide for creditable service; to provide for transfer of funds; to provide for transfer of membership service; to provide for payments of full actuarial costs; to provide for all other individuals employed by the court; to provide for earnable monthly compensation for purposes of contributions and benefit amounts; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 819. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Jasper County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 820. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jasper County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 821. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Seabaugh of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to bonds and recognizances, so as to include aggravated assault as a bailable offense only before a superior court judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 822. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to attorneys generally, so as to prohibit the inclusion of Georgia-specific content on all future Georgia bar examinations for attorney licensure; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HR 685. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Taylor of the 173rd, Jones of the 47th, Oliver of the 84th and Ballard of the 147th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Mental Health Workforce Development; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 711. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Cheokas of the 151st and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Student Attendance in PreK-12 Education; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 799	HB 800
HB 801	HB 802
HB 803	HB 804
HB 805	HB 806
HB 807	HB 808
HB 809	HB 810
HR 653	HR 654
HR 655	HR 656
HR 657	HR 658
HR 659	HR 660
HR 661	SB 330
SB 331	SB 333
SB 334	SB 335
SB 336	

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 615	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 747	Do Pass
HB 755	Do Pass	HB 756	Do Pass
HB 758	Do Pass	HB 759	Do Pass
HB 760	Do Pass	HB 761	Do Pass
HB 762	Do Pass	HB 763	Do Pass
HB 764	Do Pass	HB 766	Do Pass
HB 771	Do Pass	HB 782	Do Pass
HB 783	Do Pass	HB 784	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 35th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

HR 273 City of Incheon, South Korea; designate as sister city-state of State of Georgia (SP&CA-Hong-103rd)

SB 42 Penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12; certain penalty provisions for the offense of prostitution, keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, and pandering; repeal (JudyNC-Hong-103rd) Hatchett-50th

SB 110 Definitions Relative to the Juvenile Code; definition of neglect and to provide for new definitions (JudyJ-Lumsden-12th) Anavitarte-31st

SB 119 Manufactured or Mobile Homes; limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; provide (B&B-Leverett-123rd) Goodman-8th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bills of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 615. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham County Recreation Authority, approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4281), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to revise quorum requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 756. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham Area Transit Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5082), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5296), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 747. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Parsons of the 44th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carson of the 46th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 755. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 47th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Cherokee County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 758. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Spalding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a graduated amount on the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older and based upon their income, excluding certain retirement income; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 759. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a board of elections for Spalding County, approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4432), as amended, so as to update provisions related to the terms of board members; to revise provisions related to holding meetings of the board; to rename the elections supervisor as the elections director; to revise duties of the elections director; to authorize the board to hire its own legal counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 760. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Glynn County, approved February 11, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1336), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3914), so as to change the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for withholding of compensation for certain meeting absences; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 761. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Lim of the 98th and McClain of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of Lilburn ad valorem taxes for city purposes, including but not limited to taxes to retire bonded indebtedness in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of the City of Lilburn and in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain other residents of the City of Lilburn who are 65 years of age or over or who are disabled, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4469), so as to provide an additional homestead exemption in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the prior year assessed value of such homestead by more than 8 percent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 762. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of the Savannah Music Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership, terms of office, and vacancies; to confer powers and impose duties on the commission; to provide for bylaws; to provide for a quorum; to provide for audits; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 763. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Airport Authority, a new airport authority in and for the County of Bryan and the City of Richmond Hill; to provide that no liability or debt against the aforementioned city or county shall be incurred in the exercise of any powers granted by this Act; to make the bonds, securities, or obligations of the authority exempt from taxation; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities, or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities, or other

obligations be validated as authorized by the "Revenue Bond Law"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 764. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Nelson, approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5615), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5181), so as to provide for appointments to vacancies in the office of the mayor or city council member; to provide for special elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 766. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Sumter-Americus County Unification Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership of said commission; to provide for the certification of the election results; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 771. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3552), so as to extend the homestead exemption to surviving spouses without regard to the five-year residency requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 782. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chatham County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 783. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Clifton of the 131st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Columbia County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 784. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Clifton of the 131st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Columbia County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption

and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 328. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Davenport of the 17th, Williams of the 25th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3954), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4090), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Henry County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for a salary supplement for the chief judge; to provide for the appointment of a judge pro hac vice; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 329. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Davenport of the 17th, Williams of the 25th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing supplements to the salaries of the judges of superior court, the district attorney, and the chief assistant district attorney of the Flint Judicial Circuit, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 705), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4169), so as to provide the chief judge with an annual stipend in addition to county compensation to superior court judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 68. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 9, 13, 40, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, contracts, motor vehicles, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for substantive and comprehensive revision of provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions; to provide limitations relative to pain and suffering testimony; to provide for timing of answers and discovery; to provide for dismissals of civil actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 83. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 77. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 58. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Leverett of the 123rd, Thomas of the 21st, Clifton of the 131st, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 266. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 159. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, Camp of the 135th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 331. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Hagan of the 156th, Gullett of the 19th, Cameron of the 1st, New of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding animal protection, so as to prohibit the transfer of certain domestic animals at certain locations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 426. By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to nonpartisan elections of judges of the probate court and magistrates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date, a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 514. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Parsons of the 44th, Jones of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 539. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption of $4,000.00 from all county school district ad valorem taxation, except taxes levied to retire bonded indebtedness, which applies to the homestead of each resident of the Gwinnett County school district actually occupied by the owner as a residence and homestead, approved March 24, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 4199), so as to increase said homestead exemption to $10,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 540. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Martinez of the 111th, Efstration of the 104th, Clark of the 108th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide an additional homestead exemption from Gwinnett County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $2,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are certain public service employees, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4346), so as to expand such exemption to disabled veterans and all employees of the Gwinnett County

School District and the Buford City School District; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 587. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Cartersville in the County of Bartow, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3697), as amended, so as to provide for a finance director; to remove the duties of an ex officio treasurer from the city clerk; to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Cartersville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 623. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 624. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Howard of the 71st and Smith of the 70th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 703. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Bazemore of the 69th and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Peachtree City ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or over and whose income does not exceed $30,000.00, approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3719), so as to increase the

income cap related to qualifying for such exemption to $60,000.00; to increase the value of the exemption to $30,000.00 of the assessed value; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 328. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Davenport of the 17th, Williams of the 25th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3954), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4090), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Henry County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for a salary supplement for the chief judge; to provide for the appointment of a judge pro hac vice; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 329. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Davenport of the 17th, Williams of the 25th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing supplements to the salaries of the judges of superior court, the district attorney, and the chief assistant district attorney of the Flint Judicial Circuit, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 705), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4169), so as to provide the chief judge with an annual stipend in addition to county compensation to superior court judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

Pursuant to HR 525, the House recognized and commended Community Supervision Officer John Crew, the Department of Community Supervision's 2024 Officer of the Year.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Gambill of the 15th et al., Lupton of the 83rd et al., Bonner of the 73rd et al., Rhodes of the 124th et al., Cummings of the 39th et al., Paris of the 142nd et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Smith of the 138th, LaHood of the 175th et al., and Camp of the 135th.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 35th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 112 Selling and other Trade Practices; certain protections for consumers relative to warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; extend (A&CA-Corbett-174th) Dixon-45th

SB 123 Compulsory Attendance; provisions of the state's compulsory school attendance laws; update and revise (Ed-Dubnik-29th) Kennedy-18th

SB 149 Tuition Equalization Grants at Private Colleges and Universities; definition of approved school; revise (HEd-Gaines-120th) Hickman-4th

SB 193 State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; authorize (Substitute) (HEd-Gaines-120th) Brass-6th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 193. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hatchett of the 50th, Harbison of the 15th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 9

20-4-170.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Academic skill intake assessment' means a criterion referenced assessment of numeracy and literacy skill with high reliability and validity as determined by third-party research, which assessment may be administered in person or online.

(2) 'Adult workforce high school diploma program' and 'program' mean the program provided for in this article.

(3) 'Approved program provider' means a third-party entity that applies to participate in the program, is approved by the state board, and agrees to meet all program requirements.

(4) 'Average cost per graduate' means the average cost per graduate calculated in accordance with Code Section 20-4-172.

(5) 'Cohort' means all students who enter the program between July 1 and June 30 of each program year.

(6) 'Eligible student' means an individual who:

(A) Resides in this state;

(B) Is between 21 and 40 years of age at the time of enrollment;

(C) Has not attained a high school diploma;

(D) Does not meet any of the ineligibility criteria provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-3-519.1; and

(E) Has previously been enrolled in a public primary or secondary school or adult education program in this state.

(7) 'Employability skills certification' means a certificate earned by demonstrating professional nontechnical skills through assessment and includes, but is not limited to, the program standards of the United States Department of Labor's 'Skills to Pay the Bills: Mastering Soft Skills for Workplace Success' program.

(8) 'Graduation rate' means the graduation rate calculated in accordance with Code Section 20-4-172.

(9) 'Industry recognized credential' means an education related credential or work related credential that verifies an individual's qualification or competence and is issued by an entity with the authority to issue such credential.

(10) 'Measurement period' means the two-year period beginning July 1 of the year the cohort begins through June 30 of the subsequent fiscal year.

(11) 'Milestones' means measures of student progress for which funds are disbursed to approved program providers pursuant to Code Section 20-4-173.

(12) 'Program funding' means funding received by an approved program provider pursuant to Code Section 20-4-173.

(13) 'Program year' means the period beginning on July 1 of each year and ending on June 30 of the immediately following year.

(14) 'Stackable credential' means a credential that is part of a sequence of credentials that can be accumulated over time to build up an individual's qualifications to advance along a career pathway.

(15) 'State board' means the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(16) 'Transcript evaluation' means a documented summary of credits earned in previous public or private accredited high schools compared with this state's requirements to earn a high school diploma.

(17) 'Workforce credential' means an industry recognized credential or a stackable credential.

20-4-171.

(a) The state board shall be authorized to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program to allow eligible students to qualify for enrollment in the program, and upon successful completion of the program, to be awarded a high school diploma.

(b) The state board shall be authorized to approve program providers to administer the program. Such approved program providers shall be selected through an application process, which application process shall be as follows:

(1) Not later than August 15 of each year, the state board shall make available an application for third-party entities to apply to become approved program providers;

(2) Not later than September 15 of each year, the state board shall review applications, approve program providers that meet the requirements set forth in this article, and make available a list of approved program providers on the state board's public website; and

(3) Approved program providers shall be authorized to begin enrolling eligible students upon being approved by the state board as an approved program provider.

(c) To implement the program, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the state board shall be authorized to waive or provide variances to state rules, regulations, policies, and procedures and to seek waivers or variances of federal laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures that may be reasonably necessary to meet the goals of the program.

(d) The state board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article.

20-4-172.

(a) Approved program providers shall:

(1) Be accredited by:

(A) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges;

(B) Georgia Accrediting Commission;

(C) Cognia; or

(D) A successor entity or consolidation of any of the above entities;

(2) Offer the following to eligible students at no cost to such students:

(A) Academic skill intake assessments and transcript evaluations for eligible students;

(B) A documented plan for each eligible student that shall include the requirements for such student to complete the program and earn a high school diploma;

(C) Remedial education services in numeracy and literacy;

(D) A course catalog that includes all courses necessary to earn a high school diploma;

(E) One or more programs through which eligible students can earn a workforce credential;

(F) One or more programs through which eligible students can earn an employability skills certification;

(G) One or more courses that help eligible students enter or advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster; and

(H) All courses necessary to meet the requirements to earn a high school diploma;

(3) Have a graduation rate of not less than 50 percent; and

(4) Have an average cost per graduate of not more than $7,500.00.

(b) If an approved program provider fails to meet the standards set forth in paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, the state board shall place such approved program provider on probationary status for the remainder of the program year. If an approved program provider fails to meet such standards by the end of the subsequent program year, such approved program provider shall no longer be an approved program provider.

(c)(1) Average cost per graduate shall be calculated by dividing the total program funding disbursed to an approved program provider for a cohort during the time period from the beginning of the cohort through the end of the measurement period by the total number of students in that cohort who earned a high school diploma during the measurement period.

(2) Graduation rate shall be calculated by dividing the number of students in a cohort who earned a high school diploma during the measurement period by the number of students in such cohort for which such approved program provider has received program funding.

20-4-173.

(a)(1) Subject to appropriations specifically for the purpose of the program, the state board shall be authorized to disburse funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the implementation of the program to approved program providers for the following milestones reached by students in amounts not to exceed:

(A) For the completion of each half unit of high school credit when such credit is required to earn a high school diploma, $275.00;

(B) For each employability skills certification earned by a student, $275.00;

(C) For each workforce credential earned by a student when such credential requires not more than 50 hours of training, $275.00;

(D) For each workforce credential earned by a student when such credential requires more than 50 but not more than 100 hours of training, $550.00;

(E) For each workforce credential earned by a student when such credential requires more than 100 hours of training, $825.00; or

(F) For each high school diploma earned by a student, $1,100.00.

(2) Funds shall be disbursed pursuant to this subsection to approved program providers in the order in which the reports required by subsection (b) of this Code section are received by the state board.

(3) No later than the last day of each month, the state board shall notify approved program providers of the total amount of funds disbursed to approved program providers and the amount of funds remaining for the program for the fiscal year.

(b) In order to receive the funds provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, approved program providers shall, no later than the tenth day of each month, submit to

the state board a report which shall include all milestones met by students in the previous month.

(c) Funds received by approved program providers pursuant to this Code section shall be used for providing and preparing for instruction, instructional materials, and support services for students, including coaching and mentoring. Such funds shall not be used to build or expand brick-and-mortar infrastructure.

20-4-174.

(a) Beginning in 2027, no later than August 15 of each year, each approved program provider shall submit a report to the state board which shall include:

(1) The number of eligible students participating in the program;

(2) The number of units of high school credit earned by such students;

(3) The number of employability skills certificates earned by such students;

(4) The number of workforce credentials earned by such students; and

(5) The number of students who earned a high school diploma through participation in the program.

(b) Beginning in 2027, no later than December 1 of each year, the state board shall provide the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, and the Senate Higher Education Committee with a report that includes:

(1) The information reported to the state board pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section;

(2) The amount of funds disbursed to each approved program provider and the milestones for which such funding was disbursed;

(3) The graduation rate for each approved program provider; and

(4) The average cost per graduate for each approved program provider.

20-4-175.

This article shall stand repealed on July 1, 2031."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 149. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd and Goodman of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 162, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 123. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to update and revise provisions of the state's compulsory school attendance laws; to provide that no student shall be expelled by a public school due solely to absenteeism; to provide for reporting requirements; to amend Code Section 20-4-141 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high school diploma to successful participants, skills and

knowledge, eligibility for participation, and regulation, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 160, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received:

Georgia State House

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square, SW, Suite 611-G
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

March 25, 2025

Mr. Speaker,

My votes for SB 123, SB 149, and SB 193 would have been yes if it had been recorded. However, I was unable to make it back to my desk and press the button before the machines were locked. I would like to request that the record reflects this.

I am happy to answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have.

In service and gratitude,

/s/ Michelle Au

Michelle Au, MD, MPH
Georgia House of Representatives
District 50

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 112. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to extend certain protections for consumers relative to warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide required information for warranty and product registration cards and forms; to provide an effective date for certain warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 166, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HR 273. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Yearta of the 152nd, Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Park of the 107th and others:

A RESOLUTION designating the City of Incheon, South Korea as the sister city-state of the State of Georgia.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 161. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to provide for authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property; to provide for punishment for failure to obey certain subpoenas; to amend Title 16 and Code Sections 20-3-10, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, and definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to repeal the definition of 'domestic terrorism'; to establish the crime of domestic terrorism; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to provide for authority to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property; to provide for punishment for failure to obey certain subpoenas; to prohibit disclosure of the issuance of certain subpoenas during the pendency of an investigation; to amend Title 16 and Code Sections 20-3-10, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, and definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, respectively, so as to repeal the definition of 'domestic terrorism'; to establish the crime of domestic terrorism; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by revising Code Section 35-3-4.1, relating to subpoena for production of electronic communication service records for computer or electronic device used in furtherance of certain offenses against minors, as follows:

"35-3-4.1.

(a)(1) ~~In any investigation of a violation of Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, or 16-12-100.2 involving the use of a computer or an electronic device in furtherance of an act related to a minor, or any investigation of a violation of Article 8 of Chapter 9 of Title 16, the~~ The director, assistant director of the bureau, or deputy director for investigations of the bureau shall be authorized to issue a subpoena, with the consent of the Attorney General, to compel the production of electronic communication service or remote ~~communication~~ computing service records or other information pertaining to a subscriber or customer of such service, exclusive of contents of communications, in any investigation of a violation of:

(A) Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, or 16-12-100.2 involving the use of a computer or an electronic device in furtherance of an act related to a minor;

(B) Article 8 of Chapter 9 of Title 16; or

(C) Code Section 16-9-93, 16-10-28, 16-11-37, 16-11-39.1, or 16-11-221.

(2) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall disclose to the bureau the following as relative to the subscriber or customer of such service:

(A) Name;

(B) Address;

(C) Local and long distance telephone connection records, or records of session times and durations;

(D) Length of service, including the start date, and types of service utilized;

(E) Telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address; and

(F) Means and source of payment for such service, including any credit card or bank account number ~~of a subscriber to or customer of such service~~.

(3) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall not provide notification of the subpoena issued pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection to the subscriber or customer of such service.

(b) Upon failure of a person without lawful excuse to obey a subpoena, the director, assistant director of the bureau, or the deputy director for investigations of the bureau, through the Attorney General or district attorney, may apply to a superior court having jurisdiction for an order compelling compliance. Such person may object to the subpoena on grounds that it fails to comply with this Code section or upon any constitutional or other legal right or privilege of such person. The court may issue an order modifying or setting aside such subpoena or directing compliance with the original subpoena. Failure to obey a subpoena issued under this Code section may be punished by the court as contempt of court.

(c) The Attorney General may request that a natural person who refuses to produce relevant matter included in a subpoena issued pursuant to this Code section on the ground that the production of such records may incriminate such person be ordered by the court to provide such records. With the exception of a prosecution for perjury, a natural person who complies with the court order to provide such records asserting a privilege against

self-incrimination to which he or she is entitled by law shall not be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he or she may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise.

(d)(1) The issuance of a subpoena pursuant to this Code section shall not be made public during any pending investigation or prosecution of criminal or unlawful activity beyond the extent necessary for the issuance and compliance of the subpoena and compliance with Chapter 16 of Title 17.

(2) Information obtained pursuant to a subpoena enforced by this Code section shall not be made public or, except as authorized in paragraph ~~(2)~~(3) of this subsection, disclosed by the director of the bureau, assistant director, deputy director for investigations of the bureau, or the director's employees beyond the extent necessary for the enforcement of this Code section.

~~(2)~~(3) The director, assistant director of the bureau, deputy director for investigations of the bureau, or the director's employees shall be authorized to provide to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency any information acquired under this Code section in furtherance of a criminal investigation ~~in violation of Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, or 16-12-100.2~~.

(e) As used in this Code section, the terms 'electronic communication service' and 'remote computing service' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-9-92."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Code Section 16-11-220, relating to definitions relative to domestic terrorism, as follows:

"16-11-220.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Assassination' means the intentional killing of an elected public official by an individual acting to prevent or retaliate for the performance of official duties or because of the public position held by the official.

(2) 'Critical infrastructure' means publicly or privately owned facilities, systems, functions, or assets, whether physical or virtual, providing or distributing services for the benefit of the public, including, but not limited to, energy, fuel, water, agriculture, health care, finance, communication, or any other vital public service.

~~(2) 'Domestic terrorism' means any felony violation of, or attempt to commit a felony violation of the laws of this state which, as part of a single unlawful act or a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics, is intended to cause serious bodily harm, kill any individual or group of individuals, or disable or destroy critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system when such disability or destruction results in major economic loss, and is intended to:~~

~~(A) Intimidate the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;~~
~~(B) Alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or~~
~~(C) Affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping.~~

(3) 'Public transportation system' means all facilities, conveyances, and instrumentalities, whether publicly or privately owned, that are used in or for publicly available services for the transportation of individuals or cargo.

(4) 'Serious bodily harm' means harm to the body of another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

(5) 'State or government facility' means any permanent or temporary facility or conveyance that is used or occupied by representatives of this state or any of its political subdivisions, by the legislature, by the judiciary, or by officials or employees of this state or any of its political subdivisions.

(6) 'Vital public service' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-7-22.

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-221, relating to penalties for domestic terrorism, as follows:

"16-11-221.

(a) A person commits the crime of domestic terrorism when he or she commits or attempts to commit a felony violation of the laws of this state which, as part of a single unlawful act or a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics, is intended to cause serious bodily harm, kill any individual or group of individuals, or disable or destroy critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system when such disability or destruction results in major economic loss, and is intended to:

(1) Intimidate the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;

(2) Alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or

(3) Affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping.

(b) Any person who commits domestic terrorism shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as follows:

(1) If death results to any individual, by death, by imprisonment for life without parole, or by imprisonment for life;

(2) If kidnapping occurs, by imprisonment for not less than 15 nor more than 35 years, or by imprisonment for life;

(3) If serious bodily harm occurs, by imprisonment for not less than 15 nor more than 35 years; or

(4) If critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system is disabled or destroyed, by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 35 years.

~~(b)~~(c) No sentence imposed under this Code section shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may suspend, stay, probate, defer, or withhold part of such sentence when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have agreed to such sentence."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-14-3, relating to definitions relative to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations, by revising subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) as follows:

"(B) Engaging in any one or more acts of domestic terrorism as described in ~~paragraph (2) of~~ Code Section ~~16-11-220~~ 16-11-221 or any criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy related thereto."

SECTION 2-4.

Code Section 20-3-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sanctuary policies prohibited and penalty for violation, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) 'Status information' means any information, not including any information required by law to be kept confidential but otherwise including, but not limited to, any statement, document, computer generated data, recording, or photograph, which is relevant to the identity or location of an individual who is reasonably believed to be violating state or federal laws, illegally residing within the United States, or who is reasonably believed to be involved in domestic terrorism ~~as that term is defined in Code Section 16-11-220~~ in violation of Code Section 16-11-221 or a terroristic act as that term is defined by Code Section 35-3-62."

SECTION 2-5.

Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, certification of compliance, and punishment, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Immigration status information' means any information, not including any information required by law to be kept confidential but otherwise including, but not limited to, any statement, document, computer generated data, recording, or photograph, which is relevant to immigration status or the identity or location of an individual who is reasonably believed to be illegally residing within the United States or who is reasonably believed to be involved in domestic terrorism ~~as that term is defined in Code Section 16-11-220~~ in violation of Code Section 16-11-221 or a terroristic act as that term is defined by Code Section 35-3-62."

SECTION 2-6.

Code Section 38-3-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the Board of Homeland Security, by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

"(4) 'Domestic terrorism'~~ shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.~~means an offense of Code Section 16-11-221."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Crowe of the 118th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 161.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
Y Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 150, nays 18.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 42. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to repeal certain penalty provisions for the offense of prostitution, keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, and pandering; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook

Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 110. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Esteves of the 35th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise the definition of neglect and to provide for new definitions; to amend Code Section 16-5-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless conduct causing harm to or endangering the bodily safety of another and conduct by HIV infected persons, so as to provide for an exception to certain offenses of reckless conduct for legal custodians permitting children to participate in independent activities under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens

Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	E Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 100, nays 69.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 119. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Hatchett of the 50th, Jones II of the 22nd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for manufactured or mobile homes, so as to provide for limited exceptions to circumstances under which a manufactured home shall become real property; to provide for preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes; to provide for notice and application requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following member was recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Jones of the 143rd et al.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 92. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Erwin of the 32nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-44.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to base year homestead exemption, so as to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills and Resolutions of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HR 97. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bryan County, Colquitt County, Fulton County, Glynn County, Habersham County, Hall County, and Henry County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Cherokee County, Effingham County, Hall County, Miller County, Sumter County, and Tattnall County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property located in Clarke County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bryan County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Cherokee County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property located in Clarke County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Colquitt County; authorizing the lease amendment of certain state owned property located in Effingham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned properties located in Fulton County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Glynn County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned properties located in Habersham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Hall County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Hall County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Henry County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Miller County; authorizing the lease of certain state leased property located in Sumter County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Sumter County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Tattnall County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Bryan County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 0.162 of an acre, being in the 20th G.M. District, Bryan County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated August 18, 1953, from International Paper Company being recorded in Deed Book 3-E, Page 532, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Bryan County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 000131; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Bryan County Forest Fire Tower and under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission; and

(4) Bryan County is desirous of acquiring a right of way over approximately 0.132 of an acre and a driveway easement over approximately 0.030 of an acre for the construction of a roundabout road project; and

(5) By official action dated February 10, 2025, the Georgia Forestry Commission requested the conveyance to Bryan County; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Cherokee County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 0.03 of an acre, being in Land Lot 278, 22nd District, 2nd Section, Cherokee County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated February 5, 1954, from H. Grady Jones being recorded in Deed Book 30, Pages 10-11, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cherokee County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 00259; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Pine Log Mountain and under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission; and

(4) The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners is desirous of leasing approximately 0.03 of an acre for a radio tower and associated equipment; and

(5) By official action dated January 9, 2025, the Georgia Forestry Commission requested to enter a lease with the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Clarke County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 2.957 acres, being in 216th G.M. District, Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated August 31, 1948, from W. L. Florence, Jr. and Marie Florence being recorded in Deed Book 111, Page 310, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Clarke County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 000262, and that Warranty Deed, dated August 31, 1948, from R. B. Well, W. D. Beacham, B. B. Meyer, and B. L. Adams being recorded in Deed Book 111, Page

309, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Clarke County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 000262; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Athens Field Office and under the custody of the Department of Community Supervision; and

(4) Mallory and Evans Development, LLC is desirous of exchanging the property with the Department of Community Supervision; and

(5) By official action dated January 14, 2025, the Department of Community Supervision requested the exchange with Mallory and Evans Development, LLC; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Colquitt County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 5.468 acres, being in Land Lot 259, 9th Land District, City of Moultrie, Colquitt County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated September 15, 1993, from GTE South Incorporated f/k/a General Telephone Company of Georgia being recorded in Deed Book 486, Pages 31-32, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Colquitt County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 008513; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Southern Regional Technical College and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) The Moultrie-Colquitt County Development Authority is desirous of acquiring the property for fair market value; and

(5) By official action dated December 5, 2024, the Technical College System of Georgia requested to surplus the property; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Effingham County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 1.6 acres being in 9th G.M. District, Effingham County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Quitclaim Deed, dated July 19, 2004, from the Department of Technical and Adult Education, being recorded in Deed Book 1142, Pages 285-286, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Effingham County and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 010009.02; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Savannah Technical College and Career Academy and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) The State of Georgia entered into a 30 year ground lease with Effingham County Board of Education in 2013 over approximately 6.92 acres for a Career Academy; and

(5) The Effingham County Board of Education is desirous of amending the ground lease to include an additional 1.6 acres for additional parking space; and

(6) By official action dated May 29, 2024, the Technical College System of Georgia requested to amend the ground lease; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Fulton County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 0.006 of an acre, being in Land Lot 83, 14th Land District, Fulton County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated January 12, 1990, from Richard Garrett Wortham, Sr. being recorded in Deed Book 13135, Pages 236-238, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 007895, that Quitclaim Deed dated November 2, 1990, from the City of Atlanta being recorded in Deed Book 13840, Pages 221-227, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 008039, that Fee Deed, dated February 27, 1990, from the City of Atlanta, being recorded in Deed Book 13314, Pages 115-120, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 007912, and that Consent Order and Judgment, dated February 6, 1990 being recorded in Deed Book 13016, Pages 61-64 and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 007922; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Georgia World Congress Center and under the custody of the Department of Economic Development; and

(4) The Georgia Department of Transportation is desirous of acquiring a right of way, for the benefit of the Georgia World Congress Center, over approximately 0.006 of an acre for the extension of the right turn lane; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Economic Development requested the conveyance to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Fulton County, Georgia; and

(2) Said property is defined as the Western and Atlantic Railroad and is commonly known as Lower Wall Street; and

(3) Said property is under the custody of the State Properties Commission; and

(4) The City of Atlanta is desirous of acquiring Lower Wall Street; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner by presumption of law of certain marshlands consisting of approximately 4,086.07 acres located in the 26th Georgia Militia District, Glynn County, Georgia, such marshlands being regulated by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et seq., and the Governor's powers to regulate public property, O.C.G.A. § 50-16-61; and

(2) Glynn New Hope 1043, LLC claims to own the above-referenced marshlands, including approximately 432.70 acres of wetlands, 3,426.07 acres of estuarine intertidal wetlands, and 227.30 acres of open water habitat, in fee simple based upon its

predecessors' claim of title and pursuant to the statutory merger of Glynn 3300, LLC into Glynn New Hope 1043, LLC and pursuant to warranty deeds from the predecessors in title recorded in Deed Book 4380, Page 280; Deed Book 4563, Page 126; and Deed Book 3684, Page 300 of the Glynn County Clerk of Superior Court and described on an aerial drawing of approximately 4,086.07 acres, which may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Glynn New Hope, pursuant to United States Army Corps of Engineers Permit Application #SAS-2021-00779, desires to establish, construct, operate, maintain, and monitor a proposed mitigation bank or banks on the approximately 4,086.07 acre property described on that drawing titled "Wally's Leg Mitigation Bank" by Aquatics Restoration, Inc. contained in the Draft Prospectus for the Project dated September 11, 2024, which may be further described by a survey to be submitted to the State Properties Commission, and Glynn New Hope desires to commercially sell mitigation credits from such bank or banks in accordance with a mitigation banking instrument or instruments approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the compensatory mitigation rules and regulations of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (33 C.F.R. Part 325 and 33 C.F.R. Part 332) and the Environmental Protection Agency (40 C.F.R. Part 230); and

(4) To resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced marshlands, the state, as part of a settlement, seeks authorization to quitclaim to Glynn New Hope the state's interest in the property, of which title to the approximately 4,086.07 acres of marshland shall be held in escrow for not more than ten years, unless extended by the State Properties Commission, until such time as any mitigation bank or banks is approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, after which time Glynn New Hope shall promptly cause the quitclaim deed to be recorded, under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission may stipulate; and

(5) In exchange for and in consideration of the above-referenced quitclaim from the state and in order to resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced marshlands, Glynn New Hope, as part of a settlement, shall:

(A) Transfer to the state 20 percent of each credit release granted from the approved mitigation bank or banks and generated from the property; and

(B) Return the entire 4,086.07 acres of marshland subject to the various terms of the settlement agreement for conveyance of property back to the state by quitclaim to include either the exhaustion of Glynn New Hope 1043, LLC seeking approval of a permit or permits for a mitigation bank or banks on either the entire or portions of the 4,086.07 acres of marshland during the ten-year timeframe, no credit releases after ten years have occurred for any approved mitigation bank or banks, exhaustion of all credits from any approved mitigation banks or banks, or after 25 years from any approved mitigation bank or banks for which not all mitigation credits have been generated or released, whichever is earlier; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Habersham County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 4.75 acres, being in Land Lots 192, 193, 196, and 197, Habersham County, Georgia, and more particularly described in various deeds, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Habersham County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Lee Arrendale Correctional Institute and under the custody of the Department of Corrections; and

(4) The Town of Alto is desirous of acquiring the property for a water tower; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Corrections requested the conveyance to the Town of Alto; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Habersham County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 20.0 acres, being in Land Lots 192, 193, 196, and 197, Habersham County, Georgia, and more particularly described in various deeds, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Habersham County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Lee Arrendale Correctional Institute and under the custody of the Department of Corrections; and

(4) Habersham County is desirous of acquiring the property for public purpose; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Corrections requested the conveyance to Habersham County; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Habersham County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 192.0 acres, being in Land Lots 192, 193, 196, and 197, Habersham County, Georgia, and more particularly described in various deeds, recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Habersham County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Lee Arrendale Correctional Institute and under the custody of the Department of Corrections; and

(4) Habersham County is desirous of acquiring the property for fair market value; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Corrections requested the conveyance to Habersham County; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Hall County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 3.707 acres, being in 411th G.M.D., Hall County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated January 5, 2016, from Gainesville Howard Road, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company being recorded in Deed Book 7650, Pages 695-704, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Hall County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 011792; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as Lanier Technical College and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) The Georgia Department of Transportation is desirous of acquiring a right of way over approximately 0.530 of an acre and easement over approximately 3.177 acres for the construction of a new interchange and roundabout (PI0016074); and

(5) By official action dated October 2, 2024, the Technical College System of Georgia requested the conveyance to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Hall County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is a communication tower, being in Land Lots 135 and 138, 10th District, Hall County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Warranty Deed, dated January 21, 1958, from the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Hall County, Georgia being recorded in Deed Book IX, Pages 27-28, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Hall County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 02422; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as State Patrol Post 6 and under the custody of the Department of Public Safety; and

(4) Southern Linc is desirous of leasing tower space; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Public Safety requested to enter a lease with Southern Linc; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Henry County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is approximately 0.339 of an acre, being in Land Lot 135, 7th District, Henry County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Limited Warranty Deed, dated March 10, 2021, from One Henry, Inc. being recorded in Deed Book 17931, Pages 292-294, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Henry County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 012522; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as the Henry County Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College and under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(4) Henry County is desirous of acquiring a right of way over approximately 0.252 of an acre and a slope easement over approximately 0.087 of an acre for a road-widening project (PI0015089); and

(5) By official action dated September 5, 2024, the Technical College System of Georgia requested the conveyance to Henry County; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Miller County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is a communication tower, being in the 13th District, Miller County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that General Warranty Deed With Right of Reversion, dated February 27, 2015, from the City of Colquitt being recorded in Deed Book 235, Pages 690-692, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Miller County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 011606; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as State Patrol Post 14 and under the custody of the Department of Public Safety; and

(4) Southern Linc is desirous of leasing tower space; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Public Safety requested to enter a lease with Southern Linc; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the lessee of certain real property located in Sumter County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is a communication tower, being in Land Lot 184, 27th Land District, Sumter County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that Lease Agreement, commencing on January 1, 2023, with Sumter County, Georgia, as Lessor and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 012787; and

(3) Said real property is commonly known as State Patrol Post 10 and under the custody of the Department of Public Safety; and

(4) Southern Linc is desirous of leasing tower space; and

(5) By official action, the Department of Public Safety requested to enter a lease with Southern Linc; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of real property located in Sumter County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is all that parcel or tract totaling approximately 11.561 acres of State property lying and being in Land Lots 117, 124, and 147, of the 27th Land District, Sumter County, Georgia acquired by virtue of four (4) General Warranty Deeds, between: 1) Sheffield Hardware Company, as the Grantor, and the State of Georgia, as the Grantee, dated March 12, 1953, for 1.5 acres for consideration of $10.00 as recorded

in Deed Book 46, Page 56 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission inventoried as Real Property Record (RPR) # 03567, and accompanying plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 106 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; 2) Sheffield Hardware Company, as the Grantor, and the State of Georgia, as the Grantee, dated January 22, 1949, for 1.3 acres for consideration of $1.00 as recorded in Deed Book 39, Page 6 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission inventoried as Real Property Record (RPR) # 001211, and accompanying plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 106 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; 3) R.L. Cantey, as the Grantor, and the State of Georgia, as the Grantee, dated January 27, 1954, for 5 acres for consideration of $10.00 as recorded in Deed Book 47, Page 128 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission inventoried as Real Property Record (RPR) # 01212.01, said acreage being modified to 4.662 acres by that Deed of Correction dated July 8, 1954 and filed in Deed Book 47, Page 225 and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission inventoried as Real Property Record (RPR) # 01212.02 and accompanying plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 152 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; 4) R.L. Cantey, as the Grantor, and the State of Georgia as the Grantee, dated July 8, 1954, for 4.099 acres for consideration of $10.00 as recorded in Deed Book 48, Page 292 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission inventoried as Real Property Record (RPR) # 01212.03, and accompanying plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 152 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; and

(3) Said property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense as the former site of the Sumter Armory and Annex; and

(4) By official action dated February 18, 2015, the Georgia Department of Defense declared the property surplus to its current and future needs and resolved to surplus the above-described property; and

(5) By that certain quitclaim deed dated October 20, 2015, the property was conveyed to the Sumter County Board of Commissioners for $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and payment of applicable outstanding general obligation bonds and interest; and

(6) The Sumter County Board of Commissioners is desirous of removing the public use restriction; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Tattnall County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is a communication tower, being in 41st G.M. District, Tattnall County, Georgia, and more particularly described in that General Warranty Deed, dated January 3, 2023, from Tattnall County being recorded in Deed Book 738, Pages 178-180, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Tattnall County, and on file with the State Properties Commission Real Property Records as RPR 012798; and
(3) Said real property is commonly known as State Patrol Post 18 and under the custody of the Department of Public Safety; and
(4) Southern Linc is desirous of leasing tower space; and
(5) By official action, the Department of Public Safety requested to enter a lease with Southern Linc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I
SECTION 1.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Bryan County, containing approximately 0.162 of an acre, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance and easement of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 2.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to Bryan County for the consideration of $5,634.00, and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 3.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance and granting of easements, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 4.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 5.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance and easement documents shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Bryan County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 6.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 7.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Cherokee County, containing approximately 0.03 of an acre, and that in all matters relating to the lease of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 8.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners for a term of six years for the consideration of $10.00 and the requirement that the Georgia Forestry Commission have access to tower space, generator, and shed on the premises, and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 9.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 10.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 11.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Cherokee County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 12.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 13.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Clarke County, containing approximately 2.957 acres, and that in all matters relating to the

exchange of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 14.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey by appropriate instrument for a consideration of an exchange to the State of Georgia with Mallory and Evans Development, LLC of a like or better property; and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 15.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 16.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 17.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Clarke County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 18.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Community Supervision until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 19.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Colquitt County, containing approximately 5.468 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 20.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the Moultrie-Colquitt County Development Authority for fair market value; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity; and for such further

terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 21.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 22.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 23.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Colquitt County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 24.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 25.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved property located in Effingham County, containing approximately 1.6 acres, and that in all matters relating to the lease amendment of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 26.

That the above-described ground lease may be amended by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, with the Effingham County Board of Education for a consideration of $10.00 annually, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 27.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease amendment, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 28.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 29.

That the amendment to the ground lease shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Effingham County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 30.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 31.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Fulton County, containing approximately 0.006 of an acre, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 32.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the consideration of $10.00, and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 33.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 34.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 35.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 36.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Economic Development until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 37.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Fulton County containing approximately 3.0 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance and easements of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 38.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the City of Atlanta for fair market value and the State of Georgia, Georgia Building Authority, and CSX will retain an access easement, or for a consideration of $10.00 and the requirement for the City of Atlanta to maintain the State of Georgia's, Georgia Building Authority's and CSX's access easement, and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 39.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance and granting of easements, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 40.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 41.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance and easement documents shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Fulton County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 42.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the State Properties Commission until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 43.

That the State of Georgia is the presumptive owner of certain marshlands located in Glynn County, Georgia, as described above, consisting of approximately 4,086.07 acres, which may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 44.

That the Georgia General Assembly has declared that activities in the State's coastal marshlands must be regulated to ensure that the values and functions of the coastal marshlands are not impaired and that the Georgia General Assembly has authorized the Department of Natural Resources to administer and enforce the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et seq. Furthermore, the Governor has authorized the Department of Natural Resources to act on his behalf on all requests to utilize state owned water bottoms covered by tidal waters which are in the Governor's custody and control, O.C.G.A. § 50-16-61.

SECTION 45.

That Glynn New Hope, LLC desires to, at its sole cost and expense, establish, construct, operate, maintain, and monitor a tidal marsh wetland mitigation bank on the Mitigation Bank Property in accordance with a mitigation banking instrument or instruments approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the compensatory mitigation rules and regulations of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (33 C.F.R. Part 325 and 33 C.F.R. Part 332) and the Environmental Protection Agency (40 C.F.R. Part 230).

SECTION 46.

That to resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced approximately 4,086.07 acres of marshland, the State Properties Commission is authorized to:

(1) Convey by quitclaim deed to Glynn New Hope the state's interest in the property, of which title to the approximately 4,086.07 acres of marshland shall be held in escrow for not more than ten years, unless extended by the State Properties Commission, until such time as any mitigation bank or banks is approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, after which time Glynn New Hope shall promptly cause the quitclaim deed to be recorded, under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission may stipulate; and

(2) In exchange for and in consideration of the above-referenced quitclaim from the state and in order to resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced marshlands, Glynn New Hope, as part of a settlement, shall:

(A) Transfer to the state 20 percent of each credit release granted from the approved mitigation bank or banks and generated from the property; and

(B) Return the entire 4,086.07 acres of marshland by way of various terms of the settlement agreement for conveyance of property back to the state via quitclaim to include either at the exhaustion of Glynn New Hope 1043, LLC seeking approval of a permit or permits for a mitigation bank or banks on either the entire or portions of the 4,086.07 acres of marshland during the ten-year timeframe, no credit releases after

ten years have occurred for any approved mitigation bank or banks, exhaustion of all credits from any approved mitigation banks or banks, or after 25 years from any approved mitigation bank or banks for which not all mitigation credits have been generated or released, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 47.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized to place restrictions on any of the property to be quitclaimed to Glynn New Hope and to require a more particular description of the property that is to be so restricted.

SECTION 48.

That all quitclaim deeds executed in connection with this resolution, whether conveying property to or from the State, shall be recorded by Glynn New Hope in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Glynn County, and Glynn New Hope shall provide a copy of the recorded deeds promptly to the State Properties Commission to be inventoried and retained by the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 49.

That the authorization in this resolution shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 50.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Habersham County, containing approximately 4.75 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 51.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the Town of Alto for $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity, and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 52.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 53.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 54.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Habersham County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 55.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Corrections until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 56.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Habersham County, containing approximately 20.0 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 57.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to Habersham County for a consideration of $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 58.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 59.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 60.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Habersham County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 61.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Corrections until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XI
SECTION 62.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Habersham County, containing approximately 192.0 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 63.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to Habersham County up to 180.0 acres for fair market value; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 64.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 65.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 66.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Habersham County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 67.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Corrections until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XII
SECTION 68.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Hall County, containing approximately 3.707 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance and easement of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 69.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a total consideration of $229,180.00, being composed of $21,200.00 in value for the fee, $98,030.00 for granting of the permanent easement, and $109,950.00 in value for the damages to the fixtures, signs, irrigation, and landscaping; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 70.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance and granting of easements, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 71.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 72.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance and easement documents shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Hall County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 73.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 74.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described communication tower located in Hall County, and that in all matters relating to the lease of said communication tower space the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 75.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease to Southern Linc for a term of 25 years for fair market value and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 76.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 77.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 78.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Hall County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 79.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Public Safety until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XIV

SECTION 80.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Henry County, containing approximately 0.339 of an acre, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance and easement of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 81.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to Henry County for a total consideration of $67,107.00, being composed of $57,245.00 in value for the fee and $9,862.00 for granting of the permanent easement; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 82.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance and granting of easements, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 83.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 84.

That the deed or deeds and plat or plats of the conveyance and easement documents shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Henry County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 85.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XV

SECTION 86.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described communication tower located in Miller County, and that in all matters relating to the lease of said communication tower space the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 87.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease to Southern Linc for a term of 25 years for fair market value and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 88.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 89.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 90.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Miller County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 91.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Public Safety until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XVI

SECTION 92.

The State of Georgia is the lessee of the above-described communication tower located in Sumter County, and that in all matters relating to the lease of said communication tower space the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 93.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease to Southern Linc for a term of 25 years for fair market value and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 94.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 95.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 96.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 97.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Public Safety until the property is conveyed.

SECTION 98.

That the above-described property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Sumter County Board of Commissioners for fair market value and the removal of the public purpose use restriction; and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE XVII

SECTION 99.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property in Sumter County containing approximately 11.561 acres, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 100.

That the above-described property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Sumter County

Board of Commissioners for fair market value and the removal of the public purpose use restriction; and for such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 101.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 102.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 103.

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Sumter County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 104.

That the above-described property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XVIII

SECTION 105.

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described communication tower located in Tattnall County, and that in all matters relating to the lease of said communication tower space the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 106.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease to Southern Linc for a term of 25 years for fair market value and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 107.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

SECTION 108.

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 109.

That the lease documents shall be recorded by the Lessee in the Superior Court of Tattnall County, Georgia, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 110.

That the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Public Safety until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XIX

SECTION 111.

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 112.

That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

Representative Greene of the 154th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HR 97.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	E Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HR 98. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Barrow, Bryan, Chatham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Haralson, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Barrow, Bryan, Chatham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Jeff Davis, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Barrow, Bryan, Catham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Glynn, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Jeff Davis, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta Gas Light, Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission, the City of Atlanta, the City of Barnesville, Georgia Power Company, Jefferson Energy Cooperative, Newton County Water and Sewer Authority, North Georgia Electric Membership Cooperation, Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation, and Spectrum Company desire to construct, install, operate, and maintain facilities, utilities, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through a portion of said property; and

WHEREAS, these non-exclusive easements, facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through the above-described state property have been requested or approved by the Department of Driver Services, Department of Economic Development, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Community Supervision, State Properties Commission, and Technical College System of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I
SECTION 1.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Barrow County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Fort Yargo State Park, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated June 25, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 2.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground single-phase facilities, conversion of existing overhead and underground distribution lines, radial single phase primary cable and three single phase pad mount transformers, and associated equipment to provide power to the beach and day use area. Said easement is located in Barrow County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.0 acre, lying and being in the 243rd G.M. District, City of Winder, Barrow County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by the Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 3.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground single-phase facilities, conversion of existing overhead and underground distribution lines, radial single phase primary cable and three single phase pad mount transformers, and associated equipment.

SECTION 4.

The Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground single-phase facilities, conversion of existing overhead and underground distribution lines, radial single phase primary cable and three single phase pad mount transformers, and associated equipment.

SECTION 5.

That after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground single-phase facilities, conversion of existing overhead and underground distribution lines, radial single phase primary cable and three phase pad mount transformers, and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground single-phase facilities, conversion of existing overhead conversion of existing overhead and underground distribution lines, radial single phase primary cable and three single phase pad mount transformers, and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 6.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 7.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in

its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 8.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 9.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 10.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 11.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Barrow County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 12.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 13.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 14.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Barrow County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Fort Yargo State Park, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 24, 2021, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 15.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines within Georgia Power's right of way to serve the area. Said easement area is located in Barrow County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 15.0 acres, lying and being in 249th G.M. District, Barrow County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 16.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines within Georgia Power's existing right of way.

SECTION 17.

Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground fiber optic cable lines.

SECTION 18.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground fiber optic cable lines this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities

from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground fiber optic cable lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 19.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 20.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 21.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 22.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful

use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 23.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 24.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Barrow County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 25.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 26.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 27.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Bryan County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Hyundai EV QuickStart Training Center, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated December 5, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 28.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new Hyundai EV Training Center (TCSG-398). Said easement area is located in Bryan County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 2.34 acres, lying and being in 1380th G.M. District, Bryan County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and

may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 29.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 30.

Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 31.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 32.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 33.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission

determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 34.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 35.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 36.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 37.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Bryan County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 38.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 39.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 40.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Chatham County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Pooler Regional Training Center QuickStart, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated April 4, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 41.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire and three-phase pad mount transformer, distribution line and associated equipment to serve EV Training Center Expansion (TCSG-399). Said easement area is located in Chatham County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.78 of an acre, lying and being in the 7th G.M. District, City of Pooler, Chatham County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 42.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire and three-phase pad mount transformer, distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 43.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire and three-phase pad mount transformer, distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 44.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the three-phase primary underground wire and three-phase pad mount transformer, distribution line and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the three-phase primary

underground wire and three-phase pad mount transformer, distribution line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 45.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 46.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 47.

That the easement granted Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 48.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 49.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 50.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Chatham County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 51.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 52.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 53.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Cherokee County, Georgia, and is commonly known as McGraw Ford Wildlife Management Area, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 27, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 54.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a transmission tie line and associated equipment to connect a battery storage station to Georgia Power Company's McGrau Ford substation. Said easement area is located in Cherokee County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 4.53 acres, lying and being in District 219, City of Ball Ground, Cherokee County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 55.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a transmission tie line and associated equipment to connect a battery storage station.

SECTION 56.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction installation, operation, and maintenance of a transmission tie line and associated equipment to connect a battery storage station.

SECTION 57.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the transmission tie line and associated equipment to connect a battery storage station this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transmission tie line and associated equipment to connect a battery storage station shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 58.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 59.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third

party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 60.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 61.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 62.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 63.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Cherokee County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 64.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 65.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 66.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Coweta County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Chattahoochee Bend State Park, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated April 24, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 67.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Spectrum Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground and overhead fiber optic lines and associated equipment to improve communications at the park. Said easement area is located in Coweta County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 3.0 acres, lying and being in Land Lots 3 and 4, 7th Land District, City of Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by Spectrum Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 68.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground and overhead fiber optic lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 69.

That the Spectrum Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground and overhead fiber optic lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 70.

That, after Spectrum Company has put into use the underground and overhead fiber optic lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Spectrum Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground and overhead fiber optic lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 71.

That no title shall be conveyed to Spectrum Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Spectrum Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Spectrum Company.

SECTION 72.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Spectrum Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Spectrum Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Spectrum Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 73.

That the easement granted to Spectrum Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 74.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Spectrum Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 75.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 76.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Spectrum Company in the Superior Court of Coweta County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 77.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Spectrum Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 78.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 79.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Fulton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and the property is in the custody of the State Properties Commission which does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 80.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Atlanta, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the Central Avenue bridge replacement project (PI 0025295). Said easement area is located in Fulton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.09 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 77, Land District 14, 1379th G.M. District, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a right of way plans by the City of Atlanta, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 81.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a bridge replacement project.

SECTION 82.

That City of Atlanta shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a bridge replacement project.

SECTION 83.

That, after the City of Atlanta has put into use the bridge replacement this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Atlanta, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the bridge shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 84.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Atlanta and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Atlanta, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 85.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, the City of Atlanta shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Atlanta provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Atlanta or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 86.

That the easement granted to the City of Atlanta shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 87.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Atlanta shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 88.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for the consideration of $96,400.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 89.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Atlanta in the Superior Court of Fulton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 90.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Atlanta shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 91.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 92.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Glynn Georgia, and is commonly known as Hofwyl Plantation, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 93.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of various underground utilities and associated equipment to serve Hofwyl Plantation. Said easement area is located in Glynn County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately up to 8.0 acres, lying and being in the 26th G.M.D., Glynn County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 94.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of various underground utilities and associated equipment.

SECTION 95.

Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation and maintenance of various underground utilities and associated equipment.

SECTION 96.

That, after Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission has put into use the various underground utilities and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the easement area shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 97.

That no title shall be conveyed to Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission and, except as herein specifically granted to Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission.

SECTION 98.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the underground utilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 99.

That the easement granted to Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 100.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 101.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 102.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission in the Superior Court of Glynn County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 103.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water and Sewer Commission shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 104.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 105.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Habersham County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Main Campus of North Georgia Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated February 12, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 106.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire and one three-phase pad mount transformer to serve the Dr. Mark A. Ivester Center Living and Learning Building. Said easement area is located in Habersham County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.24 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 83, 84, and 85, 11th Land District, Habersham County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 107.

That the above- described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire and one three-phase pad mount transformer.

SECTION 108.

Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a three-phase primary underground wire and one three-phase pad mount transformer.

SECTION 109.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the three-phase primary underground wire and one three-phase pad mount transformer this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the three-phase underground wire and pad mount transformer shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 110.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 111.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 112.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted..

SECTION 113.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 114.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 115.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Habersham County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 116.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 117.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 118.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Hall County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Lanier Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated February 6, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all

matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 119.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the relocation of distribution lines, transformer, and terminating cabinet. Said easement area is located in Hall County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.6 acres, lying and being in G.M.D. 411, Hall County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 120.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the relocation of distribution lines, transformer, and terminating cabinet.

SECTION 121.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the relocation of distribution lines, transformer, and terminating cabinet, this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the distribution lines, transformer, and terminating cabinet, shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 122.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 123.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the

alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 124.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 125.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 126.

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value not less than $650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 127.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Hall County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 128.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 129.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 130.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Haralson County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Murphy Campus of West Georgia Technical College, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated February 6, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 131.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Atlanta Gas Light, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground gas distribution lines to serve TCSG-392 Industrial Building. Said easement area is located in Haralson County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.76 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 273, 274, 263, and 264, 7th District, 3rd Section, Haralson County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Atlanta Gas Light, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 132.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground gas distribution lines.

SECTION 133.

That Atlanta Gas Light shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground gas distribution lines, this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Atlanta Gas Light, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground gas distribution lines, shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 134.

That no title shall be conveyed to Atlanta Gas Light and, except as herein specifically granted to Atlanta Gas Light, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Atlanta Gas Light.

SECTION 135.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Atlanta Gas Light shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Atlanta Gas Light provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Atlanta Gas Light or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 136.

That the easement granted to Atlanta Gas Light shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 137.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Atlanta Gas Light shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 138.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 139.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Atlanta Gas Light in the Superior Court of Haralson County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 140.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Atlanta Gas Light shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 141.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION 142.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Haralson County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the West Georgia Technical College Murphy Campus, and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated October 22, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 143.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a new transformer, underground distribution lines, and associated equipment to serve the new Industrial Building (TCSG-392). Said easement area is located in Haralson County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 2.22 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 273, 7th Land District, City of Waco, Haralson County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 144.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a new transformer, underground distribution lines, and associated equipment.

SECTION 145.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a new transformer, underground distribution lines, and associated equipment.

SECTION 146.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the new transformer, underground distribution lines, and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transformer, underground distribution lines, and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 147.

That no title shall be conveyed to the Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to the Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 148.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially

equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 149.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 150.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 151.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 152.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Haralson County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 153.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 154.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 155.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Jeff Davis County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Hazlehurst Customer

Service Center, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Driver Services which, by official action dated January 24, 2025, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 156.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new Customer Service Center. Said easement area is located in Jeff Davis County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.03 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 550 and 551, 2nd Land District, City of Hazlehurst, Jeff Davis County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 157.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 158.

That Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment, this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment, shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 159.

That no title shall be conveyed to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 160.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 161.

That the easement granted to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 162.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 163.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 164.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Jeff Davis County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 165.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 166.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XIV

SECTION 167.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Lamar County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Department of Community Supervision Barnesville Field Office, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Community Supervision which, by official action dated June 20, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 168.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Barnesville, Georgia, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the sewer system upgrade project. Said easement area is located in Lamar County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.40 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 119, 7th Land District, City of Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial furnished by City of Barnesville, Georgia, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 169.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sewer system upgrade project.

SECTION 170.

That the City of Barnesville, Georgia shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sewer system.

SECTION 171.

That, after the City of Barnesville, Georgia has put into use the sewer system this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Barnesville, Georgia, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the sewer system shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 172.

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Barnesville, Georgia and, except as herein specifically granted to City of Barnesville, Georgia, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Barnesville, Georgia.

SECTION 173.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the City of Barnesville, Georgia shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Barnesville, Georgia provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Barnesville, Georgia or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 174.

That the easement granted to the City of Barnesville, Georgia shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is

authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 175.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Barnesville, Georgia shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 176.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 177.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by City of Barnesville, Georgia in the Superior Court of Lamar County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 178.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Barnesville, Georgia shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 179.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XV

SECTION 180.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in McDuffie County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the McDuffie Public Fishing Area, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 27, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 181.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Jefferson Energy Cooperative or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution line and associated equipment to serve a new residence building. Said easement area is located in McDuffie County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.5 of an acre, lying and being in the 133rd Land District, McDuffie County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an aerial drawing furnished by Jefferson Energy Cooperative, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 182.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 183.

That Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 184.

That, after Jefferson Energy Cooperative has put into use the underground distribution line and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Jefferson Energy Cooperative, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground distribution line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 185.

That no title shall be conveyed to Jefferson Energy Cooperative and, except as herein specifically granted to Jefferson Energy Cooperative, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted Jefferson Energy Cooperative.

SECTION 186.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Jefferson Energy Cooperative provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Jefferson Energy Cooperative or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the Jefferson Energy Cooperative.

SECTION 187.

That the easement granted to Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 188.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 189.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 190.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Jefferson Energy Cooperative in the Superior Court of McDuffie County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 191.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Jefferson Energy Cooperative shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 192.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVI

SECTION 193.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Paulding County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated September 24, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 194.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution line and associated equipment to serve Paulding County 911 Communication Tower. Said easement area is located in Paulding County, and is more particularly described as follows:

SECTION 195.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 196.

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution line and associated equipment.

SECTION 197.

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground distribution line and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their distribution line and associated equipment from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground distribution line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 198.

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 199.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from Georgia Power Company.

SECTION 200.

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 201.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 202.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 203.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Paulding County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 204.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 205.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVII

SECTION 206.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Walker County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 27, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 207.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new maintenance

facility. Said easement area is located in Walker County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.2 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 3 and 4, 7th Land District, Walker County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 208.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 209.

That North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 210.

That, after North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation has put into use the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the overhead electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 211.

That no title shall be conveyed to North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation.

SECTION 212.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-

exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 213.

That the easement granted North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 214.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 215.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 216.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Walker County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 217.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 218.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

ARTICLE XVIII

SECTION 219.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Walton County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Rivian Site, and the property is in the custody of the Department of Economic Development which, by official action dated August 14, 2024, does not object to the granting of an easement; and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

SECTION 220.

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a water tower, underground water, and sewer lines and associated equipment to serve Rivian and QuickStart Site. Said easement area is located in Walton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 7.0 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 102, 1st Land District, Walton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on an engineer drawing furnished by the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

SECTION 221.

That the above-described easement area shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a water tower, underground water, and sewer lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 222.

That Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a water tower, underground water and sewer lines and associated equipment.

SECTION 223.

That, after Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority has put into use the underground sewer lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the water tower, underground water and sewer lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

SECTION 224.

That no title shall be conveyed to Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority and, except as herein specifically granted to Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority.

SECTION 225.

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on state-owned land in order to avoid interference with the state's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

SECTION 226.

That the easement granted to Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long

as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

SECTION 227.

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the state highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable state and federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

SECTION 228.

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be $10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 229.

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority in the Superior Court of Walton County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

SECTION 230.

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

SECTION 231.

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement.

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SECTION 232.

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 233.

That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

Representative Greene of the 154th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HR 98.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 55. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the

Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election and terms of successors to the judge initially appointed; to require candidates for such judgeships to designate the seat for which they are running; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to prescribe the compensation, salary, and expense allowance of such judge to be paid by the State of Georgia and the counties included in such circuit; to authorize the judges of such circuit to divide and allocate the work and duties thereof; to provide for the designation of a chief judge; to provide for the manner of impaneling jurors; to provide for an additional court reporter for such circuit; to authorize the governing authority of the counties included in such circuit to provide facilities, office space, supplies, equipment, and personnel for such judges; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraph (1) as follows:

"(1) Alapaha Circuit ..... ~~2~~ 3"

SECTION 2.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit provided for in this Act shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2028, and until a successor is elected and qualified. At the nonpartisan judicial election to be held in 2028, there shall be elected a successor to such additional judge appointed as provided for in this section, and he or she shall take office on the first day of January, 2029, and serve for a term of office of four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. All subsequent successors to such judge shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election conducted in the year in which the term of office of such judge shall expire and serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Such judges shall take office on the first day of January following the date of their election. Such elections shall be held and conducted as is now

or may hereafter be provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 3.

Each person who offers for election as one of the judges of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall designate with the proper authority in all general elections the specific seat for which such person offers by naming the incumbent judge whom he or she desires to succeed and thereupon such person shall be permitted, if otherwise qualified, to run for such designated judgeship and no other. In the event that there is no incumbent judge in the seat for which such person desires to offer, the person shall qualify by announcing his or her intention to run for the office for which there is no incumbent.

SECTION 4.

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit provided for in this Act shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignities, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. Any of the judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit may preside over any cause, whether in their own or in other circuits, and perform any official act as judge thereof, including sitting on appellate courts as provided by law.

SECTION 5.

The qualifications of such additional judge and his or her successors shall be the same as are now provided by law for all other superior court judges, and his or her compensation, salary, and expense allowance from the State of Georgia and from the counties comprising such circuit shall be the same as that of other judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit. The salary supplements enacted by the counties comprising such circuit for the present superior court judges of such circuit shall also be applicable to the additional judge provided by this Act.

SECTION 6.

All writs and processes in the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall be returnable to the terms of such superior courts as they are now fixed and provided by law, or as they may hereafter be fixed or determined by law, and all terms of such courts shall be held in the same manner as though there were but one judge, it being the intent and purpose of this Act to provide the judges of such circuit with equal jurisdiction and authority to attend to and perform the functions, powers, and duties of the judges of such superior courts and to direct and conduct all hearings and trials in such courts.

SECTION 7.

Upon and after qualification of the additional judge of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit, the judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit may adopt, promulgate, amend, and enforce such rules of practice and procedure in consonance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia as they deem suitable and proper for the effective transaction of the business of

the courts; and, in transacting the business of the courts and in performing their duties and responsibilities, the judges shall share, divide, and allocate the work and duties to be performed by each. In the event of a disagreement among the judges in respect hereof, the majority shall rule, or failing a majority, the decision of the senior judge in point of service, who shall be known as the chief judge, shall be controlling.

SECTION 8.

The drawing and impaneling of all jurors, whether grand, petit, or special, may be conducted by any of the judges of the superior courts of such circuit; and such judges, collectively or individually, shall have full power and authority to draw and impanel jurors for service in such courts so as to have jurors for the trial of cases before any of such judges separately or before each of them at the same time.

SECTION 9.

The judges of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall be authorized and empowered to employ an additional court reporter for such circuit whose compensation shall be as now or hereafter provided by law.

SECTION 10.

All writs, processes, orders, subpoenas, and any other official paper issuing out of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit may bear teste in the name of any judge of such circuit and, when issued by and in the name of any judge of such circuit, shall be fully valid and may be held and determined before the same or any other judge of such circuit. Any judge of such courts may preside over any cause therein and perform any official act as judge thereof.

SECTION 11.

The governing authorities of the counties comprising the Alapaha Judicial Circuit shall provide the judges of such circuit with suitable courtrooms and facilities, office space, telephones, furniture, office equipment, supplies, and such personnel as may be considered necessary to the proper functioning of the courts. All of the expenditures authorized in this Act are declared to be an expense of the superior court for which such expenditure was authorized and shall be payable out of such court's respective county treasury as such.

SECTION 12.

Nothing enumerated in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 13.

This Act shall become effective for the purpose of appointing the additional judge upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and for all other purposes on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 14.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Ford of the 170th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 55.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Dickey	Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 614. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Thomas of the 21st and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, so as to authorize local governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain facilities housing equines; to provide for special event permits; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, so as to authorize local governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain facilities housing equines; to provide for special event permits; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'equine' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 2-8-121.

(2) The governing authority of a county or municipal corporation may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use or ignition of consumer fireworks up to 200 yards from a facility housing equines in a confined area.

(3) An ordinance adopted by the governing authority of a county or municipal corporation pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection may include provisions authorizing the issuance by such governing authority of special event permits to allow the temporary use or ignition of consumer fireworks up to 200 yards from a facility housing equines in a confined area."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Jones of the 47th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 614.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	E Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
E Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 168, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Camp of the 135th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that the following Bills of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 832. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, New of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Paulding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 833. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th, Byrd of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Cherokee County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 834. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 835. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3763), as amended, so as to increase such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 836. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Coweta County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age but less than 71 years of age, $60,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 71 years of age but less than 75 years of age, and $80,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older, approved January 17, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3501), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 7, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 4204), so as to raise the exemption amounts; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 837. By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th, Prince of the 132nd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Richmond County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 838. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Glaize of the 67th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Newnan, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5160), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 839. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Persinger of the 119th, Erwin of the 32nd and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county of Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), so as to revise provisions related to filling certain vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 840. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Pickens County Airport Authority, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3645), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 841. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Pickens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $40,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 842. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $250,000.00 of the appraised value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4357), so as to revise the exemption amount; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 843. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Dalton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3766), as amended, so as to increase such exemption; to revise provisions for the grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 844. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4538), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4354), so as to revise the exemption amount; to specify the terms and conditions of the

exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 845. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th, Byrd of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the numbering of positions of membership on the Cherokee County Board of Education, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3207), as amended, so as to require an internal audit function of the board and to establish the position of internal auditor; to provide for the selection, powers, and duties of the internal auditor; to provide for internal cooperation; to provide a sunset date on the provisions governing such internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 846. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Cherokee County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount as determined from the proceeds generated from the collection of the retail homestead option sales and use tax for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 847. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, so as to change

the compensation of the tax commissioner and certain employees of such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 848. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Polk County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the greater of 50 percent or $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older, in the amount of the greater of 75 percent or $80,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, and in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 77 years of age or older, all with a temporary cap on the annual aggregate exemption amount; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 849. By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010 p. 3570) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5050), so as to rename the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 850. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Augusta-Richmond County ad valorem taxes for consolidated government purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 851. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4631), as amended, so as to provide for abolition of the board on a date certain; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 852. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute and reestablish the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration; to provide for the powers and duties of the board; to provide for the appointment, removal, terms of office, and compensation of its members; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 853. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Tunnel Hill ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $325,000.00 for each resident of the City of Tunnel Hill who is 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 854. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Cohutta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 for each resident of the City of Cohutta who is 70 years of age or older, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4375), so as to increase the exemption amount to $325,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 855. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Thomasville to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., approved April 27, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3799), so as to revise provisions related to the expenditure of certain proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 856. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Brooks County Development Authority, approved March 9, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2097), so as to revise provisions related to the appointment of members of the authority; to repeal outdated districting and initial term provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 857. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4333), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of

Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 858. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation and number of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 859. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for each resident of the city who is 65 years of age or older or totally disabled, approved March 29, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3950), as amended, so as to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age or totally disabled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 860. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Gordon County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are at least 65 but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4533), so as to increase said homestead exemption for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory

execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 861. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide homestead exemptions from City of Calhoun independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are at least 65 but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4537), so as to increase said homestead exemption for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 862. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, McQueen of the 61st, Glaize of the 67th, Jones of the 60th, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to fix the salary of the sheriff of Fulton County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

Representative Smith of the 18th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil:

SB 163. By Senators Moore of the 53rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law regulations, so as to revise standards for bringing an action against the government for an unauthorized act relating to regulation of weapons; to

provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Schofield of the 63rd et al. and Willis of the 55th.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 714. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, McQueen of the 61st, Jackson of the 68th, McClain of the 109th and Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION commending Brittany Thompkins, recipient of the 2025 Georgia Single Parent "Legacy Builders" Award; and for other purposes.

HR 715. By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, McQueen of the 61st, Jackson of the 68th, McClain of the 109th and Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alvin J. Copeland; and for other purposes.

HR 716. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, DeLoach of the 167th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joseph "Joey" Brown on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 717. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Momtahan of the 17th, New of the 40th, Gullett of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Maureen Patton; and for other purposes.

HR 718. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Scott Maxwell on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 719. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending Ariel Shaw and Southern Crescent Women In Business Inc. upon their 2025 Small Business Conference: Equip, Inform, Transform; and for other purposes.

HR 720. By Representatives Myles of the 126th and Howard of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alfonzo Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 721. By Representatives Myles of the 126th and Howard of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Anthony Maurice Booker; and for other purposes.

HR 722. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Laura Ray, Berrien County Teacher of the Year and 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year top ten finalist; and for other purposes.

HR 723. By Representatives Myles of the 126th and Howard of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Giovanni Shumake; and for other purposes.

HR 724. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Romman of the 97th, McClain of the 109th, Adeyina of the 110th, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Historic Norcross Business Association; and for other purposes.

HR 725. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Vitiligo Bond Inc. Foundation; and for other purposes.

HR 726. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Cannon of the 58th, Douglas of the 78th, Burchett of the 176th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Grady Jarrett on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 727. By Representative Williams of the 148th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Wilcox County Lady Patriots Basketball Team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class A Division II Girls Basketball State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 728. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Cox of the 28th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Jackson Hogsed for winning the 2024 GHSA Class 6A Individual Cross Country State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 729. By Representatives Paris of the 142nd and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Kaspyen Rhys Tidwell-Krantz; and for other purposes.

HR 730. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Beyond the Ribbon; and for other purposes.

HR 731. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Bleckley County High School girls' cross country team for winning the 2024 Class 1A/Division 1 State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 732. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th and Burchett of the 176th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Woodbine Public Library Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 733. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Tran of the 80th and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dana Fowle for her outstanding contributions to journalism and the community; and for other purposes.

HR 734. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Carter of the 93rd, Davis of the 87th and Tran of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Atlanta News First (Atlanta WANF-TV) for its outstanding contribution to civic engagement and patriotism through the "Pledge of the Day" initiative; and for other purposes.

HR 735. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Olaleye of the 59th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Clarice Marijetta Wyatt Bell Church and expressing condolences to her family and loved ones; and for other purposes.

HR 736. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, Douglas of the 78th and Neal of the 79th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 26, 2025, as Clayton County Day; and for other purposes.

HR 737. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Mitchell of the 88th, Kendrick of the 95th, Drenner of the 85th and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marvin F. Billups Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 738. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Jackson of the 68th, Burnough of the 77th, Davis of the 87th and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Paul Milliken, Feature Reporter for Fox 5's WAGA-TV's Good Day Atlanta, for his outstanding contributions to journalism and the Atlanta community; and for other purposes.

HR 739. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Bleckley County High School boys' cross country team for winning the 2024 Class 1A/Division 1 State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 740. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 regular session temporary administrative assistants for the Georgia House of Representatives on their exemplary service; and for other purposes.

HR 741. By Representative Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Mark Wasserman for his decades of service and leadership to Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP and Eversheds Sutherland LLP; and for other purposes.

HR 742. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Franklin of the 160th, Thomas of the 21st and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Georgia Southern University Clay Target Team for winning the 2024 and 2025 ACUI/SCTP Collegiate Clay Target Championships; and for other purposes.

HR 743. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th and Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the State Government Affairs Council upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 744. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th and Adesanya of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kevin John on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 745. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dondria Nicole on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 746. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Hanky on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 747. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Miguel Wilson on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 748. By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Demetrious Williams on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 749. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lorenzo Gordon on the occasion of District 58 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 750. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending the House interns for the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M. Thursday, March 27, 2025.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned, pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, until 10:00 o'clock, A.M. Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 1	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 148	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 212	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Parsons of the 44th District, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 590 Do Pass
SB 256 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parsons of the 44th
Chairman

Representative Carson of the 46th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 23 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carson of the 46th
Chairman

The House adjourned at 5:00 o'clock, P.M.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Thirty-Sixth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Clifton	Hagan	Lim	Richardson
Alexander	Cooper	Hatchett	Lumsden	Ridley, Jas
Anderson	Corbett	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jor
Au	Crawford	Heffner	Mathiak	Sainz
Baker	Crowe	Henderson	Mathis	Sanchez
Ballard	Cummings	Herring	McClain	Schofield
Ballinger	Davis	Hilton	McCollum	Scoggins
Barnes	Dawson	Hitchens	McDonald	Scott
Barrett	Dempsey	Holcomb	McQueen	Seabaugh
Barton	E Dickey	Holland	Meeks	Silcox
Bazemore	Donatucci	Holly	Miller	Smith, L
Beckles	Douglas	Hong	Mitchell	Smith, TP
Bell	Draper	Howard, J	Momtahan	Smith, V
Bennett	Drenner	Howard, K	Moore	Stephens
Berry	Dubnik	Huddleston	Myles	Stinson
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Hugley	Neal	Tarvin
Bonner	Efstration	E Hutchinson	New	Taylor, D
Buckner	Erwin	Jackson, D	Newton	Taylor, R
Burchett	Evans	Jackson, E	Okoye	Thomas
Burnough	Fleming	E Jackson, M	Oliver	Townsend
Byrd	Flournoy	Jenkins	O'Steen	Tran
Cameron	Ford	Jones, A	Park	Wade
Camp	Franklin	Jones, J	Parrish	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Frye	Jones, S	Parsons	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gaines	Jones, T	Persinger	Wilkerson
Cannon, C	Gambill	Kahaian	Petrea	Williams, A
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Kelley	Powell	Williams, N
Carpenter	Glaize	Kendrick	Prince	Williamson
Carter	Greene	LaHood	Reeves	Willis
Chastain	Griffin	Leverett	Rhodes	Yearta
Cheokas	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Rice	Burns, Speaker
Clark, D	Gunter			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cox of the 28th, DeLoach of the 167th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Horner of the 3rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Lupton of the 83rd, Martinez of the 111th, Olaleye of the 59th, Panitch of the 51st, Reese of the 140th, Roberts of the 52nd, Romman

of the 97th, Sampson of the 153rd, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, Washburn of the 144th, Wiedower of the 121st, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Dr. Hugh B. Ward, First Presbyterian Church-Moultrie, Moultrie, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 823. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens, approved April 22, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3588), so as to revise the definition of senior citizen; to provide that the homestead exemption granted by this Act shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any

other homestead exemption applicable to Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes; to fix a nonsubstantive scrivener's error; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 824. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to close for new applications certain homestead exemptions for senior citizens from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes and homestead exemptions for senior citizens from Dawson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 825. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Monroe County, Georgia, approved February 25, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3857), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the members and the chairperson of such board; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 826. By Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Park of the 107th, Smith of the 18th, Frye of the 122nd and Werkheiser of the 157th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exclude up to $10,000.00 of overtime wages per employee from taxation; to provide for reporting by employers; to provide reporting by the department to the General Assembly; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 827. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Roberts of the 52nd, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "Menstrual Data Privacy and Protection Act"; to provide for definitions; to require explicit consent; to provide for security, notification of data breaches, and deletion of data; to provide for violations; to provide for reporting; to provide for relief; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative purpose; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

HB 828. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a refundable tax credit in an amount not to exceed $1,200.00 for individuals who experience a reduction in or loss of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 829. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Hugley of the 141st, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require the Department of Education to publish guidance relating to best practices for secure browsing and parental controls; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to online internet safety, so as to require the Attorney General publish an annual report documenting its enforcement actions relating to online safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 830. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Flournoy of the 74th, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to establish the State Oversight Board within the office of the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for the membership, duties, and powers of such board; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for insurer liability for certain delays or denials in healthcare coverage; to provide for a private cause of action; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 831. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Hugley of the 141st, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to expand provisions related to making certain registration information confidential; to provide for the VoteSafe program managed by the Secretary of State; to authorize persons that believe they are at risk of or threatened by physical harm or that are the victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking to have the address of their voter registration made confidential; to provide procedures for application and renewal for such program; to provide definitions; to authorize rule making related to such program; to provide for training of local election officials and persons assisting applicants to such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 863. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 41st, Ridley of the 6th and Berry of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state purchasing, so as to provide for a small business set-aside program administered by the Department of Administrative Services under which state agencies would be required to make reasonable efforts to dedicate 20 percent of their annual procurement contracts to projects and contracts involving small businesses; to provide for certification of small businesses; to provide for a small business directory; to provide for an annual reporting requirement; to provide for rules and

regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 864. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Taylor of the 92nd, Frye of the 122nd, Holly of the 116th, Cummings of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and loss of property, so as to require corporations to report the number of single-family dwellings they own; to provide for annual reports to the state auditor; to provide for the creation of a public portal listing such reports; to provide for a fine; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 865. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Draper of the 90th, Willis of the 55th, Oliver of the 84th and Olaleye of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that local election superintendents post notices whenever their offices are closed due to a declared state of emergency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 866. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a pilot program to improve the management of inpatient insulin levels in rural hospital organizations and for other purposes; to provide that such program be conducted by the Rural Health System Innovation Center; to provide for a grant program; to provide for the center to establish grant criteria and amounts; to provide for a report; to provide for definitions; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date conditioned on appropriations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 712. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Protecting Working Families; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HR 713. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Silcox of the 53rd, Clifton of the 131st, Willis of the 55th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging healthcare providers across the State of Georgia to help promote the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HR 751. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Washburn of the 144th and Herring of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. William A. Fickling, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 811
HB 812
HB 813
HB 814
HB 815
HB 816
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HB 819
HB 820
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HB 860
HB 861
HB 862
HR 685
HR 711
SB 328
SB 329

Representative Dickey of the 134th District, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 368 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dickey of the 134th
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 512 Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 592 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 659 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 774	Do Pass	HB 778	Do Pass
HB 780	Do Pass	HB 781	Do Pass
HB 785	Do Pass	HB 786	Do Pass
HB 787	Do Pass	HB 788	Do Pass
HB 789	Do Pass	HB 790	Do Pass
HB 791	Do Pass	HB 793	Do Pass
HB 794	Do Pass	HB 797	Do Pass
HB 798	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Gunter of the 8th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 10	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 36	Do Pass
SB 173	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 245	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gunter of the 8th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 27	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 79	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 102	Do Pass	SB 204	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 611	Do Pass
SB 30	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Crowe of the 118th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 21 Do Pass
SB 29 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Crowe of the 118th
Chairman

Representative Parrish of the 158th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 69 Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 255 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 111 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 557 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 36th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 9 "Ensuring Accountability for Illegal AI Activities Act"; enact (Substitute)(T&II-Thomas-21st) Albers-56th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0401S)

SB 63 "Quality Basic Education Act"; local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; require (Substitute)(Ed-Rice-139th) Dixon-45th

SB 72 "Hope for Georgia Patients Act"; enact (Hth-Hawkins-27th) Brass-6th

SB 85 Grants for Foster Children; a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; establish (Substitute)(HEd-Kelley-16th) Brass-6th

SB 233 Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission; revise the subcommittees (P&CH-Cooper-45th) Brass-6th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 774. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Drenner of the 85th, Mitchell of the 88th, Barnes of the 86th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of DeKalb County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 778. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Upson County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 780. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Greensboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the

procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 781. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 785. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 786. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Dodge County Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide that such authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the adoption of resolutions and the execution of trust indentures to secure the payment of such bonds and to define the rights of the holders of such bonds; to provide for a sinking fund; to provide that the property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon authority dissolution; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 787. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or older and have been residents of that city for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 788. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Macon County and to provide for its powers and duties, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4532), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3946), so as to rename the position of chief election official as the chief election supervisor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 789. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new charter for the City of Oglethorpe, approved March 11, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2630), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to certain hearings of the governing authority; to revise provisions related to the powers of the mayor pro tem; to revise provisions related to filling vacancies on the mayor and council; to update provisions related to the municipal court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 790. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Macon County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 791. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes in the amount of $4,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of the county who are 62 years of age or over, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4289), so as to increase the exemption amount to $20,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 793. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Sainz of the 180th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Brunswick ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a designated percentage off such assessed value based upon length of ownership of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 794. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Neal of the 79th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4178), so as to revise and update provisions relating to the code of ethics and the board of ethics; to provide for administrative and support services; to provide for budgetary independence of such board; to provide for returns to grand jury; to provide for examination and approval and failure of such returns; to provide for employment of ethics officer and ethics administrator; to provide for hearings; to provide for petitions; to provide for referral of potential criminal activity to law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 797. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Chatham-Savannah; to provide for a short title and definitions; to provide for findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office; to provide for meetings; to provide for a quorum; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 798. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Spalding County, formerly known as the City Court of Griffin, approved December 14, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 462), as amended, so as to modernize, update, and readopt provisions governing such court and its judges, clerk, solicitor-general, and other personnel; to provide for related matters; to provide

for effective dates; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

SB 77. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 77 (LC 44 3122S) by replacing* "Bartow County tax commissioner" *with* "governing authority of the City of Cartersville" *on lines 38, 89, 92, and 97.*

By replacing "tax commissioner of Bartow County" *with* "governing authority of the City of Cartersville" *on lines 62 to 63 and 77.*

By replacing "tax commissioner" *with* "governing authority" *on lines 63 and 69.*

By replacing "Bartow County" *with* "the City of Cartersville independent school district" *on line 94.*

By replacing line 107 with:
The municipal election superintendent of the City of Cartersville shall call and conduct an election as provided

By replacing "Bartow County" *with* "City of Cartersville independent" *on lines 108, 116, and 132.*

By replacing "Bartow County" *with* "the governing authority of the City of Cartersville" *on line 128.*

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate amendment to the House substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
Y Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, and on the agreement to the Senate amendment to the House substitute, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed, and the House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 332. By Senators Jones of the 10th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4192), and an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), so as to provide that such board members shall only be elected by electors of the DeKalb County school district; to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County school district following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 475. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital production, so as to revise a definition; to revise rules and regulations; to authorize certain fees; to require companies to pay court costs if the denial of certification is upheld by a court on appeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 53. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans

cemeteries, so as to allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for definitions; to provide for fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 143. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Smith of the 70th, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, so as to revise provisions regarding water-measuring devices for farm use of surface and ground water; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 290. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of revenue and taxation, so as to revise the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" to incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 340. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Gaines of the 120th, Rice of the 139th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Distraction-Free Education Act"; to require local school systems and public schools to enact policies and procedures for use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in kindergarten through eighth grade; to provide for permissible student use of personal electronic devices; to authorize the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical assistance; to prohibit certain waivers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 392. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, Oliver of the 84th, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5B of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax courts, so as to revise the dates for certain events regarding the Georgia Tax Court; to provide new dates for the beginning of the term and duties of the chief court judge; to provide new dates for the beginning date for accepting cases by the court; to provide for the transfer and disposition of certain cases pending before the Georgia Tax Tribunal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 697. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 698. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of such school district who have lived in such district for five years or more and who are 75 years of age or older; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 701. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Terrell County; to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee when the judge of such court is serving as the judge of the Magistrate Court of Terrell County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such

technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 714. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Rincon, approved April 25, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 5627), so as to revise provisions relating to the designation of electors; to revise the appointment and election of board members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 719. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of education of Worth County, approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3710), so as to revise the compensation of such chairperson and board members; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 720. By Representative Yearta of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Lee County, approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5130), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the members of such board of education; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 722. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3851), so as to provide for a chief judge; to provide for an associate judge; to provide for the initial appointment of such associate judge by the Governor; to provide for the elections and terms of office of the judges of the court; to provide for compensation of the associate judge; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 724. By Representative Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 332. By Senators Jones of the 10th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4192), and an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), so as to provide that such board members shall only be elected by electors of the DeKalb County school district; to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County school district following certain annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Wade of the 9th et al., Huddleston of the 72nd et al., Jones of the 143rd et al., Campbell of the 35th et al., Baker of the 64th et al., Gambill of the 15th et al., Cummings of the 39th et al., Martin of the 49th, Holly of the 116th et al., Hagan of the 156th et al., Sharper of the 177th et al., Reeves of the 99th et al., Mathis of the 133rd, Chastain of the 7th et al., Corbett of the 174th et al., Okoye of the 102nd et al., Flournoy of the 74th et al., and Dempsey of the 13th et al.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Carson of the 46th et al., Park of the 107th et al., Taylor of the 173rd et al., LaHood of the 175th et al., Hong of the 103rd, and Burchett of the 176th.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Pursuant to HR 311, the House recognized and commended Coach Andre Lacey and the Paine College golf teams for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the growth of collegiate golf and for fostering diversity and inclusion in the sport.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Insurance:

SB 5. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

SB 51. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to managerial control over acquisition of professional services, so as to expand such provisions to local governments; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 72. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Strickland of the 42nd, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terminally ill patient's right to try investigational drugs, biological products, and devices, so as to expand access to individualized investigational treatments to patients who have severely debilitating or life-threatening illnesses; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for written informed consent; to allow certain manufacturers or eligible facilities to make available individualized investigational treatments; to provide that coverage is not mandatory; to prohibit the sanctions against a physician's license; to provide exemption to liability for certain charges; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

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To the Clerk,

I intended to vote **YES** for **SB 72** during session today, March 27, 2025, on legislative day 36. I had trouble with my voting machine at the time of voting and would like to request this vote be recorded.

Thank you,

/s/ Derrick McCollum
State Representative
District 30

SB 63. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to provide for notice requirements; to prohibit additional qualifications; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to provide for notice requirements; to prohibit additional qualifications; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-324.8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'home study student' means a student in grades six through 12 who is in a home study program that meets the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690.

(b) Each local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, or Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery or an advanced placement exam to students enrolled in such local school system shall:

(1) Make each such test or exam available to any home study student who resides in the local school system; and

(2) Post on its public website notice of the date that each such test or exam will be administered. Such notice shall include registration dates and procedures and shall state that such test or exam is available for home study students who reside in the local school system.

(c) No local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, or Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery or an advanced placement exam to students enrolled in such local school system shall require home study students to pay a fee not required of students enrolled in such local school system or impose any requirement that conflicts with or is in addition to the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 85. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to limit awards to undergraduate level postsecondary education; to provide for the application process for the program; to provide for the Georgia Student Finance Authority to contract with a qualified grant coordinating organization to administer the program, to establish rules and regulations, and to conduct compliance examinations; to allow for eligibility of part-time students; to authorize the department to suspend institutions from the program for failure to refund moneys in certain circumstances; to provide for criminal penalty for persons making false statements or misrepresentations in the application process; to provide for collection and evaluation; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, is amended by designating Code Section 20-3-660, relating to tuition waiver program for qualifying foster and adopted individuals, as Part 1 and by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

20-3-670.
This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Foster Care Scholarship Act.'

20-3-671.
As used in this part, the term:
(1) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 20-3-519.
(2) 'Eligible student' means an individual who:
(A) Is under the age of 26 years;
(B)(i) Is currently enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an eligible postsecondary institution; or

(ii) Is within three years of having received his or her high school diploma or state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma and has been accepted for admission to an eligible postsecondary institution; and

(C)(i) Is currently in the custody of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services;

(ii) Is currently participating in the Division of Family and Children Services independent living program in accordance with applicable policies and procedures;

(iii) Has family currently receiving or during the term of such family's eligibility previously received state funded adoption services as provided for in Code Section 49-5-8;

(iv) Was adopted from the permanent legal custody of and placed for adoption by the Division of Family and Children Services following the child's fourteenth birthday, including any such individual who, at the time of application to an eligible postsecondary institution, resides outside of Georgia due to such placement;

(v) Is a former foster child who was in the custody of the Division of Family and Children Services for at least six months after reaching the age of 14 years; or

(vi) Is an aging foster child as such term is defined in Code Section 48-7-29.24.

(3) 'Georgia Foster Care Scholarship' or 'grant' means the grant provided for in this part.

(4) 'Grant coordinating organization' means a nonprofit organization that is a qualified organization as such term is defined in Code Section 48-7-29.24 and has, within the prior calendar year, made qualified expenditures as such term is defined in such Code section for the direct benefit of no fewer than 100 aging foster children as such term is defined in such Code section.

20-3-672.

(a) Subject to appropriations made specifically for the purposes of this part, the Georgia Student Finance Authority shall establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship program to provide grants on a per-semester basis to eligible students for undergraduate level postsecondary education at eligible postsecondary institutions.

(b) The Georgia Student Finance Authority shall be authorized to provide for eligibility criteria and grant amounts as determined to be the most appropriate for particular eligible postsecondary institutions and its student population in accordance with this part and the rules and regulations of the Georgia Student Finance Authority. The Georgia Student Finance Authority shall also establish criteria necessary for eligible students to continue to receive such grants in accordance with this part.

(c) The Georgia Student Finance Authority may contract with a grant coordinating organization authorized to do business in this state to implement and administer the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship program; provided, however, that such contract shall require the grant coordinating organization to ensure that 100 percent of funds appropriated for such program shall be expended on grants to eligible students.

(d) The Georgia Student Finance Authority is authorized to define such terms and prescribe such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.

20-3-673.

(a) Subject to appropriations made specifically for the purposes of this part, to receive a Georgia Foster Care Scholarship, an eligible student shall:

(1) Complete a simplified application process established by the Georgia Student Finance Authority, which shall include completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine the level of need and eligibility for state and federal financial aid programs;

(2) Remain in good standing with the eligible postsecondary institution in which he or she is enrolled or to which he or she has been accepted for admission;

(3) Maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards and practices used for federal Title IV programs by the eligible postsecondary institution at which the student is enrolled; and

(4) Comply with the rules, regulations, and procedures prescribed by the Georgia Student Finance Authority in accordance with this part.

(b)(1) The total per-semester amount of a Georgia Foster Care Scholarship awarded to each eligible student shall not exceed the costs of the eligible student's tuition, room, board, meal plan, and books associated with his or her matriculation at such student's eligible postsecondary institution less an amount equal to the total of any federal or other state grants, scholarships, or tuition waivers for which he or she is eligible to receive.

(2) The total per-year amount of a Georgia Foster Care Scholarship awarded to each eligible student shall not exceed $30,000.00.

(c) An eligible student may continue to receive a Georgia Foster Care Scholarship until the first of these events:

(1) The student has earned a bachelor's degree;

(2) The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours; or

(3) The student has received the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship for ten years.

(d) In the event a student on whose behalf a Georgia Foster Care Scholarship is paid does not enroll as a full-time or part-time student for the academic semester for which the scholarship is paid, the eligible postsecondary institution shall make a refund to the Georgia Student Finance Authority in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

20-3-674.

Each eligible postsecondary institution shall be subject to examination by the Georgia Student Finance Authority for the sole purpose of determining whether such institution has properly certified the cost of attendance, eligibility, and enrollment of students; accurately credited grants paid on behalf of such students; and properly complied with

the rules and regulations established pursuant to this part; provided, however, that nothing in this part shall be construed to interfere with the authority of such institution to determine admissibility of students or to control its own curriculum, philosophy, purpose, or administration. In the event it is determined that an eligible postsecondary institution knowingly or through error certified an ineligible student to be eligible for a grant under this part, the amount of the grant paid to such institution pursuant to such certification shall be refunded by such institution to the Georgia Student Finance Authority. The Georgia Student Finance Authority may suspend an eligible postsecondary institution from receiving payments under this part if it fails to refund any moneys as required by this part.

20-3-675.
Any person applying for a grant under this part or assisting a person applying for a grant under this part who knowingly makes or furnishes any false statement or misrepresentation for the purpose of enabling an ineligible student to wrongfully obtain a grant under this part shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

20-3-676.
The Georgia Student Finance Authority shall be authorized to monitor, collect, and evaluate enrollment and student record data for the grant program established pursuant to this part. The Office of Planning and Budget, the Department of Education, and eligible postsecondary institutions shall cooperate with and provide data as necessary to the Georgia Student Finance Authority to facilitate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective only if the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship program provided for in this Act is funded in an appropriations Act making specific reference to such program and shall become effective when funds so appropriated become available for expenditure.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos

Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barton	E Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 758. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th and Wiedower of the 121st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the for the North Oconee High School boys basketball team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 759. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 regular session temporary administrative assistants for the Georgia House of Representatives on their exemplary service; and for other purposes.

HR 760. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending the House interns for the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 761. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Fleming of the 114th and Martinez of the 111th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Fieldon Marcus Chapman; and for other purposes.

HR 762. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Jones of the 47th, Gaines of the 120th and Wiedower of the 121st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Apartment Association upon its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 763. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Savannah State University men's basketball team for winning the 2025 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 764. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st and Petrea of the 166th:

A RESOLUTION commending Savannah Feed the Hungry; and for other purposes.

HR 765. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Taylor of the 92nd and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Oluwasore Edward, Rockdale County High School's Class of 2025 valedictorian; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Prakash Gupta, Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology's Class of 2025 salutatorian; and for other purposes.

HR 768. By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Taylor of the 92nd and Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Miguel Pimentel, Heritage High School's Class of 2025 salutatorian; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Jaide Coleman, Salem High School's Class of 2025 salutatorian; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Delano Page, Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology's Class of 2025 valedictorian; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending David Hill, Rockdale County High School's Class of 2025 salutatorian; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Christian Bridges, Heritage High School's Class of 2025 valedictorian; and for other purposes.

HR 773. By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Moore of the 91st, Berry of the 56th, Adesanya of the 43rd and Sanchez of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Phil Lunney; and for other purposes.

HR 774. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Anthony M. Lanier II; and for other purposes.

HR 775. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carlene Anderson; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tisa Smart-Washington; and for other purposes.

HR 777. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Valerie King; and for other purposes.

HR 778. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Scoggins of the 14th, Hugley of the 141st, Bazemore of the 69th and Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing October 9, 2025, as PANDAS Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 779. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Beckles of the 96th, Romman of the 97th, Hong of the 103rd and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Aligarh Alumni Association of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 780. By Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Gary Everett Earl; and for other purposes.

HR 781. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Washburn of the 144th, Rice of the 139th, Williams of the 148th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Stephanie Dean Kerce; and for other purposes.

HR 782. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Owen Kinney, Darlington High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 783. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Yixin "Linda" Pan, Darlington High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Seth Winstead, Rome High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Gavin Mullinax, Pepperell High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Jessica West-Royal, Pepperell High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

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A RESOLUTION commending Elan Ason McClain, Armuchee High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 789. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mrs. Emily Mowery, Armuchee High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 790. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mrs. Susan Payne, Unity Christian School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 791. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sophia Dubs, Unity Christian School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 792. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 4, 2025, as 404 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 793. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 9-15, 2025, as National FBLA Week; and for other purposes.

HR 794. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nadine Ali; and for other purposes.

HR 795. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lewis Grant; and for other purposes.

HR 796. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Reeves of the 99th, Clifton of the 131st, Donatucci of the 105th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the victims of communism; and for other purposes.

HR 797. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Janice Reed; and for other purposes.

HR 798. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Imani Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 799. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Terry Walker Moore; and for other purposes.

HR 800. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Cannon of the 58th, Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Brian Butler for recognizing the outstanding contributions of Brandon Butler, Jah Rawlings, Tory Edwards, Ian Ford, Bem Joiner, William Sparks, and Shelly McAllister in organizing 404 Weekend and acknowledging their collective representation of Butter.ATL, Atlanta Influences Everything, Finish First, and The Trap Museum; and for other purposes.

HR 801. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Scott of the 76th, Kendrick of the 95th and Neal of the 79th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Ebonee Gresham; and for other purposes.

HR 802. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Hugley of the 141st, Schofield of the 63rd, Barnes of the 86th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Lisa Cunningham; and for other purposes.

HR 803. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Reese of the 140th, Lupton of the 83rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Charis Chambers; and for other purposes.

HR 804. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cookie Wright; and for other purposes.

HR 805. By Representatives Willis of the 55th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ray Murray; and for other purposes.

HR 806. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Morris Roberts; and for other purposes.

HR 807. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tamika Scott; and for other purposes.

HR 808. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bennett of the 94th and Stinson of the 150th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Denise Williams; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

SB 111. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Rahman of the 5th, Still of the 48th, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Georgia Consumer Privacy Protection Act"; to protect the privacy of consumer personal data in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for exemptions; to provide for responsibilities of processors and controllers; to provide for notice and disclosure; to provide for security practices to protect consumer personal data; to allow a controller to offer different goods or services under certain conditions; to provide for limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for preemption of local regulation; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 233. By Senator Brass of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, so as to revise the subcommittees; to extend the automatic repeal date; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 164, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 9. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to establish the criminal offenses of fraudulent election interference and solicitation of such; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the Attorney General to have concurrent jurisdiction over such crimes; to provide for punishment; to provide for injunctive relief; to provide for the State Election Board to publish results of investigations into such offenses; to provide for certain disclaimers on campaign advertisements that use AI generated media; to provide for the form of such disclaimers; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

The General Assembly finds:

(1) The significant and rapid increase in use and advancements of artificial intelligence and other sophisticated technologies poses a unique danger to the State of Georgia's free and fair system of elections;

(2) Artificial intelligence and other technologies now allow individuals, both in good faith and bad faith, to create AI generated media that falsely depicts conduct that appears to be real;

(3) The state and its citizens have the utmost rights to both free and fair elections and freedom of speech; and

(4) This Act is narrowly tailored for the purpose of protection against the use of deceptive media in bad faith to influence elections by reducing certain candidates' chances of being elected or by suppressing voter turnout through mass confusion.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to elections and primaries generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-605.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Election' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 21-5-3.

(2) 'Materially deceptive media' means a video recording, video file, audio recording, or audio file, still image, or still image file that:

(A) Appears to depict a real individual's speech or conduct that did not occur in reality; and

(B) Would appear to a reasonable observer to be authentic.

(3) 'Person' means any employee, staff member, or other similarly affiliated individual of a political party, political body, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, or any other political committee. Such term shall not include a broadcaster, cable provider, online service, internet service provider, streaming platform, or any employees or agents thereof, who otherwise would not fall under this definition of person except for their sale of advertising to a person as defined in this paragraph.

(b) A person commits the offense of fraudulent election interference if he or she, with knowledge of its falsity, publishes, broadcasts, streams, or uploads materially deceptive media within 90 days of an election with the intent to deceive one or more electors for the purpose of:

(1) Significantly influencing a candidate's chance of being elected in such election;

(2) Creating confusion about the administration of such election; or

(3) Otherwise influencing the result of such referendum.

(c) A person commits the offense of solicitation of fraudulent election interference when he or she, with the intent that a violation proscribed by subsection (b) of this Code section be committed, commands, encourages, or requests any individual to commit a violation proscribed by subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to activities protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to, satire, parody, works of artistic expression, or works of journalism by bona fide news organizations.

(e) Upon conviction of an offense under this Code section, a person shall be punished as follows:

(1) For the first offense, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and

(2) For the second or subsequent offense, he or she shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two years nor more than five years and by a fine not to exceed $50,000.00.

(f) For prosecutions under this Code section, venue shall be proper in any county in this state where:

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(g) The Attorney General shall have concurrent jurisdiction to conduct the criminal prosecution of a violation of this Code section. A criminal prosecution for a violation of this Code section shall only be initiated upon the Attorney General receiving a recommendation to prosecute from the State Election Board.

(h) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a cause of action for injunctive relief may be maintained against any person who is in violation of this Code section, by:

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SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-31, relating to duties of the State Election Board, by revising paragraph (5) as follows:

"(5) To investigate, or authorize the Secretary of State to investigate, when necessary or advisable the administration of primary and election laws and frauds and irregularities in primaries and elections and to report violations of the primary and election laws either to the Attorney General or the appropriate district attorney who shall be responsible for further investigation and prosecution. Except as provided in Code Section 21-2-605, nothing ~~Nothing~~ in this paragraph shall be so construed as to require any complaining party to request an investigation by the board before such party might proceed to seek any other remedy available to that party under this chapter or any other provision of law;"

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Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-33.1, relating to enforcement of chapter, suspension of election superintendents, and support and assistance from the Secretary of State, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

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SECTION 2-4.

Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is further amended in Chapter 5, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

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As used in this article, the term:

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acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence systems may vary in the forms of information they can receive and in the human cognitive processes they can emulate.

(3) 'Campaign advertisement' means any campaign material, commercial, advertisement, or other media designed to bring about the nomination or election of an individual to any elected office; designed to bring about the recall of a public officer holding elective office or to oppose the recall of a public officer holding elective office; or designed to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state.

21-5-91.

(a) Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in Code Section 21-2-605, any person may use AI generated content in any campaign advertisement, so long as the campaign advertisement discloses, in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 21-5-92:

(1) The name of the candidate or candidates or campaign committee or committees that created, sponsored, and paid for the campaign advertisement;

(2) The name of each person who is being impersonated;

(3) That events depicted may not have actually occurred; and

(4) That artificial intelligence was used to make part or all of the content of the campaign advertisement.

(b) Minor editing of a piece of existing audio or visual media shall not require disclosure under this Code section when such minor editing would not substantially change an observer's understanding of such media.

21-5-92.

The disclosure provided for in Code Section 21-5-91 shall meet the following requirements:

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(A) Shall be in writing and completed in each written language used in the remainder of the advertisement; and

(B) Shall be clearly readable, which shall mean that the text of the disclosure shall:

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(ii) Be visible for a period of at least 30 percent of the media, in the case of moving images and video; and

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21-5-94.
The commission shall be authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this article."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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(B) Depicts a real individual's speech or conduct that did not occur in reality; and

(C) Appears to a reasonable observer to be authentic.

(2) 'Artificial intelligence system' means an engineered or machine based system that emulates the capability of a person to receive audio, visual, text, or any other form of information and use the information received to emulate a human cognitive process, including, but not limited to, learning, generalizing, reasoning, planning, predicting, acting, or communicating; provided, however, that artificial intelligence systems may vary in the forms of information they can receive and in the human cognitive processes they can emulate.

(3) 'Campaign advertisement' means any campaign material, commercial, advertisement, or other media designed to bring about the nomination or election of an individual to any elected office; designed to bring about the recall of a public officer holding elective office or to oppose the recall of a public officer holding elective office; or designed to bring about the approval or rejection by the voters of any proposed

constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state.

(4) 'Person' means any employee, staff member, or other similarly affiliated individual of a political party, political body, candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, or any other political committee. Such term shall not include a broadcaster, cable provider, online service, internet service provider, streaming platform, or any employees or agents thereof, who otherwise would not fall under this definition of person except for their sale of advertising to a person as defined in this paragraph.

21-5-91.

(a) Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in Code Section 21-2-605, any person may use AI generated content in any campaign advertisement, so long as the campaign advertisement discloses, in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 21-5-92:

(1) The name of the candidate or candidates or campaign committee or committees that created, sponsored, and paid for the campaign advertisement;

(2) The name of each person who is being impersonated;

(3) That events depicted may not have actually occurred; and

(4) That artificial intelligence was used to make part or all of the content of the campaign advertisement.

(b) Minor editing of a piece of existing audio or visual media shall not require disclosure under this Code section when such minor editing would not substantially change an observer's understanding of such media.

21-5-92.

The disclosure provided for in Code Section 21-5-91 shall meet the following requirements:

(1) For each campaign advertisement that involves the use, in whole or in part, of visual media, such disclosure:

(A) Shall be in writing and completed in each written language used in the remainder of the advertisement; and

(B) Shall be clearly readable, which shall mean that the text of the disclosure shall:

(i) Be equal to or greater than 30 percent of the vertical picture height;

(ii) Be visible for a period of at least 30 percent of the media, in the case of moving images and video; and

(iii) Appear with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the text of the statement. A statement satisfies the color contrast requirement of this division if it is printed in black text on a white background or if the degree of color contrast between the background and the text of the statement is no less than the color contrast between the background and the largest type size used in the communication; and

(2) For each campaign advertisement that involves the use of audible media but does not involve the use of any visual media, such disclosure shall be announced, articulated, spoken, or otherwise rendered completely using the same audible volume, the same rate

of speaking as measured in words per minute, and each spoken language as used in the remainder of the advertisement.

21-5-93.
(a) Each violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 21-5-6, except that the amount of such fine shall not be less than $10,000.00.
(b) Any violation of this article involving the use of AI generated media in a solicitation for fundraising shall be punishable by disgorgement of any funds raised within ten days of such solicitation.
(c) Except as described in subsection (a) of this Code section, nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to limit the powers or remedies available to the commission.
(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commission shall be authorized to investigate any complaint concerning a violation of this article within 90 days of an election.

21-5-94.
The commission shall be authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this article."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
N Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox

Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	E Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	E Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 152, nays 12.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 36th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 40 Secondary Metals Recyclers; the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; provide for applicability (Substitute)(RegI-McDonald III-26th) Hatchett-50th

SB 56 Georgia State Indemnification Fund; the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for the payment of indemnification claims; authorize (PS&HS-Gullett-19th) Anavitarte-31st

SB 69 "Georgia Courts Access and Consumer Protection Act"; enact (Substitute)(Rules-Burchett-176th) Kennedy-18th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2394S)

SB 79 "Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act"; enact (Substitute) (JudyNC-Burchett-176th) Goodman-8th

SB 105 Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians; licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; authorize (Substitute)(A&CA-Jasperse-11th) Anavitarte-31st

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 69. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to enact a new chapter regulating litigation financing practices; to provide for definitions; to require and provide for the registration of litigation financiers;

to prohibit any person with relevant affiliations with foreign persons, foreign principals, or sovereign wealth funds from serving as litigation financiers; to require amended registration as a litigation financier; to provide for forms and filing fees; to provide for public disclosure of documents and information; to provide for denial of registration or amended registration as a litigation financier; to provide for notice of such denials; to provide for appeal of such denials; to provide for prohibitions applicable to litigation financiers and exceptions; to provide for joint and several liability for certain litigation financiers; to require litigation financing contracts to include indemnification provisions; to require litigation financing agreements to be memorialized in writing by litigation financing contracts; to provide for required provisions and disclosures to be included in litigation financing contracts; to require and provide for certain disclosures and acknowledgments in litigation financing agreements; to provide for exemptions; to provide for the cancellation of litigation financing agreements; to provide for a criminal offense; to provide for the authority of the Attorney General and prosecuting attorneys to institute criminal proceedings; to provide for penalties; to authorize and provide for the department's participation in the nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry and for matters related thereto; to provide for the authority of the department and the commissioner of banking and finance; to provide for the discovery of litigation financing agreements in civil actions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicabilities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Courts Access and Consumer Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 10

7-10-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' or 'affiliated' means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.

(2) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of banking and finance.

(3) 'Consumer' means any individual who resides, is present, or is domiciled in this state or who is or has standing to become a plaintiff, claimant, or complainant in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding or in pursuit of any claim or cause of action in this state.

(4) 'Department' means the Department of Banking and Finance.
(5) 'Entity' means any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, fund, plan, or any other business, enterprise, association, or organization of any kind or nature.
(6) 'Foreign person' means an individual or an entity that is not:
(A) A citizen of the United States;
(B) An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;
(C) An unincorporated association with a majority of members who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; or
(D) A corporation that is incorporated in the United States.
(7) 'Foreign principal' means:
(A) The government or a government official of any country other than the United States;
(B) A political subdivision or political party of a country other than the United States; or
(C) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a country other than the United States whose shares or other ownership interest is owned by the government or a government official of a country other than the United States or is owned by a political subdivision or political party of a country other than the United States.
(8) 'Legal representative' means any attorney, group of attorneys, or law firm duly licensed and authorized to practice law and to represent a consumer in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover damages in this state.
(9) 'Litigation financier' means any person engaged in or formed, created, or established for the purpose of engaging in any kind of business or economic activity that involves providing litigation financing in exchange for consideration of any kind.
(10)(A) 'Litigation financing agreement' or 'litigation financing' means an agreement in which a litigation financier agrees to provide financing to a consumer or entity that is or has standing to become a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or to counsel for such consumer or entity, in exchange for a right to receive payment, which right is contingent in any respect on the outcome of such action, claim, or proceedings by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes such action, claim, or proceedings and involves the same legal representative or affiliated representative.
(B) Such term shall not include:
(i) An agreement wherein a legal representative consents to provide legal services on a contingency fee basis or to advance his or her client's legal costs, and where such services or costs are provided by the legal representative in accordance with

the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct maintained and enforced by the State Bar of Georgia;

(ii) A preexisting contractual obligation to indemnify or defend a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or any other legal proceeding;

(iii) Any obligation of a health insurer to pay any sums for healthcare for an injured person under the terms of a health insurance plan or agreement;

(iv) Any obligation to repay a financial institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 10-5A-1, for loans made directly to a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or such party's legal representative, provided that such repayment of such loan is not contingent upon the outcome of such action, claim, or proceedings, or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes such action, claim, or proceedings, and involves the same legal representative or affiliated legal representative; or

(v) Funding provided to a nonprofit organization that is funded by private donations, represents one or more clients on a pro-bono, no-cost basis, and seeks only injunctive relief on behalf of its clients; provided, however, that the provisions of this division shall not be construed to prohibit or otherwise affect any award of costs or attorney's fees to such nonprofit organization seeking only injunctive relief on behalf of a client that such nonprofit organization represents on a pro-bono, no-cost basis, or to such client.

(11) 'Litigation financing contract' or 'contract' means a written contract memorializing the terms and conditions of a litigation financing agreement.

(12) 'Sovereign wealth fund' means an investment fund owned or controlled by a foreign principal or an agent of such foreign principal.

7-10-2.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to engage in litigation financing in this state unless such person is registered as a litigation financier as provided under this Code section.

(b) Each person registering as a litigation financier shall be authorized to do business in this state.

(c) To register as a litigation financier, a person shall file with the department a registration statement setting forth the following:

(1) The legal name of such person;

(2) The principal business address and preferred mailing address of such person;

(3) The telephone number and email address through which such person may be contacted;

(4) The name, principal business address, and preferred mailing address of such person's registered agent that is authorized to accept service of process on behalf of such person;

(5) The name, principal business address, and citizenship or country of incorporation or registration of any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund

affiliated with the person seeking to register as a litigation financier under this Code section in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such person's litigation financing business; and

(6) Any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(d) If the person seeking to register as a litigation financier is an entity, such entity shall file with the department a registration statement that provides, with respect to each person that directly or indirectly owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing 10 percent or more of the voting shares of the litigation financier, the following:

(1) The legal name of each such person;

(2) The principal business address and preferred mailing address of each such person;

(3) If the person is an individual:

(A) Such individual's occupation;

(B) Any offices and positions held with the person seeking to register as a litigation financier during the past five years;

(C) Any conviction of a crime other than misdemeanor traffic violations during the past ten years; and

(D) The name, principal business address, and citizenship or country of incorporation or registration of any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund affiliated with such individual in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such individual's litigation financing business;

(4) If the person is an entity:

(A) The nature of the entity's business operations during the past five years or a description of the business intended to be undertaken by the entity and such entity's subsidiaries, if any;

(B) A list of all individuals who are or who have been selected to become directors or officers of the entity and each subsidiary of the entity, if any. Such list shall include for each individual the information required by paragraph (3) of this subsection; and

(C) The name, principal business address, and citizenship or country of incorporation or registration of any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund affiliated with the entity in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such entity's litigation financing business; and

(5) Any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(e) No person shall be registered as a litigation financier or shall engage in litigation financing in this state that is, in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such person's litigation financing business, affiliated with any foreign government or foreign nongovernment person or entity designated by the United States Secretary of Commerce as a foreign adversary pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4, or any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund thereof.

(f) A person subject to registration under this Code section shall file, within 30 days of any change to the most recently filed registration or within 30 days of when such registration becomes inaccurate or incomplete in any respect, an amended registration with the department.

(g) The commissioner is authorized to prescribe the forms and the filing fees that he or she deems necessary for the purposes of this chapter.
(h) All documents and information filed with the department pursuant to this Code section are public records subject to disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

7-10-3.
(a) The department may deny a registration to act as a litigation financier or deny a registered litigation financier's amended registration pursuant to subsection (f) of Code Section 7-10-2 if the department finds that:
(1) The requirements of this chapter have not been met; or
(2) The applicant or registrant; any person who is a director, officer, partner, or owner of the applicant or registrant; or any individual who directs the affairs of or controls or establishes policy for the applicant or registrant has, within the last ten years, been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction or of a crime which, if committed within this state, would constitute a felony under the laws of this state. For the purposes of this paragraph, a person shall be deemed to have been convicted of a crime if such person shall have pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a charge thereof before a court or federal magistrate or shall have been found guilty of such crime by the decision or judgment of a court or federal magistrate or by the verdict of a jury, irrespective of the pronouncement of sentence or the suspension thereof and regardless of whether first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was entered or an adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on such charge, unless and until such plea of guilty or such decision, judgment, or verdict shall have been set aside, reversed, or otherwise abrogated by lawful judicial process or until probation, sentence, or both, of a first offender without adjudication of guilt have been successfully completed and documented or unless the person convicted of the crime shall have received a pardon for such crime from the President of the United States or the governor or other pardoning authority in the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.
(b) Notice of the department's intention to enter an order denying a registration or an amended registration shall be provided to the applicant or registrant in writing, sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery addressed to the principal place of business of such applicant or registrant. If a person refuses to accept service of the notice by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, the notice or order shall be served by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative under any other method of lawful service, and the person shall be personally liable to the commissioner for a sum equal to the actual costs incurred to serve the notice or order. Such liability shall be paid upon notice and demand by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative and shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other fees or fines administered by the commissioner.
(c) Within 20 days of the date of the notice of intention to enter an order denying a registration or an amended registration, the applicant or registrant may request in writing

a hearing to contest the order. If a hearing is not requested in writing within 20 days of the date of such notice of intention, the department shall enter a final order regarding the denial. Any final order of the department denying a registration or an amended registration shall state the grounds upon which it is based and shall be effective on the date of issuance. A copy of such order shall be forwarded promptly by mail addressed to the principal place of business of such applicant or registrant.

(d) A decision by the department denying a registration or an amended registration shall be subject to review in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

7-10-4.

(a) A litigation financier shall not:

(1) Direct, or make any decisions with respect to, the course of any civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding for which such litigation financier has provided litigation financing, or any settlement or other disposition thereof. Such prohibition includes, but is not limited to, decisions in appointing or changing legal representatives, choice or use of expert witnesses, and litigation strategy. All rights to make decisions with respect to the course and settlement or other disposition of the subject civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding shall remain solely with the parties to such action, claim, or proceedings and their legal representatives. The provisions of this paragraph shall be strictly construed in favor of the individual or entity receiving litigation financing and against the litigation financier;

(2) Pay or offer commissions, referral fees, rebates, or other forms of consideration to any person, including, but not limited to, an attorney or any employee of an attorney or a law firm, in exchange for referring a consumer or such consumer's legal representative to a litigation financier; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to an employee, agent, or affiliate of the litigation financier;

(3) Accept any commissions, referral fees, rebates, or other forms of consideration from any person, including, but not limited to, an attorney or any employee of an attorney or a law firm, for providing any goods or rendering any services to the consumer; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to an employee, agent, or affiliate of the litigation financier;

(4) Contract for, receive, or recover, whether directly or indirectly, any amount greater than an amount equal to the share of the proceeds collectively recovered by the plaintiffs or claimants in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages financed by a litigation financing agreement after the payment of any attorney's fees and costs owed in connection to such action, claim, or proceedings;

(5) Advertise false or misleading information regarding its products or services;

(6) Refer or require any consumer to hire or engage any person providing any goods or rendering any services to the consumer;

(7) Fail to promptly deliver a fully completed and signed litigation financing contract to the consumer and the consumer's legal representative;

(8) Attempt to secure a remedy or obtain a waiver of any remedy, including, but not limited to, compensatory, statutory, or punitive damages, that the consumer may or may not be entitled to pursue or recover otherwise;

(9) Offer or provide legal advice to the consumer;

(10) Assign or securitize a litigation financing agreement in whole or in part; provided, however, that, if the litigation financier retains responsibility for collecting payment, administering, and otherwise enforcing the litigation funding contract, the prohibition provided in this paragraph shall not apply to an assignment:

(A) To a wholly owned subsidiary of the litigation financier;

(B) To an affiliate of the litigation financier that is under common control; or

(C) Granting a security interest under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code or as otherwise permitted by law; or

(11) Report a consumer to a credit reporting agency if insufficient funds remain to repay the litigation financier in full from the proceeds received from any judgment, award, settlement, verdict, or other form of monetary relief obtained in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of the litigation financing agreement.

(b) No person that provides any goods or renders any services related to the litigation to the consumer shall have a financial interest in litigation financing provided by a litigation financier to such consumer, and no such person shall receive any commissions, referral fees, rebates, or other forms of consideration from any litigation financier or the litigation financier's agents, employees, owners, or affiliates.

7-10-5.

(a) A litigation financier that agrees to provide $25,000.00 or more in funding pursuant to a litigation financing agreement shall be jointly and severally liable for any award or order imposing or assessing costs or monetary sanctions for frivolous litigation against a consumer, entity, or a legal representative of such consumer or entity arising from or relating to any civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding for which the litigation financier is providing litigation financing; provided, however, that where the litigation financier's right of repayment is a fixed amount set by contract, the liability of such litigation financier shall not exceed the right of repayment less the amount already extended.

(b) In each litigation financing contract, the litigation financier shall agree to indemnify, and shall indemnify even without such agreement, the plaintiffs and claimants to the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of such litigation financing agreement and such plaintiffs' and claimants' legal representatives against any adverse costs, attorney's fees, damages, or sanctions that may be ordered or awarded against such persons in such action, claim, or proceedings; provided, however, that such indemnification shall not be required or enforceable for adverse costs, attorney's fees, damages, or sanctions that the litigation financier can show

resulted from the intentional misconduct of such plaintiffs or claimants or their legal representatives.

7-10-6.

(a) The terms and conditions of a litigation financing agreement shall be set forth in a fully completed, written litigation financing contract with no material terms or conditions omitted, and such contract shall contain all material terms and conditions at the time it is signed by any party, including, but not limited to the right to cancel such litigation financing agreement without penalty or further obligation within five business days from the date the litigation financing contract is executed by or on behalf of the consumer or the date litigation financing is received from the litigation financier, whichever date is later.

(b) Upon execution of a litigation financing contract, a litigation financier shall not amend the terms or conditions of the litigation financing agreement that is memorialized by such contract without full disclosure to and prior written consent of all parties to such litigation financing agreement.

(c) Each litigation financing contract with a consumer shall set forth the name, principal business address, and preferred mailing address of the litigation financier on the first page of such contract, and the following disclosures shall be typed in at least 14 point bold font and placed clearly and conspicuously immediately above the consumer's signature line in the litigation financing contract:

'IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Right to Cancellation: You, the consumer, or your legal representative may cancel this litigation financing agreement without penalty or further obligation within five (5) business days from the date you sign this contract or the date you receive financing from the litigation financier, whichever date is later. You or your legal representative may cancel this litigation financing agreement by sending a notice of cancellation to the litigation financier and returning to the litigation financier any funds received from the litigation financier at the litigation financier's preferred mailing address set forth on page 1 of this contract.

2. The maximum amount the litigation financier may receive or recover from any contingent payment provided for in this litigation financing agreement shall be no more than an amount equal to the share of the proceeds collectively recovered by the plaintiffs or claimants in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages financed by this litigation financing agreement after the payment of any attorney's fees and costs owed in connection to such action, claim, or proceedings.

3. The litigation financier agrees that it has no right to, and will not demand, request, receive, or exercise any right to, influence, affect, or otherwise make any decision in the handling, conduct, administration, litigation, settlement, or resolution of your civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, other legal proceeding. All of these rights remain solely with you and your legal representative.

4. You, the consumer, are not required by the terms of this litigation financing agreement to continue to be represented by any particular legal representative, and the litigation financing agreement does not include any right for the litigation financier, any legal representative, or any other person to claim or seek to recover any assessment, charge, fee, penalty, or damages of any kind if you elect to change legal representatives at any time.

5. If there is no recovery of any money from your civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding, or if there is not enough money to satisfy in full the portion assigned to the litigation financier, you will not owe anything in excess of your recovery.

6. You are entitled to a fully completed litigation financing contract with no material terms or conditions omitted prior to signing. Before signing the litigation financing contract, or authorizing anyone to sign it on your behalf, you should read the contract completely and consult an attorney.'

(d) Only the consumer shall be authorized to execute a litigation financing contract on his or her own behalf, except in such cases where the consumer lacks the legal capacity to execute a contract. The consumer's legal representative in the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages financed by the corresponding litigation financing agreement shall not execute a litigation financing contract on behalf of the consumer. A litigation financing contract executed by such legal representative on behalf of such consumer shall be void and unenforceable as a matter of law.

(e) If the consumer is represented by a legal representative in the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of the litigation financing agreement, the legal representative shall acknowledge in the litigation financing contract that the legal representative and the legal representative's employer and employees have not received or paid a commission, referral fee, rebate, or any other consideration from or to the litigation financier and have no obligation to do so in the future.

(f) If the consumer's legal representative is a party to a litigation financing agreement related to the consumer's civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of the consumer's litigation financing agreement, the legal representative shall disclose and deliver a copy of his or her litigation financing contract to the consumer. Following such disclosure and delivery, the consumer shall sign an acknowledgment that the consumer has read and understands the terms and conditions of his or her legal representative's litigation financing contract. Such consumer shall be provided with a copy of such signed acknowledgment.

7-10-7.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) A nonprofit entity that provides litigation financing, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of such nonprofit entity or one or more of its members without receiving, in consideration for the litigation financing:

(A) The payment of interest, fees, or other consideration; or

(B) Except for in-house counsel of such nonprofit entity, any right to recovery or payment from the amount of any judgment, award, settlement, verdict, or other form of monetary relief obtained in the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding;

(2) Any litigation financing provided by an entity engaged in commerce or business activity; provided, however, that this exemption shall apply only if such entity does not:

(A) Charge, contract for, collect, or receive any interest, fees, or other consideration;

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(3) A lender that does not receive, in consideration for loaning money to any person, a right to receive payment from the value of any proceeds or other consideration realized from any judgment award, settlement, verdict, or other form of monetary relief any person may receive or recover in relation to any civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding.

7-10-8.

Any violation of this chapter by a litigation financier renders the litigation financing agreement void and unenforceable by such litigation financier or any successor-in-interest to the litigation financing agreement.

7-10-9.

(a) It is unlawful for a litigation financier to enter into or offer to enter into a litigation financing agreement unless such litigation financier is registered under this chapter.

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7-10-10.

(a) The department is authorized to:

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(3) Request that the nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry adopt an appropriate privacy, data security, and security breach notification policy that is in full compliance with existing state and federal law;

(4) Disclose or cause to be disclosed without liability via the nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry registration information, including, but not limited to, violations of this chapter and enforcement actions;

(5) Establish and adopt, by rule or regulation, requirements for participation by registrants in the nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry upon the department's determination that each new or amended requirement is consistent with both the public interest and the purposes of this chapter; and

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The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules and other policies in overseeing the practice of litigation financing consistent with this chapter."

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Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," is amended in Code Section 9-11-26, relating to general provisions governing discovery, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) to read as follows:

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(B) Information concerning the litigation financing agreement is not by reason of disclosure admissible in evidence at trial; provided, however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to limit the admissibility of such information as evidence of a party's claim or defense;"

SECTION 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to:

(1) Any civil action, administrative proceedings, legal claims, or other legal proceedings commenced on or after the effective date of this Act; and

(2) Any contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to enact a new chapter regulating litigation financing practices; to provide for definitions; to require and provide for the registration of litigation financiers; to prohibit any person with relevant affiliations with foreign persons, foreign principals, or sovereign wealth funds from serving as litigation financiers; to require amended registration as a litigation financier; to provide for forms and filing fees; to provide for public disclosure of documents and information; to provide for denial of registration or amended registration as a litigation financier; to provide for notice of such denials; to provide for appeal of such denials; to provide for prohibitions applicable to litigation financiers and exceptions; to provide for joint and several liability for certain litigation financiers; to require litigation financing contracts to include indemnification provisions; to require litigation financing agreements to be memorialized in writing by litigation financing contracts; to provide for required provisions and disclosures to be included in litigation financing contracts; to require and provide for certain disclosures and acknowledgments in litigation financing agreements; to provide for exemptions; to provide for the cancellation of litigation financing agreements; to provide for a criminal offense; to provide for the authority of the Attorney General and prosecuting attorneys to institute criminal proceedings; to provide for penalties; to authorize and provide for the department's participation in the nation-wide multistate licensing system and registry and for matters

related thereto; to provide for the authority of the department and the commissioner of banking and finance; to provide for the discovery of litigation financing agreements in civil actions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicabilities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Courts Access and Consumer Protection Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 10

7-10-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' or 'affiliated' means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.

(2) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of banking and finance.

(3) 'Consumer' means any individual who resides, is present, or is domiciled in this state or who is or has standing to become a plaintiff, claimant, or complainant in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding or in pursuit of any claim or cause of action in this state.

(4) 'Department' means the Department of Banking and Finance.

(5) 'Entity' means any domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, trust, fund, plan, or any other business, enterprise, association, or organization of any kind or nature.

(6) 'Foreign person' means an individual or an entity that is not:

(A) A citizen of the United States;

(B) An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;

(C) An unincorporated association with a majority of members who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; or

(D) A corporation that is incorporated in the United States.

(7) 'Foreign principal' means:

(A) The government or a government official of any country other than the United States;

(B) A political subdivision or political party of a country other than the United States; or

(C) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a country other than the United States whose shares or other ownership interest is owned by the government or a government official of a country other than the United States or is owned by a political subdivision or political party of a country other than the United States.

(8) 'Legal representative' means any attorney, group of attorneys, or law firm duly licensed and authorized to practice law and to represent a consumer in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover damages in this state.

(9) 'Litigation financier' means any person engaged in or formed, created, or established for the purpose of engaging in any kind of business or economic activity that involves providing litigation financing in exchange for consideration of any kind.

(10)(A) 'Litigation financing agreement' or 'litigation financing' means an agreement in which a litigation financier agrees to provide financing to a consumer or entity that is or has standing to become a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or to counsel for such consumer or entity, in exchange for a right to receive payment, which right is contingent in any respect on the outcome of such action, claim, or proceedings by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes such action, claim, or proceedings and involves the same legal representative or affiliated representative.

(B) Such term shall not include:

(i) An agreement wherein a legal representative consents to provide legal services on a contingency fee basis or to advance his or her client's legal costs, and where such services or costs are provided by the legal representative in accordance with the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct maintained and enforced by the State Bar of Georgia;

(ii) A preexisting contractual obligation to indemnify or defend a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or any other legal proceeding;

(iii) Any obligation of a health insurer to pay any sums for healthcare for an injured person under the terms of a health insurance plan or agreement;

(iv) Any obligation to repay a financial institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 10-5A-1, for loans made directly to a party to a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages, or such party's legal representative, provided that such repayment of such loan is not contingent upon the outcome of such action, claim, or proceedings, or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes such action, claim, or proceedings, and involves the same legal representative or affiliated legal representative;

(v) Funding provided to a nonprofit organization that is funded by private donations, represents one or more clients on a pro-bono, no-cost basis, and seeks

only injunctive relief on behalf of its clients; provided, however, that the provisions of this division shall not be construed to prohibit or otherwise affect any award of costs or attorney's fees to such nonprofit organization seeking only injunctive relief on behalf of a client that such nonprofit organization represents on a pro-bono, no-cost basis, or to such client; or

(vi) Banks, institutional investors, and persons that provide financing to a litigation financier but do not engage in the business of litigation financing; provided, however, that this exclusion shall not apply to banks, institutional investors, and persons affiliated with a litigation financier.

(11) 'Litigation financing contract' or 'contract' means a written contract memorializing the terms and conditions of a litigation financing agreement.

(12) 'Sovereign wealth fund' means an investment fund owned or controlled by a foreign principal or an agent of such foreign principal.

7-10-2.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to engage in litigation financing in this state unless such person is registered as a litigation financier as provided under this Code section.

(b) Each person registering as a litigation financier shall be authorized to do business in this state.

(c) To register as a litigation financier, a person shall file with the department a registration statement setting forth the following:

(1) The legal name of such person;

(2) The principal business address and preferred mailing address of such person;

(3) The telephone number and email address through which such person may be contacted;

(4) The name, principal business address, and preferred mailing address of such person's registered agent that is authorized to accept service of process on behalf of such person;

(5) The name, principal business address, and citizenship or country of incorporation or registration of any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund affiliated with the person seeking to register as a litigation financier under this Code section in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such person's litigation financing business; and

(6) Any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(d) If the person seeking to register as a litigation financier is an entity, such entity shall file with the department a registration statement that provides, with respect to each person that directly or indirectly owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing 10 percent or more of the voting shares of the litigation financier, the following:

(1) The legal name of each such person;

(2) The principal business address and preferred mailing address of each such person;

(3) If the person is an individual:

(A) Such individual's occupation;

(B) Any offices and positions held with the person seeking to register as a litigation financier during the past five years;

(C) Any conviction of a crime other than misdemeanor traffic violations during the past ten years; and

(D) The name, principal business address, and citizenship or country of incorporation or registration of any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund affiliated with such individual in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such individual's litigation financing business;

(4) If the person is an entity:

(A) The nature of the entity's business operations during the past five years or a description of the business intended to be undertaken by the entity and such entity's subsidiaries, if any;

(B) A list of all individuals who are or who have been selected to become directors or officers of the entity and each subsidiary of the entity, if any. Such list shall include for each individual the information required by paragraph (3) of this subsection; and

(C) The name, principal business address, and citizenship or country of incorporation or registration of any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund affiliated with the entity in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such entity's litigation financing business; and

(5) Any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(e) No person shall be registered as a litigation financier or shall engage in litigation financing in this state that is, in any capacity directly or indirectly related to such person's litigation financing business, affiliated with any foreign government or foreign nongovernment person or entity designated by the United States Secretary of Commerce as a foreign adversary pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4, or any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund thereof.

(f) A person subject to registration under this Code section shall file, within 30 days of any change to the most recently filed registration or within 30 days of when such registration becomes inaccurate or incomplete in any respect, an amended registration with the department.

(g) The commissioner is authorized to prescribe the forms and the filing fees that he or she deems necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

(h) All documents and information filed with the department pursuant to this Code section are public records subject to disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

7-10-3.

(a) The department may deny a registration to act as a litigation financier or deny a registered litigation financier's amended registration pursuant to subsection (f) of Code Section 7-10-2 if the department finds that:

(1) The requirements of this chapter have not been met; or

(2) The applicant or registrant; any person who is a director, officer, partner, or owner of the applicant or registrant; or any individual who directs the affairs of or controls or

establishes policy for the applicant or registrant has, within the last ten years, been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction or of a crime which, if committed within this state, would constitute a felony under the laws of this state. For the purposes of this paragraph, a person shall be deemed to have been convicted of a crime if such person shall have pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a charge thereof before a court or federal magistrate or shall have been found guilty of such crime by the decision or judgment of a court or federal magistrate or by the verdict of a jury, irrespective of the pronouncement of sentence or the suspension thereof and regardless of whether first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was entered or an adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on such charge, unless and until such plea of guilty or such decision, judgment, or verdict shall have been set aside, reversed, or otherwise abrogated by lawful judicial process or until probation, sentence, or both, of a first offender without adjudication of guilt have been successfully completed and documented or unless the person convicted of the crime shall have received a pardon for such crime from the President of the United States or the governor or other pardoning authority in the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.

(b) Notice of the department's intention to enter an order denying a registration or an amended registration shall be provided to the applicant or registrant in writing, sent by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery addressed to the principal place of business of such applicant or registrant. If a person refuses to accept service of the notice by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, the notice or order shall be served by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative under any other method of lawful service, and the person shall be personally liable to the commissioner for a sum equal to the actual costs incurred to serve the notice or order. Such liability shall be paid upon notice and demand by the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative and shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other fees or fines administered by the commissioner.

(c) Within 20 days of the date of the notice of intention to enter an order denying a registration or an amended registration, the applicant or registrant may request in writing a hearing to contest the order. If a hearing is not requested in writing within 20 days of the date of such notice of intention, the department shall enter a final order regarding the denial. Any final order of the department denying a registration or an amended registration shall state the grounds upon which it is based and shall be effective on the date of issuance. A copy of such order shall be forwarded promptly by mail addressed to the principal place of business of such applicant or registrant.

(d) A decision by the department denying a registration or an amended registration shall be subject to review in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

7-10-4.

(a) A litigation financier shall not:

(1) Direct, or make any decisions with respect to, the course of any civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding for which such litigation financier has provided litigation financing, or any settlement or other disposition thereof. Such prohibition includes, but is not limited to, decisions in appointing or changing legal representatives, choice or use of expert witnesses, and litigation strategy. All rights to make decisions with respect to the course and settlement or other disposition of the subject civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding shall remain solely with the parties to such action, claim, or proceedings and their legal representatives. The provisions of this paragraph shall be strictly construed in favor of the individual or entity receiving litigation financing and against the litigation financier;

(2) Pay or offer commissions, referral fees, rebates, or other forms of consideration to any person, including, but not limited to, an attorney or any employee of an attorney or a law firm, in exchange for referring a consumer or such consumer's legal representative to a litigation financier; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to an employee, agent, or affiliate of the litigation financier;

(3) Accept any commissions, referral fees, rebates, or other forms of consideration from any person, including, but not limited to, an attorney or any employee of an attorney or a law firm, for providing any goods or rendering any services to the consumer; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to an employee, agent, or affiliate of the litigation financier;

(4) Contract for, receive, or recover, whether directly or indirectly, any amount greater than an amount equal to the share of the proceeds collectively recovered by the plaintiffs or claimants in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages financed by a litigation financing agreement after the payment of any attorney's fees and costs owed in connection to such action, claim, or proceedings;

(5) Advertise false or misleading information regarding its products or services;

(6) Refer or require any consumer to hire or engage any person providing any goods or rendering any services to the consumer;

(7) Fail to promptly deliver a fully completed and signed litigation financing contract to the consumer and the consumer's legal representative;

(8) Attempt to secure a remedy or obtain a waiver of any remedy, including, but not limited to, compensatory, statutory, or punitive damages, that the consumer may or may not be entitled to pursue or recover otherwise;

(9) Offer or provide legal advice to the consumer;

(10) Assign or securitize a litigation financing agreement in whole or in part; provided, however, that, if the litigation financier retains responsibility for collecting payment, administering, and otherwise enforcing the litigation funding contract, the prohibition provided in this paragraph shall not apply to an assignment:

(A) To a wholly owned subsidiary of the litigation financier;

(B) To an affiliate of the litigation financier that is under common control; or

(C) Granting a security interest under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code or as otherwise permitted by law; or

(11) Report a consumer to a credit reporting agency if insufficient funds remain to repay the litigation financier in full from the proceeds received from any judgment, award, settlement, verdict, or other form of monetary relief obtained in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of the litigation financing agreement.

(b) No person that provides any goods or renders any services related to the litigation to the consumer shall have a financial interest in litigation financing provided by a litigation financier to such consumer, and no such person shall receive any commissions, referral fees, rebates, or other forms of consideration from any litigation financier or the litigation financier's agents, employees, owners, or affiliates.

7-10-5.

(a) A litigation financier that agrees to provide $25,000.00 or more in funding pursuant to a litigation financing agreement may be jointly and severally liable for any award or order imposing or assessing costs or monetary sanctions for frivolous litigation against a consumer, entity, or a legal representative of such consumer or entity arising from or relating to any civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding for which the litigation financier is providing litigation financing; provided, however, that where the litigation financier's right of repayment is a fixed amount set by contract, the liability of such litigation financier shall not exceed the right of repayment less the amount already extended.

(b) In each litigation financing contract, the litigation financier shall agree to indemnify, and shall indemnify even without such agreement, the plaintiffs and claimants to the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of such litigation financing agreement and such plaintiffs' and claimants' legal representatives against any adverse costs, attorney's fees, damages, or sanctions that may be ordered or awarded against such persons in such action, claim, or proceedings; provided, however, that such indemnification shall not be required or enforceable for adverse costs, attorney's fees, damages, or sanctions that the litigation financier can show resulted from the intentional misconduct of such plaintiffs or claimants or their legal representatives.

7-10-6.

(a) The terms and conditions of a litigation financing agreement shall be set forth in a fully completed, written litigation financing contract with no material terms or conditions omitted, and such contract shall contain all material terms and conditions at the time it is signed by any party, including, but not limited to the right to cancel such litigation financing agreement without penalty or further obligation within five business days from the date the litigation financing contract is executed by or on behalf of the consumer or the date litigation financing is received from the litigation financier, whichever date is later.

(b) Upon execution of a litigation financing contract, a litigation financier shall not amend the terms or conditions of the litigation financing agreement that is memorialized by such contract without full disclosure to and prior written consent of all parties to such litigation financing agreement.

(c) Each litigation financing contract with a consumer shall set forth the name, principal business address, and preferred mailing address of the litigation financier on the first page of such contract, and the following disclosures shall be typed in at least 14 point bold font and placed clearly and conspicuously immediately above the consumer's signature line in the litigation financing contract:

'IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Right to Cancellation: You, the consumer, or your legal representative may cancel this litigation financing agreement without penalty or further obligation within five (5) business days from the date you sign this contract or the date you receive financing from the litigation financier, whichever date is later. You or your legal representative may cancel this litigation financing agreement by sending a notice of cancellation to the litigation financier and returning to the litigation financier any funds received from the litigation financier at the litigation financier's preferred mailing address set forth on page 1 of this contract.

2. The maximum amount the litigation financier may receive or recover from any contingent payment provided for in this litigation financing agreement shall be no more than an amount equal to the share of the proceeds collectively recovered by the plaintiffs or claimants in a civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages financed by this litigation financing agreement after the payment of any attorney's fees and costs owed in connection to such action, claim, or proceedings.

3. The litigation financier agrees that it has no right to, and will not demand, request, receive, or exercise any right to, influence, affect, or otherwise make any decision in the handling, conduct, administration, litigation, settlement, or resolution of your civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, other legal proceeding. All of these rights remain solely with you and your legal representative.

4. You, the consumer, are not required by the terms of this litigation financing agreement to continue to be represented by any particular legal representative, and the litigation financing agreement does not include any right for the litigation financier, any legal representative, or any other person to claim or seek to recover any assessment, charge, fee, penalty, or damages of any kind if you elect to change legal representatives at any time.

5. If there is no recovery of any money from your civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding, or if there is not enough money to satisfy in full the portion assigned to the litigation financier, you will not owe anything in excess of your recovery.

6. You are entitled to a fully completed litigation financing contract with no material terms or conditions omitted prior to signing. Before signing the litigation

financing contract, or authorizing anyone to sign it on your behalf, you should read the contract completely and consult an attorney.'

(d) Only the consumer shall be authorized to execute a litigation financing contract on his or her own behalf, except in such cases where the consumer lacks the legal capacity to execute a contract. The consumer's legal representative in the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding seeking to recover monetary damages financed by the corresponding litigation financing agreement shall not execute a litigation financing contract on behalf of the consumer. A litigation financing contract executed by such legal representative on behalf of such consumer shall be void and unenforceable as a matter of law.

(e) If the consumer is represented by a legal representative in the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding that is the subject of the litigation financing agreement, the legal representative shall acknowledge in the litigation financing contract that the legal representative and the legal representative's employer and employees have not received or paid a commission, referral fee, rebate, or any other consideration from or to the litigation financier and have no obligation to do so in the future.

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7-10-7.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) A nonprofit entity that provides litigation financing, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of such nonprofit entity or one or more of its members without receiving, in consideration for the litigation financing:

(A) The payment of interest, fees, or other consideration; or

(B) Except for in-house counsel of such nonprofit entity, any right to recovery or payment from the amount of any judgment, award, settlement, verdict, or other form of monetary relief obtained in the civil action, administrative proceeding, legal claim, or other legal proceeding;

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7-10-8.

Any violation of this chapter by a litigation financier renders the litigation financing agreement void and unenforceable by such litigation financier or any successor-in-interest to the litigation financing agreement.

7-10-9.

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(B) Information concerning the litigation financing agreement is not by reason of disclosure admissible in evidence at trial; provided, however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to limit the admissibility of such information as evidence of a party's claim or defense;"

SECTION 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to:

(1) Any civil action, administrative proceedings, legal claims, or other legal proceedings commenced on or after the effective date of this Act; and
(2) Any contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
N Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 69.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 105. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teletriage under certain circumstances; to authorize licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine under certain circumstances; to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teletriage under certain circumstances; to authorize licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine under certain circumstances; to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine; to provide for licensure for graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine who are board certified in a specialty; to provide for an exemption; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, is amended by revising paragraphs (26) and (29) of and adding new paragraphs to Code Section 43-50-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(26) 'Practice veterinary technology' ~~or 'veterinary technology'~~ means:

(A) To perform animal patient care or other services that require a technical understanding of veterinary medicine by a licensed veterinary technician on the basis of written or oral instruction of a licensed veterinarian, excluding diagnosing, prognosing, performing surgery, prescribing, or dispensing;

(B) To represent, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability and willingness to engage in any act described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or

(C) To use any title, words, abbreviation, or letters, while engaged in the practice of licensed veterinary technology, in a manner or under circumstances that induce the belief that the person using them is qualified to engage in an act included in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

"(29) 'Veterinarian-client-patient relationship' means ~~that~~:

(A)(i) ~~The~~ A licensed veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client has given informed consent for services provided by the licensed veterinarian;

~~(B)~~(ii) There is sufficient knowledge of the animal by the licensed veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. This means that the licensed veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by ~~the~~ virtue of examination of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept or by medically appropriate and timely visits by the licensed veterinarian to premises within an operation or production system where the animal or groups of animals are kept;

~~(C)~~(iii) ~~A~~ The licensed veterinarian is readily available for follow up care or consultation or has arranged for:

~~(i)~~(I) Veterinary emergency coverage; and

~~(ii)~~(II) Continuing care and treatment by another licensed veterinarian, including providing a copy of associated records during normal business hours; and

~~(D)~~(iv) The licensed veterinarian develops and maintains appropriate medical records.~~;~~ ; or

(B) All licensed veterinarians employed at the same veterinary facility as any licensed veterinarian for which a veterinarian-client-patient relationship has been established pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

"(35) 'Veterinary teleadvice' means the use of synchronous or asynchronous telecommunications technology to provide general advice to a client that is not specific to a particular animal, diagnosis, or treatment.

(36) 'Veterinary telemedicine' or 'practice of veterinary telemedicine' means the use of synchronous or asynchronous telecommunications technology to facilitate the practice of veterinary medicine.

(37) 'Veterinary teletriage' means the use of synchronous or asynchronous telecommunications technology to assess and manage an animal, including determining whether immediate referral to a licensed veterinarian is necessary, under conditions of reasonable urgency or uncertainty. Such phrase shall not include diagnosis, prognosis,

surgery, or the prescribing, administering, or dispensing of any prescription drug or any other medication or treatment specified by the board."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-50-21, relating to general powers of board and liberal construction of powers, as follows:

"43-50-21.

(a) The board shall have the power to:

(1) Examine and determine the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses to practice veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, veterinary teleadvice, and veterinary technology in this state;

(2) Issue, renew, refuse to renew, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses to practice veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, veterinary teleadvice, or veterinary technology in this state or otherwise discipline licensed veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians; and to issue, renew, deny, suspend, or revoke veterinary faculty licenses, consistent with this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted under this chapter;

(3) Conduct investigations for the purpose of discovering violations of this chapter or grounds for disciplining persons licensed under this chapter;

(4) Inspect veterinary premises and equipment, including mobile veterinary clinics, at any time in accordance with protocols established by rule of the board;

(5) Hold hearings on all matters properly brought before the board; and, in connection therewith, to administer oaths, receive evidence, make the necessary determinations, and enter orders consistent with the findings. The board may designate one or more of its members to serve as its hearing officer;

(6) Appoint from its own membership one member to act as a representative of the board at any meeting within or outside the state where such representative is deemed desirable;

(7) Bring proceedings in the courts for the enforcement of this chapter or any regulations made pursuant to this chapter;

(8) Adopt, amend, or repeal all rules necessary for its government and all regulations necessary to carry this chapter into effect, including without limitation the establishment and print or electronic publication of standards of professional conduct for the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, veterinary teleadvice, and veterinary technology; and

(9) Establish and publish annually a schedule of fees for licensing.

(b) The powers enumerated in subsection (a) of this Code section are granted for the purpose of enabling the board to supervise effectively the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, veterinary teleadvice, and veterinary technology and are to be construed liberally to accomplish these objectives."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-50-30, relating to license requirement for practice of veterinary medicine and practice by business employee, as follows:

"43-50-30.

(a) No person may practice veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, or veterinary teletriage in this state who is not a licensed veterinarian or the holder of a valid temporary license issued by the division director pursuant to this article.

(b) No person may practice veterinary teleadvice in this state who is not a licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician or the holder of a valid temporary license issued by the division director pursuant to this article.

(c) A licensed veterinarian may practice veterinary medicine, veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, or veterinary teleadvice as an employee of a corporation, partnership, or other business organization, provided that the licensed veterinarian is not subject to the direction of anyone not licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Georgia in making veterinary medical decisions or judgments."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-50-31, relating to application for license, qualifications, and recordation of license, as follows:

"43-50-31.

(a) Any person desiring a license to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall make application to the board. The application shall include evidence, satisfactory to the board, that:

(1) The applicant has attained the age of 18;

(2) The applicant is of good moral character;

(3)(A) The applicant:

(i) Is ~~is~~ a graduate of an accredited college or a school of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or possesses an ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent; and

~~(4)~~(ii) Has ~~The applicant has~~ passed a board approved examination; provided, however, that the board may provide by rule or regulation for a waiver of any part of such examination for veterinarians who are licensed as such by another state and who are in good standing therewith; or

(B) The applicant:

(i) Is a graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine and has submitted a transcript certifying completion of his or her education in veterinary medicine. In support of such certification of completion, such graduate may submit:

(I) An ECFVG certificate or its substantial equivalent;

(II) A PAVE certificate or its substantial equivalent; or

(III) Any other document as authorized by the board; and

(ii) Has completed a residency program or similar training duration program of two or more years and has received board certification from a veterinary medicine

specialty organization recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Board of Veterinary Specialties, or other American Veterinary Medical Association board approved organization; provided, however, that such applicant upon licensure shall only be authorized to practice veterinary medicine in the area of his or her certified veterinary medicine specialty; and provided, further, that any other practice of veterinary medicine shall be deemed a violation of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-30 and subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-45; and

~~(5)~~(4) The applicant meets such other qualifications or provides such other information as the board may require by rule.

(b) The application shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount established by the board.

(c) The division director shall record the new licenses and issue such licenses to the new licensees.

(d) If an applicant is found not qualified for licensure, the board shall notify the applicant in writing of such finding and the grounds therefor. Such applicant may request a hearing before the board on the questions of his or her qualifications."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article, by adding a new subparagraph to paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2)(A) A person who is a regular student in a veterinary school or school of veterinary technology performing duties or actions assigned by his or her instructors or working under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

(B) A member of the faculty, a resident, an intern, or a graduate student of an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology performing his or her regular clinical or nonclinical functions or a person lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology in connection with a continuing education course or seminar;

(B.1) A person licensed pursuant to subparagraph (a)(2)(B) of Code Section 43-50-31 from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations in an area within such person's certified veterinary medicine specialty at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology and in connection with a continuing education course or seminar; or

(C) A graduate of a foreign college or school of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining the ECFVG or PAVE certificate or substantial equivalent performing duties or actions under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;"

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 7

43-50-120.

(a) A licensed veterinarian may practice veterinary telemedicine in this state if:

(1) Such individual is in good standing and primarily practices veterinary medicine in this state through in-person visits with clients and animal patients;

(2) Such individual has notified the board of his or her intent to practice veterinary telemedicine and satisfied any additional requirements set forth by the board;

(3) Such individual has an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship with any client and animal patient;

(4) The animal patient resides within this state at the time the individual practices veterinary telemedicine;

(5) Such individual practices veterinary telemedicine in a manner consistent with his or her scope of practice, all federal and state laws, and prevailing professional standards of practice for a veterinarian who provides in-person veterinary services in this state and employs sound, professional judgment to determine whether using veterinary telemedicine is an appropriate method for delivering medical advice or treatment to the animal patient;

(6) Such individual takes appropriate precautions to preserve the confidentiality of any client or animal patient's records; and

(7) Such individual informs the client, in writing, of his or her full name, location, license number, licensure status, and limitations involved in accessing veterinary telemedicine and obtains a signed and dated statement from the client indicating receipt of such required information.

(b) Any prescription, administration, or dispensing of prescription drugs pursuant to this Code section shall be in accordance with all federal and state laws.

(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize any licensed veterinarian to prescribe, administer, or otherwise dispense any prescription drug or any other medication or treatment specified by the board, unless such licensed veterinarian or another licensed veterinarian employed at the same veterinary facility has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of a physical examination of the animal at the veterinary facility or during a medically appropriate and timely visit to the premises where the animal is located.

43-50-121.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, a licensed veterinarian or a veterinary technician supervised by a licensed veterinarian may practice veterinary teletriage, regardless of whether a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists, if the following conditions are met:

(1) No licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician is available within a 50 mile radius of the animal's location to perform a physical examination at a veterinary facility or the premises where the animal is located within 24 hours of the client's request for services;

(2) The licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician requests that, as soon as reasonably practical, the client present the animal patient for a physical examination at the veterinary facility or at the premises where such animal is located; and

(3) The licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician informs the client, in writing, of the veterinarian or supervising veterinarian's full name, location, license number, licensure status, and limitations involved in accessing veterinary teletriage, and obtains a signed and dated statement from the client indicating receipt of such required information.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, a licensed veterinarian may practice veterinary telemedicine, regardless of whether a veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists, if the licensed veterinarian satisfies the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section and paragraphs (1) and (2) and paragraphs (4) through (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-50-120.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require or impose a duty upon any licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician to identify or refer any client to a licensed veterinarian located within the radius imposed under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section before practicing veterinary teletriage or veterinary telemedicine.

43-50-122.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a licensed veterinarian or a veterinary technician supervised by a licensed veterinarian from providing veterinary teleadvice, regardless of whether a veterinary-client-patient relationship exists."

SECTION 7.

Sections 4 and 5 of this Act shall become effective upon the approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. All other sections of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 56. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia State Indemnification Fund, so as to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to purchase annuities for the payment of indemnification claims; to provide for qualification standards for indemnification claims relating to certain deaths of public safety officers related to COVID-19; to provide for timing requirements for application of such indemnification claims; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 40. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals

recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to allow certain caps for secondary metals recyclers with respect to payments to and number of transactions with sellers to remain in effect after January 1, 2026; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 10-1-350, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(18.1) 'Used, detached catalytic converter' means motor vehicle exhaust system parts that are used for controlling the exhaust emissions from motor vehicles and that contain a catalyst metal, but shall not include a catalytic converter that has been tested, certified, and labeled for reuse, in accordance with applicable federal Clean Air Act regulations, as may from time to time be amended, or other applicable federal laws or regulations."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351, relating to verifiable documentation required and unlawful activities pertaining to used, detached catalytic converters, as follows:

"(d)(1) ~~As used in this subsection, the term 'used, detached catalytic converter' means motor vehicle exhaust system parts that are used for controlling the exhaust emissions~~

~~from motor vehicles and that contain a catalyst metal, but shall not include a catalytic converter that has been tested, certified, and labeled for reuse, in accordance with applicable federal Clean Air Act regulations, as may from time to time be amended.~~

~~(2)~~ It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase or to solicit or advertise for the purchase of a used, detached catalytic converter, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, unless such person is a registered secondary metals recycler in accordance with Code Section 10-1-359.1 and in full compliance with all requirements prescribed by this article.

~~(3)~~(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, possess, transport, or sell a used, detached catalytic converter, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, unless such person is authorized to purchase, possess, transport, or sell catalytic converters pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section and is in possession of the licenses, registrations, or other documentation required by subsection (c) of this Code section.

~~(4)~~(3) Each unlawfully possessed or obtained used, detached catalytic converter shall be considered a separate offense."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 10-1-355, relating to conditions and limitations on payments for regulated metal property and exception for transaction between business entities, in effect on January 1, 2026, as follows:

"10-1-355.

(a) A secondary metals recycler shall pay only by check, electronic funds transfer, cash, or voucher for regulated metal property and shall make any such payment as specifically provided for in this Code section.

(b) Any check, electronic funds transfer, or voucher shall be payable only to the person recorded as the seller of the regulated metal property to the secondary metals recycler.

(c) Any voucher shall be provided to the seller at the time of the purchase transaction or mailed to the seller at the address indicated on the personal identification card of the seller presented at the time of such transaction. If the voucher is provided to the seller at the time of the purchase transaction and not mailed to the seller, the secondary metals recycler shall not redeem the voucher for three days from the date of the purchase transaction. The voucher shall include the date of purchase, name of the seller, the amount paid for the regulated metal property, a detailed description of the regulated metal property purchased, information as to whether the voucher was mailed or provided at the time of the purchase transaction, the first date on which the voucher may be redeemed, and the date on which the voucher expires. The voucher may only be redeemed for cash by the person whose name appears on the voucher as the seller or by such person's heirs or legal representative. If a voucher is not redeemed by the person whose name appears on the voucher as the seller or by such person's heirs or legal representative within six months of the date of the transaction, the voucher shall expire and the secondary metals recycler shall not be required to honor the voucher after the expiration date.

(d) <u>No secondary metals recycler shall:</u>

(1) Pay to any seller more than $100.00 in cash for any transaction or complete more than two transactions per seller, per day, per registered secondary metals recycler location;
(2) Pay cash to any seller for used, detached catalytic converters or coils;
(3) Pay cash to any seller for used utility wire;
(4) Pay cash to any seller for used communications copper;
(5) Pay cash to any seller for copper wire; or
(6) Pay cash to any seller for a battery.

(e) A secondary metals recycler shall be prohibited from: (1) redeeming or cashing any check or electronic funds transfer paid to a seller for regulated metal property; and (2) providing or permitting any mechanism on the premises of the secondary metals recycler for the redemption or cashing of any check or electronic funds transfer.

~~(e)~~(f) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to any transaction between business entities."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 10-1-358, relating to purchases of regulated metal property exempted from application of article, as follows:

"10-1-358.

This article shall not apply to purchases of regulated metal property~~, other than used, detached catalytic converters,~~ from:

(1) Organizations, corporations, or associations registered with the state as charitable, philanthropic, religious, fraternal, civic, patriotic, social, or ~~school-sponsored~~ school sponsored organizations or associations or from any nonprofit corporations or associations;
(2) A law enforcement officer acting in an official capacity;
(3) A trustee in bankruptcy, executor, administrator, or receiver who has presented proof of such status to the secondary metals recycler;
(4) Any public official acting under judicial process or authority who has presented proof of such status to the secondary metals recycler;
(5) A sale on the execution, or by virtue, of any process issued by a court if proof thereof has been presented to the secondary metals recycler; or
(6) A manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial vendor that generates and sells regulated metal property in the ordinary course of its business, provided that such vendor is not a secondary metals recycler."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 10-1-359.1, relating to registration of secondary metals recycler, electronic data base, authority of sheriff, and penalty for violation, as follows:

"(c) The sheriff shall be authorized to:

(1) Assess and require payment of $200.00 for a new registration and an annual registration renewal for a secondary metals recycler;

(2) If applicable in the jurisdiction where such secondary metals recycler is located, require ~~a~~ the secondary metals recycler to submit a current and valid business license in the county or municipality that is associated with the address on the registration form prior to approving the registration or registration renewal;

(3) Require the registered agent of a secondary metals recycler to submit to a criminal background check and fingerprinting for a new registration with the costs paid by the secondary metals recycler in an amount not to exceed $75.00;

(4) Deny the new registration or registration renewal of a secondary metals recycler if such person's registration has been revoked in another Georgia county, information submitted on the registration form has been determined to be invalid or false, or it is determined by the criminal background check that such person has been convicted of a felony offense under this article ~~more than three times~~ in the previous five years;

(5) Revoke the registration of a secondary metals recycler's registered agent if the registered agent has been convicted of a felony offense in the previous five years under this article while serving as a registered agent;

(6) Require secondary metals recyclers to provide on the registration form the customer identification number for the current data base contractor maintained by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(7) Require a secondary metals recycler to submit a signed and sworn statement that such person has not had such secondary metals recycler's registration or business license revoked during the previous year and that the registered agent has not been convicted of a ~~metal theft~~ felony offense ~~in the previous year~~ under this article while serving as a registered agent in the previous five years;

(8) Delegate to personnel in the sheriff's office the registration of secondary metals recyclers and entering into the data base of the records of such registrations; and

(9) Remit to the Georgia Sheriffs' Association $100.00 of each $200.00 registration fee and remit to the general fund of the county treasury the remaining $100.00 of each registration fee ~~Enter into contracts with the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government for such governing authority~~ to provide for the registration of secondary metals recyclers and the entering into the ~~data base~~ Georgia Sheriffs' Association Secondary Metals Recycler Registry of the records of such registrations for use by other law enforcement agencies, ~~or by~~ staff of the governing authority, or the public. ~~Any such contract shall provide for reimbursement to such governing authority for the registrations or entry of the records of such registrations into the data base.~~"

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 10-1-359.2, relating to penalties for violations, as follows:

"10-1-359.2.

(a) Except as provided for in subsection (e) of Code Section 10-1-359.1, any person who buys or sells regulated metal property in violation of any provision of this article:

(1) For a first offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor;

(2) For a second offense, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature; and

(3) For a third or subsequent offense or when such regulated metal property is unlawfully obtained and results in property damage exceeding the aggregate amount of $1,500.00, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years.

Each unlawfully possessed or obtained used, detached catalytic converter~~, as such term is defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351,~~ shall be considered a separate offense under this Code section.

(b) Any person who buys or sells regulated metal property in violation of any provision of this article shall be liable in a civil action to any person who was the victim of a crime involving such regulated metal property for the full value of the regulated metal property, any repairs and related expenses incurred as a result of such crime, litigation expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees."

SECTION 7.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-359.3, relating to forfeiture and items declared contraband, as follows:

"(3) Any used, detached catalytic converter~~, as such term is defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351,~~ possessed in violation of subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351 and any vehicle used in the transportation of such used, detached catalytic converter, provided that any civil forfeiture proceedings for any vehicle seized pursuant to this subsection, including the reporting requirements set forth in Code Section 9-16-7, shall be stayed during the pendency of criminal proceedings unless otherwise agreed to by the owner or interest holder of such vehicle."

SECTION 8.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-359.5, relating to required information from secondary metals recyclers and role of Georgia Bureau of Investigation, as follows:

"(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 10-1-358 to the contrary, each ~~Each~~ secondary metals recycler shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, a record, and shall electronically submit to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation ~~a~~ such record, of the receipt of each purchase of a used, detached catalytic converter ~~as defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351~~, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, from ~~an industrial account~~ a manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial vendor that generates and sells used, detached catalytic converters, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, in the ordinary course of its business or a secondary metals recycler. Such report shall include:

(A) The name and address of the seller;

(B) The date, time, and place of the transaction; and

(C) The number of used, detached catalytic converters or pounds of catalyst metal purchased."

SECTION 9.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all transactions occurring on and after such date.

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 159, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was postponed until the next legislative day:

SB 79. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 53. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for definitions; to provide for fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries; to provide for definitions; to provide for fees; to

provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds the following:

(1) At present, National Guard and other reserve component members of the United States armed forces, their spouses, and their children are generally not eligible to be buried in a national or state veterans cemetery;

(2) The federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act of 2021 prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from establishing a condition for a federal cemetery grant that restricts the ability of states to bury certain reserve component members, their spouses, and their children at state owned veterans cemeteries solely because such individuals are ineligible for burial in a national veterans cemetery;

(3) Consequently, this state may authorize certain reserve component members, their spouses, and their children to be buried at a Georgia veterans cemetery without the threat of loss of federal veterans burial grants;

(4) Approximately 25 other states have revised their laws since the enactment of the federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act of 2021;

(5) The Department of Veterans Affairs does not provide a plot allowance or marker for interment at Georgia veterans cemeteries; and

(6) Legislation is needed to honor Georgians who honorably served in reserve components of the United States armed forces and their families and fees need to be charged for services provided.

SECTION 2.

Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, is amended by revising Code Section 38-4-70, relating to cemeteries established and eligibility for interment, as follows:

"38-4-70.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Full term' means the length of service agreed to by an enlisted or commissioned person in the armed forces of the United States.

(2) 'Reserve component' means, with respect to the United States armed forces, the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Space Force Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard.

~~(a)~~(b) The Department of Veterans Service is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain Georgia veterans cemeteries in this state; provided, however, that the Georgia veterans cemetery in existence on July 1, 2002, shall be known as the 'Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery.'

~~(b)~~(c) The Department of Veterans Service has the primary responsibility for verifying eligibility for interment in a Georgia veterans cemetery. Eligibility criteria for interment in a Georgia veterans cemetery is as follows:

(1) The ~~the~~ same as required for interment in a national cemetery as provided by federal law and rules and regulations applicable thereto; or

(2) The following individuals shall qualify for interment in a Georgia veterans cemetery pursuant to the federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act of 2021, provided such individuals completed a full term of service and became deceased on or after August 1, 1990:

(A) A member of a reserve component whose service was terminated under honorable conditions;

(B) A member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Space Force who died under honorable conditions while a service member; or

(C) A spouse, minor child, or unmarried adult child of any service member described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(d) The Department of Veterans Service is authorized to charge a fee for burial services in Georgia veterans cemeteries for each person being buried. Such fees may be based on the allowance paid for the burial of an eligible veteran in a national veterans cemetery or such other amount as the commissioner of veterans service determines is appropriate."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Bonner of the 73rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 53.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 58. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Leverett of the 123rd, Thomas of the 21st, Clifton of the 131st, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to prohibit certain actions by operators of unmanned aircraft systems; to provide for a penalty; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, is amended by revising Code Section 6-1-4, relating to unmanned aircraft system defined, preemption for unmanned aircraft systems, and operations, as follows:

"6-1-4.

(a)~~(1)~~ As used in this Code section, the term '~~unmanned~~:

(1) 'Ticketed entertainment event' means any music, sporting, or performing arts event held in a location with gated entries or barriers that prevent access to the general public and in which a revocable license that has been issued by an owner, operator, or lessee of such property is required for attendance at such event.

(2) 'Unmanned aircraft system' means ~~a~~:

(A) A powered, aerial vehicle that:

~~(A)~~(i) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

~~(B)~~(ii) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

~~(C)~~(iii) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and

~~(D)~~(iv) Can be expendable or recoverable~~.~~; and

~~(2)~~(B) Such term shall not include a satellite.

(b) Any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state regulating the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems shall be deemed preempted and shall be null, void, and of no force and effect; provided, however, that a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state may:

(1) Enforce any ordinance that was adopted on or before April 1, 2017;

(2) Adopt an ordinance that enforces Federal Aviation Administration restrictions; or

(3) Adopt an ordinance that provides for or prohibits the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property except with respect to the operation of an unmanned aircraft system for commercial purposes.

(c) The state, through agency or departmental rules and regulations, may provide for or prohibit the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property.

(d)(1) It shall be unlawful to operate an unmanned aircraft system within 400 feet of or above a ticketed entertainment event.

(2) A person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of the unauthorized operation of an unmanned aircraft system and shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

(3) This subsection shall not apply when a person who operates an unmanned aircraft system:

(A) Has obtained consent by any person with legal authority over a ticketed entertainment event;

(B) Is authorized by federal regulations to operate an unmanned aircraft system and is operating such system in a lawful manner and consistent with federal regulations;

(C) Is an employee of the property where the ticketed entertainment event is held and is conducting official business; or

(D) Is an employee of a water, sewer, electrical, telephone, cable, or other regulated utility service provider and is conducting official business."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Richardson of the 125th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 58 (LC 39 4747S) by replacing lines 49 through 51 with the following:

is conducting official business;

(D) Is an employee of a water, sewer, electrical, telephone, cable, or other regulated utility service provider and is conducting official business; or

(E) Is an owner of private property who is operating an unmanned aircraft system that he or she owns above such property, provided that such operation is consistent with federal regulations and is not used for commercial purposes, to convey or communicate a message, or to record for purposes of commercial broadcasting or publication, monitor, or otherwise interfere in any way with a ticketed entertainment event."

Representative Richardson of the 125th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 58.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 162, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

HB 92. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Erwin of the 32nd, Washburn of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-44.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to base year homestead exemption, so as to postpone the date by which local governing authorities are authorized to opt out of such homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for the contents of property tax bills; to revise a state-wide base year homestead exemption; to clarify that a surviving spouse does not need to reapply for such exemption; to provide for procedures to elect to opt out and rescind an election to opt out of such exemption; to provide for an additional period to apply for a homestead exemption in certain circumstances; to provide for the contents of annual notices of assessment; to provide for forms for such notices; to provide for requirements for

calculating and certifying estimated roll-back rates; to revise definitions; to exempt from local taxes the sale or use of construction materials used in certain capital outlay projects for educational purposes; to provide that such exemption only applies to projects for local school systems that have in effect certain homestead exemptions from property taxation; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for payment, collection, and refunds; to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide for the maximum amount of local sales and use taxes that may be imposed; to revise provisions related to a special district sales and use tax; to provide for conditions under which such tax may be imposed; to provide for clarifications; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, by revising paragraph (2.1) as follows:

"(2.1) 'Estimated roll-back rate' means, for any given levying or recommending authority, the current year's estimated millage rate for general maintenance and operations minus the millage equivalent of the total net assessed value added by reassessments:

~~(A) As~~ as calculated and certified ~~to the tax commissioner~~ by the levying or recommending authority pursuant to Code Section 48-5-306.2 ~~for county and educational tax purposes; and~~

~~(B) As calculated and certified to the collecting officer of the municipality by the levying authority for municipal tax purposes~~."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-34, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, by revising subsection (b) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, ~~regarding any ad valorem property tax bill where~~ if the millage rate adopted by a ~~tax~~ taxing authority exceeds the estimated roll-back rate and such estimated roll-back rate was provided in the annual notice of assessment, such tax bill shall include a notice containing the name of such taxing authority and the following statement in bold print:

'The adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate as stated in the annual notice of assessment that you previously received for this taxable year, which will result in an increase in the amount of property tax that you will owe.'

(c)(1) If the governing authority of a county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district elected to opt out of the homestead exemption provided for in Code Section 48-5-44.2 and there is not in effect for such political subdivision a base year

value homestead exemption or adjusted base year value homestead exemption that is generally applicable for homestead residents, each ad valorem property tax bill issued by such political subdivision for homestead properties shall contain a notice in bold print that corresponds with the following statement:

'[Name of the political subdivision] chose to opt out of property tax relief for homeowners related to HB 581 (2024). If you have concerns about that decision, please call [the main telephone number for the levying or recommending authority of the political subdivision].'

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2029."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-44.2, relating to base year homestead exemption, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and subsections (e) and (i) as follows:

"(4) 'Homestead' means homestead as defined and qualified in Code Section 48-5-40, with the additional limitation that it shall include:

(A) Only the primary residence and not more than five contiguous acres of land immediately surrounding such residence; or

(B) If the property is assessed pursuant to Code Section 48-5-7.4 or 48-5-7.7, only the primary residence and the portion of the underlying property that is excluded from the benefit of such assessment pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.4 or subparagraph (b)(2)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.7."

"(e) The exemption granted by subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section shall be claimed and returned as provided in Code Section 48-5-50.1. Such exemption shall be automatically renewed from year to year so long as the owner occupies the residence as a homestead. After a person or a person's agent has filed the proper application or is automatically granted the homestead exemption as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, it shall not be necessary for such person or such person's surviving spouse to make application thereafter for any year, and the exemption shall continue to be allowed to such person or such person's surviving spouse. It shall be the duty of any person granted the homestead exemption under subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section to notify the tax receiver or tax commissioner of the local government or governments in the event such person for any reason becomes ineligible for such exemption."

"(i)(1) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district may elect to opt out of the homestead exemption otherwise granted by ~~subsection (b) of~~ this Code section with respect to such political subdivision through the adoption of a resolution to do the same by March 1, 2025, after completing the following steps:

~~(1)~~(A) The governing authority shall advertise its intent to do so and shall conduct at least three public hearings thereon, at least one of which shall commence between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., inclusive, on a business weekday. The governing authority shall place an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation serving

the residents of the political subdivision and post such advertisement on its website, which shall read as follows:

'INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The (name of governing authority) intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for (name of the political subdivision).

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at (place of meeting) on (date and time).

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at (place of meeting) on (date and time).'

Simultaneously with this notice the governing authority shall provide a press release to the local media.; and

(2)(B) The advertisement required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph (1) of this subsection shall appear at least one week prior to each hearing, be prominently displayed, be not less than 30 square inches, and not be placed in that section of the newspaper where legal notices appear and shall be posted on the appropriate website at least one week prior to each hearing. In addition to the advertisement specified under this paragraph, the levying or recommending authority may include in the notice reasons or explanations for its intention to opt out of the homestead exemption.

(3)(2) No resolution election to opt out of the homestead exemption pursuant to this Code section shall become effective with respect to a political subdivision unless the procedures and hearings required by paragraph (1) of this subsection are completed and a copy of such resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by March 1, 2025.

(3) For an election to opt out of the homestead exemption pursuant to this subsection to remain effective for tax years 2027 and after with respect to a political subdivision that does not have in effect a base year value homestead exemption or an adjusted base year value homestead exemption that is generally applicable to homestead residents, the governing authority of such political subdivision shall complete the same procedures and hearings required by paragraph (1) of this subsection, except that a copy of the required resolution shall be filed with the Secretary of State by March 1, 2027.

(4) The governing authority of any county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district that has elected to opt out of the homestead exemption pursuant to this subsection may rescind such election at any time by adopting a resolution to do so and filing a copy of such resolution with the Secretary of State; provided, however, that such resolution to rescind the election to opt out shall only be effective for:

(A) Tax year 2025 if a copy of the resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by April 30, 2025; and

(B) Any other tax year from 2026 through 2029 if a copy of the resolution is filed with the Secretary of State by March 1 of such year."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-45, relating to application for homestead exemption and unlawful to solicit fee to file application for homestead for another, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) An applicant seeking a homestead exemption as provided in Code Section 48-5-44 and qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 48-5-40 shall file a written application and schedule with the tax receiver or tax commissioner charged with the duty of receiving returns of property for taxation at any time during the calendar year subsequent to the property becoming the primary residence of the applicant up to and including the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes for the calendar year, except that, in the case of a property which is subject to a reassessment by the board of tax assessors, such application and schedule may be filed in conjunction with or in lieu of an appeal of the reassessment.

(2) The failure to file properly the application and schedule on or before the date for the closing of the books for the return of taxes of a calendar year in which the taxes are due shall constitute a waiver of the homestead exemption on the part of the applicant failing to make the application for such exemption for that year."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-5-306, relating to annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(1) The annual notice of current assessment required to be given by the county board of tax assessors under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be dated and shall contain the name and last known address of the taxpayer. The annual notice shall ~~conform with~~ be given on the applicable state-wide ~~uniform~~ assessment notice form which shall be established by the commissioner by rule and regulation and shall contain:

(A) The amount of the previous assessment;

(B) The amount of the current assessment;

(C) The year for which the new assessment is applicable;

(D) A brief description of the assessed property broken down into real and personal property classifications;

(E) The fair market value of property of the taxpayer subject to taxation and the assessed value of the taxpayer's property subject to taxation after being reduced;

(F) The name, phone number, and contact information of the person in the assessors' office who is administratively responsible for the handling of the appeal and who the taxpayer may contact if the taxpayer has questions about the reasons for the assessment change or the appeals process;

(G) If available, the public ~~internet~~ website address of the office of the county board of tax assessors;

(H) A statement that all documents and records used to determine the current value are available upon request; and

(I)(i) The current year's estimated roll-back rate for each levying or recommending authority that certified its estimated roll-back rate for the current year to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner by the date specified under Code Section 48-5-306.2; or

(ii) For each levying or recommending authority that did not certify its estimated roll-back rate to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner by the date specified in Code Section 48-5-306.2, the millage rate that was actually levied by or on behalf of such authority for the previous tax year, and an estimate of the amount of ad valorem taxes due for the assessed property based on such millage rate and the amount of the current assessment."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-5-306.2.

Each levying and recommending authority shall annually calculate its estimated roll-back rate for the current year and shall certify such rate to the county board of tax assessors and county tax commissioner no less than 15 days prior to the postmark of the annual notice of assessment."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(10.1)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 48-8-63 to the contrary, the sale or use of qualifying construction materials used in capital outlay projects for educational purposes.

(B) The exemption provided for in this paragraph shall only apply to local sales and use taxes.

(C)(i) Notwithstanding the exemption provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, all sales and use taxes imposed on the sale or use of qualifying construction materials shall be paid and collected pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

(ii) The benefit of the exemption allowed by this paragraph may be claimed by the local school system for which the qualifying construction materials were used. To claim the exemption, the local school system shall file a request for refund in the manner prescribed by the department. The department shall refund to the local school system the amount of taxes paid on qualifying construction materials used in the capital outlay project for educational purposes. No refund made pursuant to this paragraph shall include interest.

(iii) Any refund received by a local school system pursuant to this paragraph shall be allocated to a fund or account for capital outlay projects and used in accordance

with the requirements for sales taxes for educational purposes authorized pursuant to Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Capital outlay project for educational purposes' means a project that:

(I) Was approved and funded through a sales tax for educational purposes authorized pursuant to Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia; and

(II) Is for a local school system which has in effect a base year value homestead exemption or adjusted base year value homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for educational purposes for all residents of the local school system.

(ii) 'Local sales and use taxes' mean sales taxes, use taxes, or local sales and use taxes levied or imposed at any time in any area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including, but not limited to, such taxes authorized by or pursuant to a constitutional amendment; by or pursuant to Section 25 of an Act approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, the 'Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965'; and by or pursuant to Articles 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 5A, and 5B of this chapter.

(iii) 'Qualifying construction materials' means any materials used in the construction of a capital outlay project for educational purposes that will remain as part of such project after completion of construction or that become incorporated into such project's real property. Such term shall not include any materials that remain in the possession of a contractor after the completion of construction.

(E) This paragraph shall stand repealed on December 31, 2033;"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-6, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes, ceiling on local sales and use taxes, and taxation of mobile telecommunications, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, on and after July 1, 2024, there shall not be imposed in any jurisdiction in this state or on any transaction in this state local sales taxes, local use taxes, or local sales and use taxes in excess of 2 percent. For purposes of ~~this~~ such 2 percent limitation, the taxes affected are any sales tax, use tax, or sales and use tax which is levied in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment, and regardless of whether another provision of law purports to the contrary~~,~~ except for the following:

(A) A 1 percent sales and use tax for educational purposes exempted from such limitation under Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any of the transportation related sales and use taxes authorized under Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of this chapter and Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32, and in a county in which a tax is levied and collected pursuant to Part 2

of Article 2A of this chapter, any tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Georgia Laws, 1964, page 1008, the continuation of such amendment under Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution, and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment; and

(C) Up to 1 percent in aggregate of any sales and use taxes authorized under Code Section 48-8-96, Code Section 48-8-97, Article 2B of this chapter, Part 3 of Article 3 of this chapter, and Article 4 of this chapter.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any tax that does not comply with the limitations provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection as of July 1, 2025, but was initiated in compliance with the law in effect prior to January 1, 2025, shall be allowed to continue as authorized under laws that existed prior to July 1, 2025; provided, however, that, upon the expiration or termination of any such tax, ~~such tax shall not be renewed and~~ the jurisdiction that levied such tax shall be fully subject to the limitations imposed by this subsection.

(3) This subsection shall not limit the imposition of any local excise tax, which is separately authorized under Chapter 13 of this title.

(4) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if~~ If the imposition of any otherwise authorized local sales tax, local use tax, or local sales and use tax would result in a tax rate in excess of that authorized by this subsection, then such otherwise authorized tax shall not be imposed."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-8-109.31, relating to imposition of special sales and use tax within special district and limited time and purpose, as follows:

"48-8-109.31.

(a) Subject to the requirement of approval by local referendum and the other requirements of this article, ~~to impose~~ there may be imposed within any given special district a special sales and use tax for a limited period of time for the limited purpose of property tax relief.

(b) Except as to rate, a tax imposed under this part shall correspond to the tax imposed by Article 1 of this chapter. No item or transaction which is not subject to taxation under Article 1 of this chapter shall be subject to a tax imposed under this article, except that a tax imposed under this article shall apply to sales of motor fuels as prepaid local tax as defined in Code Section 48-8-2 and shall be applicable to the sale of food and food ingredients and alcoholic beverages as provided for in Code Section 48-8-3.

(c) The special sales and use tax provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section may be imposed by a special district in 0.05 percent increments, but in no event shall such tax exceed 1 percent in total. The levy of such tax upon sales of motor fuels as defined in Code Section 48-9-2 shall only be imposed on the retail sales price of the motor fuel which is not more than $3.00 per gallon.

(d)~~(1)~~ As ~~a condition~~ conditions precedent to the issuance of the call for the referendum:

(1)~~(A)~~ The governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district and the governing authority or authorities of all municipalities in such county that levy an ad valorem tax on property, other than those municipalities that are excluded from the special district pursuant to ~~paragraph (3)~~ subsection (f) of this ~~subsection~~ Code section, shall have in effect a base year value homestead exemption or adjusted base year value homestead exemption, except that such condition precedent shall not apply with respect to any municipality that levies an ad valorem tax on property and that represents no more than 5 percent of the special district's residents of municipalities that levy an ad valorem tax on property; and

~~(B)~~(2) The governing authority of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district and the governing authority or authorities, if any, that represent at least 50 percent of the special district's residents of municipalities that levy an ad valorem tax on property, other than those municipalities that are excluded from the special district pursuant to ~~paragraph (3) of this~~ subsection (f) of this Code section, shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement calling for the tax authorized under this article and specifying the proposed rate of the tax, the proposed maximum period of time that the tax is to be levied, and the proposed distribution of the tax.

(e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'absent municipality' means any municipality that levies an ad valorem tax on property, other than those municipalities that are excluded from the special district pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section, and that did not enter into the intergovernmental agreement provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section.

(2) If the combined total of the populations of all ~~such~~ absent municipalities is less than one-half of the aggregate population of all municipalities located within the special district that levy an ad valorem tax on property, the ~~political subdivisions~~ governing authorities entering into ~~the~~ such intergovernmental agreement shall, ~~on~~ in behalf of such absent municipalities, specify a percentage of that portion of the remaining proceeds which each municipality that levies an ad valorem tax on property shall receive, which percentage shall not be less than that proportion which each such absent municipality's population bears to the total population of all municipalities that levy ad valorem taxes on property within the special district multiplied by that portion of the remaining proceeds which are received by all such municipalities within the special district. No portion of the tax shall be apportioned to counties ~~and~~ or municipalities that do not levy an ad valorem tax on property or do not have a base year value homestead exemption or adjusted base year value homestead exemption in effect.

~~(3)~~(f) Subject to the limitation provided for in Code Section 48-8-6, any special district which wholly or partially contains a jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter is authorized to levy the tax authorized under this article. Such tax authorized under this article may only be levied in the areas of the special district outside of the jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter. Any jurisdiction levying the tax provided for under Article 4 of this chapter shall not be

considered within the procedure necessary to levy the tax under this article and shall not be entitled to any portion of said tax."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-109.32, relating to maximum period of time of the tax, submission to voters to determine imposition of tax, ballot language, and expenses of election, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) If no intergovernmental agreement is required pursuant to this article, the governing authority of the county or consolidated government whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district shall adopt a resolution which meets the requirements provided for in this Code section for intergovernmental agreements."

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-8-109.33, relating to timing for imposition of tax following approval and termination of tax, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (c) as follows:

"(2) With respect to services that are regularly billed on a monthly basis, however, ~~the resolution or ordinance imposing the tax shall become effective and~~ the tax shall apply to the first regular billing period coinciding with or following the effective date specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection. A certified copy of the ~~ordinance~~ intergovernmental agreement or resolution ~~imposing~~ required to impose the tax authorized by this article shall be forwarded to the commissioner to ensure it is received within five business days after certification of the election results."

"(c) For any special district in which a tax authorized by this article is in effect ~~may, while such tax is in effect~~, the General Assembly may pass a local Act calling for a reimposition of a tax as authorized by this article upon the termination of the tax then in effect, and a referendum may be held for this purpose while the tax is in effect. Proceedings for such reimposition shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax as provided for in Code ~~Section~~ Sections 48-8-109.31 and 48-8-109.32. Such newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect."

PART IV

SECTION 4-1.

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, shall be applicable on and after such date.

(b) Part I of this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 92.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 475. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming,

video, or digital production, so as to revise a definition; to revise rules and regulations; to authorize certain fees; to require companies to pay court costs if the denial of certification is upheld by a court on appeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 475 (LC 59 0102):*

by adding after the word "subsection" on line 40 "and such fees shall be remitted to the state general fund"

Representative Gambill of the 15th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 475.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	E Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
Y Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	E Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	E Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	E Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the Rules were temporarily suspended in order that the following Bills and Resolutions of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 869. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Cartersville and Bartow County, Georgia, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2270), so as to provide for the legislative delegation of Bartow County to appoint a member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 870. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Clayton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead for residents of that county who are disabled veterans, senior citizens, unremarried surviving spouses of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, or 100 percent disabled; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and a sunset; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HR 809. By Representative Donatucci of the 105th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Scott Ozburn Riner and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 810. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Benjamin R. Polote, Sr., and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 811. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life of Reverend Dr. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 812. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life of Coach Carl Middleton and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 813. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Donatucci of the 105th, Burns of the 159th, Hitchens of the 161st and Crowe of the 118th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Trooper Jimmy Cenescar and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 814. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th and Washburn of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable Susan Holmes and dedicating a road in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Representative Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 815. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Kendrick of the 95th, Holcomb of the 101st, Cox of the 28th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Exploring the Potential for Humanoids and Robotics in Georgia Workforce Development; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

Representative Hilton of the 48th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 816. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Petrea of the 166th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on an At-Risk Populations Abuse Registry; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

Representative Bonner of the 73rd asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 817. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jones of the 25th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Governmental Use of Drones and Unmanned Aircraft from Foreign Adversaries; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Williams of the 168th et al., Carpenter of the 4th et al., Bell of the 75th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., and Romman of the 97th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 818. By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Bennett of the 94th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 100 Black Men of South Metro Atlanta and recognizing March 28, 2025, as Community Wellness Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 819. By Representative Meeks of the 178th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jacob Lloye Davis, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 820. By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION designating April 8 of each year as Black Women and Girls Awareness Day; and for other purposes.

HR 821. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Loretto Bobo; and for other purposes.

HR 822. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION commending Sergeant Trey Nelson, recipient of the 2024 Officer of the Year award; and for other purposes.

HR 823. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Burchett of the 176th, Burns of the 159th, McDonald III of the 26th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs; and for other purposes.

HR 824. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Smith of the 70th, Cannon of the 172nd, Buckner of the 137th and Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the acute and ongoing threat to Georgia's forests posed by the southern pine beetle, particularly in the western region of this state, and encouraging all Georgia landowners to follow guidance by the Georgia Forestry Commission to mitigate the spread of this destructive pest; and for other purposes.

HR 825. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Mitchell of the 88th, Willis of the 55th, Henderson of the 113th and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION commending Eva Marcille Pigford; and for other purposes.

HR 826. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Mitchell of the 88th, Willis of the 55th, Henderson of the 113th and Moore of the 91st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rashan Ali Smith; and for other purposes.

HR 827. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the FCS Innovation Academy Splatoon 3 Team for winning the Spring 2024 GHSA Esports State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 828. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th, Hilton of the 48th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending Yoel Glover, Vincent Nnanna, Luke Roner, and Joseph Williams of Alpharetta High School for winning the 2024 GHSA

6A Individual Track and Field State Championship in the 4x400-meter relay; and for other purposes.

HR 829. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th, Hilton of the 48th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending Joseph Williams of Alpharetta High School for winning the 2024 GHSA 6A Individual Track and Field State Championship in the 110m hurdles; and for other purposes.

HR 830. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th, Hilton of the 48th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending Vincent Nnanna of Alpharetta High School for winning the 2024 GHSA 6A Individual Track and Field State Championship in the 300m hurdles; and for other purposes.

HR 831. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th, Hilton of the 48th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Alpharetta Raiders Volleyball Team for winning the 2024 GHSA 6A Volleyball State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 832. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Fellowship Christian Lady Paladins varsity soccer team for winning the 2024 GHSA 2A Girls Soccer State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 833. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Cox of the 28th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Roswell Hornets boys lacrosse team for winning the 2024 GHSA 5A-6A Boys Lacrosse State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 834. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th, Reeves of the 99th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Milton Lady Eagles lacrosse team for winning the 2024 GHSA 7A Girls Lacrosse State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 835. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Milton Eagles boys golf team for winning the 2024 GHSA 7A Boys Golf State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 836. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Milton Eagles football team for winning the 2024 GHSA 5A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 837. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Cox of the 28th and Reeves of the 99th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Milton Eagles boys cross country team for winning the 2024 GHSA 5A Boys Cross Country State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 838. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Leverett of the 123rd and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Daniel O'Connor for his service in redistricting and celebrating his birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 839. By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Kahaian of the 81st, Holly of the 116th, Santos of the 117th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mark Amerman upon his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 840. By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Laurie Erwin for her outstanding dedication and accomplishments in golf, including her remarkable achievement of a hole-in-one, and for her commitment to inspiring the next generation of leaders; and for other purposes.

HR 841. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Holly of the 116th, Berry of the 56th, McQueen of the 61st and Willis of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charles Black for his outstanding contributions to civil rights, education, and community service; and for other purposes.

HR 842. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kilo Ali for his outstanding contributions to Atlanta's musical sound, culture, and his lasting impact on the global music industry; and for other purposes.

HR 843. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jasiel Amon Robinson, known professionally as Yung Joc, for his outstanding contributions to Atlanta's musical legacy, entrepreneurship, and cultural influence; and for other purposes.

HR 844. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Troy for his outstanding contributions to Atlanta's musical sound, culture, and his lasting impact on the global music industry; and for other purposes.

HR 845. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th and Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending William "Bam" Sparks for his outstanding contributions to branding, strategic partnerships, and cultural innovation in Atlanta and beyond; and for other purposes.

HR 846. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Neal of the 79th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the AgriTech Solutions Program in Clayton County Public Schools; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 4:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Anderson of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 51	Do Pass
SB 170	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 175	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Anderson of the 10th
Chairman

The House adjourned at 4:00 o’clock, P.M.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, March 28, 2025

Thirty-Seventh Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

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The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Griffin of the 149th, Holly of the 116th, Jasperse of the 11th, Lim of the 98th, Miller of the 62nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Scott of the 76th, Sharper of the 177th, and Washburn of the 144th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Co-Pastor Jonas J. Chambliss, Sr., The Living Word Baptist Church, Loganville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 867. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Glaize of the 67th, Burnough of the 77th, Mitchell of the 88th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to establish a pilot program to provide grants to eligible students to assist with the cost of attending an approved school of barbering, school of cosmetology, school of esthetics, school of hair design, or school of nail care; to provide eligibility; to provide for maximum award amounts; to provide for applications; to provide for rules and regulations and

compliance by approved schools; to provide for the collection of data and evaluation of the program; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 868. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Gunter of the 8th, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to provide for certain retiring county officers and the spouses and dependents of such officers to be included in certain county health plans; to provide for definitions; to provide for the payment of premiums; to provide for a formula to ensure savings are preserved; to provide for contracting with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; to provide for reasonable fees; to provide for termination and reinstatement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 871. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Williamson of the 112th, New of the 40th, Clark of the 100th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-83-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authorized investments, delegation of investment authority to financial officer, and objective of investment, so as to provide for additional authorized investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 872. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Camp of the 135th, Ballard of the 147th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to provide for the right to contraception for individuals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 873. By Representative Townsend of the 179th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to allow for the Department of Education to employ beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; to provide for such employees to continue to receive their retirement benefit; to prohibit such employees from accruing creditable service for such employment; to provide for exceptions; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HR 752. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Reeves of the 99th, Glaize of the 67th, Burnough of the 77th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Cosmetology and Barbering Education; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HR 753. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and Clifton of the 131st:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Rural Areas; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rural Development.

HR 754. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Williams of the 168th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Street Lighting Along State Routes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 755. By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Gambill of the 15th, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Electric Franchise Fees for Unincorporated Areas; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

HR 756. By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Carpenter of the 4th, Santos of the 117th, Tran of the 80th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the General Assembly to preserve access to safety and justice for all survivors of gender-based violence and human trafficking by adopting language that ensures protection for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crimes to safely report to and assist law enforcement, and to prevent the assistance from law enforcement from being used as a tool of control and abuse; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HR 757. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Evans of the 57th, Lim of the 98th and Barnes of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Civil Rights Protections; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 823	HB 824
HB 825	HB 826
HB 827	HB 828
HB 829	HB 830
HB 831	HB 863
HB 864	HB 865
HB 866	HB 869
HB 870	HR 712
HR 713	HR 751
HR 809	HR 810
HR 811	HR 812
HR 813	HR 814
HR 815	HR 816
HR 817	SB 332

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 709	Do Pass	HB 799	Do Pass
HB 801	Do Pass	HB 802	Do Pass
HB 803	Do Pass	HB 805	Do Pass
HB 806	Do Pass	HB 807	Do Pass
SB 206	Do Pass	SB 331	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 132	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 244	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Powell of the 33rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 254	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Powell of the 33rd
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 37th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 44 Equalization Grants, Annual Calculations, and Allocation; the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the minimum required millage rate; revise (Ed-Cannon-172nd) Watson-11th

SB 147 Correctional Institutions of State and Counties; consent for the release of certain criminal history, vocational, and educational information for inmates upon release; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Werkheiser-157th) Rhett-33rd

SB 180 High Demand Apprenticeship Program; opportunities for apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; provide (HEd-Dubnik-29th) Dixon-45th

SB 245 Grandparents; include within the category of persons who may seek to revoke or amend an existing grandparent visitation order (Substitute) (Judy-Townsend-179th) Hodges-3rd

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 709. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Demorest, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 799. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Long County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3293), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4390), so as to provide compensation for board of education members, the vice chairperson, and the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 801. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to re-create and establish the Board of Commissioners of Long County, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3755), as amended, so as to revise the powers of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a county manager; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 802. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to

provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 803. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dublin independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 805. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dublin independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide that such exemption shall only apply to tax years 2026 through 2030; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 806. By Representative Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Oglethorpe County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 807. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th, Byrd of the 20th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3560), so as to extend the homestead exemption to surviving spouses without regard to the five-year residency requirement; to revise provisions for the grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 206. By Senators Summers of the 13th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the South Georgia Energy Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for purpose; to provide for members of the Authority and meetings; to provide for powers of the Authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Authority; to provide for funds received and trust funds; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for imposition of rates, charges, fees, and the pledge of revenues; to provide for tax exemption of Authority property; to provide for tort immunity; to provide contracting requirements; to provide for supplemental powers; to deny taxing powers; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 331. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Winder and the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3087), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5518) and an Act approved March 16, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3764); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To repeal an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Winder and the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3087), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5518), and an Act approved March 16, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3764); to provide for a legislative purpose; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Winder and the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3087), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5518), and an Act approved March 16, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3764), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2.

The purpose of this Act is to transfer all assets, obligations, and responsibilities of the Barrow County Airport Authority to Barrow County, Georgia, to enhance efficiency, streamline governance, and ensure the continued operation and management of the airport.

SECTION 3.

All assets, including but not limited to real property, personal property, funds, accounts, credits, contractual rights, leases, agreements, permits, licenses, and any other assets of any kind, of the Barrow County Airport Authority shall be transferred to Barrow County on the effective date of this Act. Barrow County shall assume all obligations of the Barrow County Airport Authority, including but not limited to all outstanding debts, liabilities, and contractual obligations of the Barrow County Airport Authority, on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4.

All existing leases, contracts, and agreements entered into by the Barrow County Airport Authority shall remain in full force and effect and be administered by Barrow County.

SECTION 5.

The Barrow County Airport Authority shall be dissolved upon the completion of the transfer of assets and obligations to Barrow County.

SECTION 6.

All references to the Barrow County Airport Authority in any enactment, including but not limited to references in state or local laws, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations, shall be deemed to refer to Barrow County. Barrow County shall be the legal successor to the Barrow County Airport Authority.

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

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The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 196. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Hugley of the 141st, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 208. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 307. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to amend Code Section 20-1-44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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HB 551. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathis of the 133rd and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to

amend Code Section 43-47-8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to license applications for used motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle parts dealers, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental licenses, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 685. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Bartow County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for general obligation bonds, notes, and other obligations of said districts; to provide for construction; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A. shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the boards' bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 86. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia State Tax Court; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 157. By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Braselton, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4319), so as to annex

certain properties into the town; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

HB 164. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Dickey of the 134th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads, so as to repeal automatic repeal provisions relating to an allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load hauling certain commodities within a certain range and areas of the state; to provide for the enforcement of such provisions by local law enforcement officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 175. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to revise provisions regarding employee comprehensive background checks for early care and education programs and Head Start programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for revocation and nonissuance of licenses and commissions for early care and education programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 241. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th, Chastain of the 7th, Barrett of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding contracts, so as to revise provisions regarding convenience fees for payment by electronic means; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 473. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide

for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 484. By Representatives Yearta of the 152nd, Efstration of the 104th, Scoggins of the 14th, Anderson of the 10th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to provide for the digitization and electronic publication of the Georgia Laws; to provide for assistance and oversight by the Georgia Code Revision Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 579. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hatchett of the 155th, Wiedower of the 121st, Prince of the 132nd, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to professions and businesses, so as to revise provisions relating to licensure to engage in the practice of a profession, business, or trade in this state; to amend Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services, so as to conform a cross-reference; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 625. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Olaleye of the 59th, Schofield of the 63rd, Holland of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a State Court of Fulton County by consolidation of the existing Civil Court of Fulton County and the Criminal Court of Fulton County, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3023), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3518), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge and the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 737. By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Haralson County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 739. By Representatives Park of the 107th, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd, Efstration of the 104th, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville, approved May 4, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3904), as amended, so as to provide for the annexation of certain territory into the boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 741. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 742. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Broxton, Georgia, in the County of Coffee, approved April 6, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 3597), as amended, so as to increase the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 743. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Williamson of the 112th and Martinez of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Social Circle ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies

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HB 744. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Walnut Grove ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 13. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities; to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 96. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to modernize and update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 252. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 35th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 37 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to acquisition and disposition of real and personal property generally, so as to provide for conveyance of municipal property interests to independent school systems; to provide for municipal replacement of such conveyed property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Pursuant to HR 417, the House honored and commended Anat Sultan-Dadon, Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States, for her exemplary service in strengthening the bonds between the State of Israel and the State of Georgia and for her steadfast friendship to the people of Georgia.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd et al., Panitch of the 51st, McDonald III of the 26th et al., Beckles of the 96th et al., Okoye of the 102nd et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Bazemore of the 69th et al., Hagan of the 156th et al., and Efstration of the 104th.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Transportation:

SR 231. By Senators Albers of the 56th, McLaurin of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Jeremy Labonte and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 428. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to codify the right to in vitro fertilization for individuals; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to provide that nothing in Georgia law prohibits or prevents an individual from obtaining in vitro fertilization in this state; to provide for a

definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Millions of Americans and Georgians have struggled to have children;

(2) In vitro fertilization is a safe, effective, and legal way to make the dream of having children possible for many of those individuals;

(3) Many members of this legislative body have received inquiries from the public regarding the legal status of this procedure; and

(4) Such uncertainty needs to be addressed through legislation confirming that nothing in Georgia law prohibits or prevents an individual from obtaining in vitro fertilization in this state.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-1-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'in vitro fertilization' means a type of fertility treatment in which oocytes are removed from a female's ovary and, in an embryology laboratory, fertilized with a male's sperm to form one or more embryos that begin development in such laboratory and are subsequently transferred to a female's uterus or preserved for future use.

(b) Nothing in this Code shall be construed to prohibit or prevent an individual from obtaining in vitro fertilization in this state."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Franklin of the 160th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 428.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh

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Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 160, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 180. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowsert of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the High Demand Apprenticeship Program, so as to provide opportunities for apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for completion awards to apprenticeship sponsors for the successful completion of such contracts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
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Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 158, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 245. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, meditation, hearing, and

notification to family members of child's participation in events, to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, meditation, hearing, and notification to family members of child's participation in events, so as to provide for the revocation or amendment of grandparent visitation rights in cases where the parent of a minor child is deceased, incapacitated, or incarcerated; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, meditation, hearing, and notification to family members of child's participation in events, is amended by revising subsections (c) and (d) as follows:

"(c)(1) Upon the filing of an original action or upon intervention in an existing proceeding under subsection (b) of this Code section, the court may grant any family member of the child reasonable visitation rights if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the health or welfare of the child would be harmed unless such visitation is granted and if the best interests of the child would be served by such visitation. The mere absence of an opportunity for a child to develop a relationship with a family member shall not be considered as harming the health or welfare of the child when there is no substantial preexisting relationship between the child and such family member. In considering whether the health or welfare of the child would be harmed without such visitation, the court shall consider and may find that harm to the child is reasonably likely to result when, prior to the original action or intervention:

(A) The minor child resided with the family member for six months or more;

(B) The family member provided financial support for the basic needs of the child for at least one year;

(C) There was an established pattern of regular visitation <u>with the child by the family member</u> or child care <u>provided</u> by the family member ~~with~~ <u>for</u> the child; or

(D) Any other circumstance exists indicating that emotional or physical harm would be reasonably likely to result if such visitation is not granted.

The court shall make specific written findings of fact in support of its rulings.

(2) An original action requesting visitation rights shall not be filed by any grandparent more than once during any two-year period and shall not be filed during any year in which another custody action has been filed concerning the child. After visitation rights have been granted to any grandparent, the legal custodian, guardian ~~of the person~~, or parent of the child may petition the court for revocation or amendment of such visitation rights~~,~~ for good cause shown, which the court, in its discretion, may grant or deny; ~~but~~ provided, however, that such a petition shall not be filed more than once ~~in~~ during any two-year period.

(3) While a parent's decision regarding family member visitation shall be given deference by the court, the parent's decision shall not be conclusive when failure to provide family member contact would result in emotional harm to the child. A court may presume that a child who is denied any contact with his or her family member or who is not provided some minimal opportunity for contact with his or her family member when there is a preexisting relationship between the child and such family member may suffer emotional injury that is harmful to such child's health. Such presumption shall be a rebuttable presumption.

(4) In no case shall the granting of visitation rights to a family member interfere with a child's school or regularly scheduled extracurricular activities.

(5) Visitation time awarded to a family member shall not be less than 24 hours in any one-month period; provided, however, that when more than one individual seeks visitation under this Code section, the court shall determine the amount of time to award to each petitioner which shall not be less than 24 hours in any one-month period in the aggregate.

(d)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section, if one of the parents of a minor child dies, is incapacitated, or is incarcerated, the court may award the parent of the deceased, incapacitated, or incarcerated parent of such minor child reasonable visitation to such child during his or her minority if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the health or welfare of the child would be harmed unless such visitation is granted and if the best interests of the child would be served by such visitation. After such visitation rights have been granted to any parent of the deceased, incapacitated, or incarcerated parent of the minor child, such parent may petition the court for revocation or amendment of such visitation rights for good cause shown, which the court, in its discretion, may grant or deny; provided, however, that such a petition shall not be filed more than once during any two-year period. The mere absence of an opportunity for a child to develop a relationship with a grandparent shall not be considered as harming the health or welfare of the child when there is no substantial preexisting relationship between the child and such grandparent. The custodial parent's judgment as to the best interests of the child regarding visitation shall be given deference by the court but shall not be conclusive. In considering whether the health or welfare of the child would be harmed without such visitation, the court shall consider and may find that harm to the child is reasonably likely to result when, prior to the death, incapacitation, or incarceration of the child's parent:

(A) The minor child resided with the grandparent for six months or more;

(B) The grandparent provided financial support for the basic needs of the child for at least one year;

(C) There was an established pattern of regular visitation or child care by the grandparent with the child; or

(D) Any other circumstance exists indicating that emotional or physical harm would be reasonably likely to result if such visitation is not granted.

The court shall make specific written findings of fact in support of its rulings.

(2) While a custodial parent's decision regarding grandparent visitation shall be given deference by the court, the parent's decision shall not be conclusive when failure to provide grandparent contact would result in emotional harm to the child. A court may presume that a child who is denied any contact with his or her grandparent or who is not provided some minimal opportunity for contact with his or her grandparent when there is a preexisting relationship between the child and such grandparent may suffer emotional injury that is harmful to such child's health. Such presumption shall be a rebuttable presumption."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran

Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 44. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Summers of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-165 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization grants, annual calculations, and allocation, so as to revise the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the minimum required millage rate or effective millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills; to provide for a 25 percent reduction of equalization grant awards for local school systems whose millage rate or effective millage rate does not meet the minimum requirement; to require annual reporting by the Department of Education; to repeal a definition; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	E Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 138, nays 23.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 147. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally relative to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to provide consent for the release of certain criminal history, vocational, and educational information for inmates upon release; to provide for issuance of an identification card and a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally relative to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to provide consent for the release of certain criminal history, vocational,

and educational information for inmates upon release; to provide for issuance of an identification card and a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally relative to correctional institutions of state and counties, is amended in Code Section 42-5-64, relating to educational programming and information provided to released prisoners, by revising subsections (e) through (g) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) When a person is released from confinement from the department, the department shall ~~issue to such releasee, with his or her consent, documents pertaining to:~~, upon request from an eligible person, who is not an illegal alien as defined in Code Section 16-11-201, provide such person with the relevant documentation to assist him or her in obtaining post-release employment and shall coordinate with the Department of Driver Services to provide a state issued identification card pursuant to Code Section 40-5-107 if such person does not have a current state issued identification card or driver's license. The department may also include a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, if such person is eligible.

~~(1) The releasee's program history, including:~~

~~(A) Whether the releasee completed training requested by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles;~~

~~(B) Whether the releasee completed programs recommended by the department;~~

~~(C) Whether the releasee obtained a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma or other educational degree while incarcerated; and~~

~~(D) The releasee's institutional work record, including skills obtained through any job training; and~~

~~(2) Other information considered relevant by the department.~~

(f) ~~When a person is released from confinement from the department, the department may, in conjunction with the Department of Driver Services, issue such releasee a personal identification card pursuant to Code Section 40-5-107. The department may also issue a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, if such releasee is eligible.~~ For purposes of assisting an inmate in obtaining post-release employment, the department shall, upon request from an eligible person, provide the inmate with the following documentation upon such person's release:

(1) A copy of the vocational training record of the inmate, if applicable;

(2) A copy of the work record of the inmate, if applicable;

(3) A certified copy of the birth certificate of the inmate, if obtainable;

(4) A social security card or a replacement social security card for the inmate, if obtainable;

(5) A resume that includes any trade learned by the inmate and such inmate's proficiency at such trade;

(6) Documentation that the inmate has completed a practice job interview; and

(7) A notification to the inmate if he or she is eligible to apply for a license from a state entity charged with oversight of an occupational license or certification.

(g) The following categories of inmates are not required to complete resumes or practice job interviews prior to their release from incarceration:

(1) Inmates 65 years of age or older;

(2) Inmates releasing to medical reprieve or discharging from a prison infirmary setting;

(3) Inmates releasing to the custody of another jurisdiction on a warrant or detainer; and

(4) Inmates that the department determines would be physically or mentally unable to return to the workforce upon release from incarceration.

~~(g)~~(h) The commissioner and other relevant state agencies shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 584. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, LaHood of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 26, 31, and 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, and mental health, respectively, so as to reassign licensing and oversight of drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 26, 31, and 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, and mental health, respectively, so as to reassign licensing and oversight of drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and

Developmental Disabilities; to provide for departmental regulation of such licensed programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for a schedule of fees; to provide for departmental enforcement; to provide civil penalties; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to authorize the issuance of emergency orders in certain circumstances; to provide for emergency plans; to authorize on-site inspections; to provide protections for residents and former residents in community living arrangements; to require reports by certain persons concerning suspected abuse or exploitation; to provide for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and certain law enforcement agency duties; to provide for confidentiality of reports; to provide immunity for certain persons; to prohibit retaliation; to revise and provide definitions; to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I

Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs and Narcotic Treatment Programs

SECTION 1-1.

Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, by revising Code Section 26-5-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

"26-5-3.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of ~~Community~~ Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or its successor.

(2) 'Drug abuse treatment and education program' means any system of treatment or therapeutic advice or counsel provided for the rehabilitation of drug dependent persons and shall include programs offered in the following types of facilities:

(A) Residential care centers. A facility staffed by professional and paraprofessional persons offering treatment or therapeutic programs for drug dependent persons who live on the premises; and

(B) Nonresidential care centers. A non-live-in facility, staffed by professional and paraprofessional persons, offering treatment or therapeutic programs for drug dependent persons who do not live on the premises.

(3) 'Drug dependent person' means a person who is in imminent danger of becoming dependent upon or addicted to the use of drugs or who habitually lacks self-control as to the use of drugs or who uses drugs to the extent that his or her health is substantially impaired or endangered or his or her social or economic function is substantially disrupted.

(4) 'Drugs' means any substance defined as a drug by federal or Georgia law or any other chemical substance which may be used in lieu of a drug to obtain similar effects, with the exception of alcohol and its derivatives.

(5) 'Governing body' means the ~~county board of health~~ community service board, the partnership, the corporation, the association, or the person or group of persons who maintains and controls the program and who is legally responsible for the operation.

(6) 'License' means the official permit issued by the ~~director~~ department which authorizes the holder to operate a drug abuse treatment and education program for the term provided therein.

(7) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license or provisional license issued by the ~~director~~ department under this article.

(8) 'Program' means the drug abuse treatment and education program."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-6, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations, as follows:

"26-5-6.

The department is authorized and directed to create and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this article. Any rule and regulation created by the Department of Community Health and in effect on December 31, 2025, shall continue to be in effect and shall be enforceable by the department until such time as such rule or regulation is amended or revoked by the department."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-7, relating to license required, as follows:

"26-5-7.

No governing body shall operate a drug abuse treatment and education program without having a valid license or provisional license issued pursuant to this article. Any license or provisional license issued to a program by the Department of Community Health on December 31, 2025, shall be valid until revoked or renewed by the department, surrendered by the licensee, or otherwise terminated."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-10, relating to issuance of license and revocation of suspension, as follows:

"26-5-10.

(a) The department may, upon submission of an application, with proof of accreditation by a voluntary accreditation agency approved by the department, issue a license based upon the findings of the accreditation agency. ~~The~~ Such license may be issued without an on-site visit by the department representative. Any denial, suspension, or revocation of the voluntary accreditation agency shall result in an automatic revocation or

suspension of the license issued ~~under~~ pursuant to this Code section, and the ~~holder must apply~~ licensee shall reapply for a new license as provided for in this article.

(b) The department shall not be bound by any policy or practice of the Department of Community Health in effect on December 31, 2025, in determining whether to issue a license based on the findings of an accreditation agency pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-23, relating to publication of annual report, as follows:

"26-5-23.

The ~~Department of Community Health and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ department shall publish an annual report using data from the department's central registry data base on the number of patients in enrolled treatment, the number of patients discharged from treatment, each patient's state of residence, and any other information as determined by the ~~departments~~ department. Such published report shall exclude patient identifying information and be compliant with state and federal laws."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-41, relating to definitions regarding enforcement of narcotic treatment programs, as follows:

"26-5-41.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of ~~Community~~ Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ~~or its successor~~.

(2) 'Governing body' means the ~~county board of health~~ community service board, the partnership, the corporation, the association, or the person or group of persons who maintains and controls a narcotic treatment program, who is legally responsible for its operation, and who holds the license or provisional license to operate that program.

(3) 'License' means the official permit issued by the department that authorizes the holder to operate a narcotic treatment program for the term provided therein.

(4) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license or provisional license issued by the department under this article.

(5) 'Narcotic treatment program' means any system of treatment provided for chronic heroin or opiate-like drug-dependent individuals that administers narcotic drugs under physicians' orders either for detoxification purposes or for maintenance treatment in a rehabilitative context offered by any ~~county board of health~~ community service board, partnership, corporation, association, or person or groups of persons engaged in such administration.

(6) 'Patient' means any individual who undergoes treatment in a narcotic treatment program."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-43, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"26-5-43.

The department is authorized and directed to create and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this article. Any rule and regulation created by the Department of Community Health and in effect on December 31, 2025, shall continue to be in effect and shall be enforceable by the department until such time as such rule or regulation is amended or revoked by the department."

SECTION 1-8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-44, relating to license required, as follows:

"26-5-44.

No governing body shall operate a narcotic treatment program without having a valid license or provisional license issued pursuant to this article. Any license or provisional license issued to a narcotic treatment program by the Department of Community Health on December 31, 2025, shall be valid until revoked or renewed by the department, surrendered by the licensee, or otherwise terminated."

SECTION 1-9.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 26-5-47, relating to application review and requirements and nontransferability, as follows:

"(a) The department shall, consistent with the requirements of this Code section, establish an application review process committee. ~~The members of the committee shall include representation from department staff members and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.~~"

SECTION 1-10.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 26-5-56, relating to confidentiality of patient information, as follows:

"26-5-56.

(a) For the purpose of providing more effective treatment and rehabilitation, the records and name of any drug dependent person who seeks or obtains treatment, therapeutic advice, or counsel from any program licensed under this chapter shall be confidential and shall not be revealed except to the extent authorized in writing by the drug dependent person affected~~; furthermore, any~~. Any communication by such drug dependent person to an authorized employee of ~~any holder of a license~~ any licensee shall be deemed confidential; provided, however, that, except for matters privileged under other laws of this state, the records of such person and information about such person shall be produced in response to a valid court order of any court of competent jurisdiction after a full and fair show-cause hearing and in response to a departmental request for access for licensing

purposes when such request is accompanied by a written statement that no record of patient identifying information will be made.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent the department from operating a central registry pursuant to Code Section 26-5-60, and nothing in this Code section shall prevent or inhibit narcotic treatment programs from providing the department with requested information for the purpose of maintaining such central registry or for maintaining any other registry or database as required by federal law or regulation."

PART II

Departmental Reassignment

SECTION 2-1.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 31-2-4, relating to the department's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities, divisions, directors, and contracts for health benefits, as follows:

"(d) In addition to its other powers, duties, and functions, the department:

(1) Shall be the lead agency in coordinating and purchasing health care benefit plans for state and public employees, dependents, and retirees and may also coordinate with the board of regents for the purchase and administration of such health care benefit plans for its members, employees, dependents, and retirees;

(2) Is authorized to plan and coordinate medical education and physician work force issues;

(3) Shall investigate the lack of availability of health insurance coverage and the issues associated with the uninsured population of this state. In particular, the department is authorized to investigate the feasibility of creating and administering insurance programs for small businesses and political subdivisions of the state and to propose cost-effective solutions to reducing the numbers of uninsured in this state;

(4) Is authorized to appoint a health care work force policy advisory committee to oversee and coordinate work force planning activities;

(5) Is authorized to solicit and accept donations, contributions, and gifts and receive, hold, and use grants, devises, and bequests of real, personal, and mixed property on behalf of the state to enable the department to carry out its functions and purposes;

(6) Is authorized to award grants, as funds are available, to hospital authorities, hospitals, and medical-legal partnerships for public health purposes, pursuant to Code Sections 31-7-94 and 31-7-94.1 and paragraph (11) of this subsection;

(7) Shall make provision for meeting the cost of hospital care of persons eligible for public assistance to the extent that federal matching funds are available for such expenditures for hospital care. To accomplish this purpose, the department is authorized to pay from funds appropriated for such purposes the amount required under this paragraph into a trust fund account which shall be available for disbursement for the cost of hospital care of public assistance recipients. The commissioner, subject to

the approval of the Office of Planning and Budget, on the basis of the funds appropriated in any year, shall estimate the scope of hospital care available to public assistance recipients and the approximate per capita cost of such care. Monthly payments into the trust fund for hospital care shall be made on behalf of each public assistance recipient and such payments shall be deemed encumbered for assistance payable. Ledger accounts reflecting payments into and out of the hospital care fund shall be maintained for each of the categories of public assistance established under Code Section 49-4-3. The balance of state funds in such trust fund for the payment of hospital costs in an amount not to exceed the amount of federal funds held in the trust fund by the department available for expenditure under this paragraph shall be deemed encumbered and held in trust for the payment of the costs of hospital care and shall be rebudgeted for this purpose on each quarterly budget required under the laws governing the expenditure of state funds. The state auditor shall audit the funds in the trust fund established under this paragraph in the same manner that any other funds disbursed by the department are audited;

~~(8) Shall classify and license community living arrangements in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department for the licensing and enforcement of licensing requirements for persons whose services are financially supported, in whole or in part, by funds authorized through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. To be eligible for licensing as a community living arrangement, the residence and services provided must be integrated within the local community. All community living arrangements licensed by the department shall be subject to the provisions of Code Sections 31-2-8 and 31-7-2.2. No person, business entity, corporation, or association, whether operated for profit or not for profit, may operate a community living arrangement without first obtaining a license or provisional license from the department. A license issued pursuant to this paragraph is not assignable or transferable. As used in this paragraph, the term 'community living arrangement' means any residence, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide or arrange for the provision of housing, food, one or more personal services, support, care, or treatment exclusively for two or more persons who are not related to the owner or administrator of the residence by blood or marriage;~~

~~(9)~~(8) Shall establish, by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' a schedule of fees for licensure activities for institutions and other health care related entities required to be licensed, permitted, registered, certificated, or commissioned by the department pursuant to Chapter 7, 13, 23, or 44 of this title, ~~Chapter 5 of Title 26, paragraph (8) of this subsection,~~ or Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 49. Such schedules shall be determined in a manner so as to help defray the costs incurred by the department, but in no event to exceed such costs, both direct and indirect, in providing such licensure activities. Such fees may be annually adjusted by the department but shall not be increased by more than the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. All fees paid thereunder shall be paid into

the general funds of the State of Georgia. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the proceeds from all fees imposed pursuant to this paragraph be used to support and improve the quality of licensing services provided by the department;

~~(10)(A)~~(9)(A) May accept the certification or accreditation of an entity or program by a certification or accreditation body, in accordance with specific standards, as evidence of compliance by the entity or program with the substantially equivalent departmental requirements for issuance or renewal of a permit or provisional permit, provided that such certification or accreditation is established prior to the issuance or renewal of such permits. The department may not require an additional departmental inspection of any entity or program whose certification or accreditation has been accepted by the department, except to the extent that such specific standards are less rigorous or less comprehensive than departmental requirements. Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit either departmental inspections for violations of such standards or requirements or the revocation of or refusal to issue or renew permits, as authorized by applicable law, or for violation of any other applicable law or regulation pursuant thereto.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Entity or program' means an agency, center, facility, institution~~, community living arrangement, drug abuse treatment and education program,~~ or entity subject to regulation by the department under Chapters 7, 13, 22, 23, and 44 of this title~~; Chapter 5 of Title 26; paragraph (8) of this subsection;~~ and Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 49.

(ii) 'Permit' means any license, permit, registration, certificate, or commission issued by the department pursuant to the provisions of the law cited in division (i) of this subparagraph;

~~(11)(A)~~(10)(A) Is authorized to approve medical-legal partnerships that comply with standards and guidelines established for such programs for purposes of determining eligibility for grants. The department shall seek input from legal services organizations, community health advocacy organizations, hospitals, diagnostic and treatment centers, and other primary and specialty health care providers in establishing such standards and guidelines.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'medical-legal partnership' means a program conducted or established by a nonprofit entity through a collaboration pursuant to a written agreement between one or more medical service providers and one or more legal services programs, including those based within a law school, to provide legal services without charge to assist income-eligible individuals and their families in resolving legal matters or other needs that have an impact on the health of such individuals and families. Written agreements may include a memorandum of understanding or other agreement relating to the operations of the partnership and encompassing the rights and responsibilities of each party thereto. The medical service provider or providers may provide referrals of its patients to the legal services program or programs on matters that may potentially impact the health, health care, or the health care costs of a patient.

(C) A medical-legal partnership that complies with the standards and guidelines established pursuant to this paragraph and has demonstrated the ability and experience to provide high quality patient centered legal services regarding legal matters or other needs that have an impact on the health of individuals and families shall be approved by the department.

(D) This paragraph shall not be construed to require any medical-legal partnership or similar entity to seek or attain approval pursuant to this paragraph in order to operate;

~~(12)~~(11) In cooperation with the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, shall establish and implement a Medicaid eligibility determination procedure so that inmates being considered for parole who are eligible for long-term care services may apply for Medicaid; and

~~(13)~~(12) Shall request federal approval for and facilitate the application of certificates of need for facilities capable of providing long-term care services, with Medicaid as the primary funding source, to inmates who are eligible for such services and funding upon his or her release from a public institution, as such term is defined in Code Section 49-4-31."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 31-2-8, relating to actions against certain applicants or licensees, as follows:

"(a) This Code section shall be applicable to any agency, center, facility, institution, community living arrangement, drug abuse treatment and education program, or entity subject to regulation by the department under Chapters 7, 13, 22, 23, and 44 of this title; Chapter 5 of Title 26; ~~paragraph (8) of subsection (d) of Code Section 31-2-4;~~ and Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 49. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'license' shall be used to refer to any license, permit, registration, or commission issued by the department pursuant to the provisions of the law cited in this subsection."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-2.2, relating to determination that patients or residents in an institution, community living arrangement, or treatment program are in danger, relocation of patients or residents, and suspension of admissions, as follows:

"31-7-2.2.

(a)(1) The commissioner may order the emergency relocation of patients or residents from an institution subject to licensure under this chapter~~, a community living arrangement subject to licensure under paragraph (8) of subsection (d) of Code Section 31-2-4, or a drug abuse treatment and education program subject to licensure under Chapter 5 of Title 26~~ when ~~the commissioner~~ he or she has determined that the patients or residents are subject to an imminent and substantial danger.

(2) When an order is issued under this subsection, the commissioner shall provide for:

(A) Notice to the patient or resident, his or her next of kin or guardian, and his or her physician of the emergency relocation and the reasons therefor;

(B) Relocation to the nearest appropriate institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~; and

(C) Other protection designed to ensure the welfare and, when possible, the desires of the patient or resident.

(b)(1) The commissioner may order the emergency placement of a monitor in an institution subject to licensure under this chapter~~, a community living arrangement subject to licensure under paragraph (8) of subsection (d) of Code Section 31-2-4, or a drug abuse treatment and education program subject to licensure under Chapter 5 of Title 26~~ when one or more of the following conditions are present:

(A) The institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ is operating without a permit or a license;

(B) The department has denied application for a permit or a license or has initiated action to revoke the existing permit or license of the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~;

(C) The institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ is closing or plans to close and adequate arrangements for relocation of the patients or residents have not been made at least 30 days before the date of closure; or

(D) The health, safety, security, rights, or welfare of the patients or residents cannot be adequately assured by the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~.

(2) A monitor may be placed, pursuant to this subsection, in an institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ for no more than ten days, during which time the monitor shall observe conditions and compliance with any recommended remedial action of the department by the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~. The monitor shall report to the department. The monitor shall not assume any administrative responsibility within the institution, ~~community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ nor shall the monitor be liable for any actions of the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~. The costs of placing a monitor in an institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ shall be paid by the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ unless the order placing the monitor is determined to be invalid in a contested case proceeding under subsection (d) of this Code section, in which event the costs shall be paid by the state.

(c)(1) The commissioner may order the emergency prohibition of admissions to an institution subject to licensure under this chapter~~, a community living arrangement subject to licensure under paragraph (8) of subsection (d) of Code Section 31-2-4, or program subject to licensure under Chapter 5 of Title 26~~ when such institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ has failed to correct a violation of departmental permit rules or regulations within a

reasonable period of time, as specified in the department's corrective order, and the violation:

(A) Could jeopardize the health and safety of the residents or patients in the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ if allowed to remain uncorrected; or

(B) Is a repeat violation over a 12 month period, which is intentional or due to gross negligence.

(2) Admission to an institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ may be suspended until the violation has been corrected or until the department has determined that the institution~~, community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ has undertaken the action necessary to effect correction of the violation.

(d) The commissioner may issue emergency orders pursuant to this Code section only if authorized by rules and regulations of the department. Unless otherwise provided in the order, an emergency order shall become effective immediately. The department shall hold a preliminary hearing within ten days following a request therefor by any institution~~,~~ ~~community living arrangement, or drug abuse treatment and education program~~ affected by an emergency order. If, at the preliminary hearing, the order is determined by the department to be invalid, that order shall thereupon become void and of no effect. If, at the preliminary hearing, the order is determined by the department to be valid, that determination shall constitute a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and that order shall remain in effect until determined invalid in a proceeding regarding the contested case or until rescinded by the commissioner, whichever is earlier. For purposes of this subsection, an emergency order is valid only if the order is authorized to be issued under this Code section and rules and regulations relating thereto.

(e) The powers provided by this Code section are cumulative of all other powers of the department, board, and commissioner."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 31-7-430, relating to definitions relative to designated essential caregivers, as follows:

"(3) 'Long-term care facility' means a skilled nursing home, intermediate care home, personal care home, assisted living community, ~~community living arrangement~~, or inpatient hospice facility licensed or permitted to operate pursuant to this chapter and any community living arrangement licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 37."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 31-8-81, relating to definitions relative to reporting abuse or exploitation, as follows:

"(3) 'Long-term care facility' or 'facility' means any skilled nursing home, intermediate care home, assisted living community, or personal care home~~, or community living arrangement~~ now or hereafter subject to regulation and licensure by the department."

PART III

Departmental Regulation of Licensed Programs

SECTION 3-1.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended by adding a new article to Chapter 2, relating to administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive disabilities, and other disability services, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 3

37-2-70.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Adult residential mental health program' means a program licensed by the department under Article 7 of Chapter 3 of this title.

(2) 'Applicant' means any individual affiliated with a partnership, corporation, association, or individuals or groups of individuals submitting an application to operate an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug abuse treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program.

(3) 'Community living arrangement' means a group home licensed by the department under Chapter 13 of this title.

(4) 'Drug abuse treatment and education program' means a treatment program licensed by the department under Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 26.

(5) 'License' means the official permit issued by the department on or after January 1, 2026; provided, however, that such term shall also include an official permit issued by the Department of Community Health on December 31, 2025.

(6) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license issued by the department to operate an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug abuse treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program.

(7) 'Narcotic treatment program' means a treatment program licensed by the department under Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 26.

37-2-71.

The department shall establish by rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' a schedule of fees for licensure activities for adult residential mental health programs, community living arrangements, drug treatment and education programs, and narcotic treatment programs required to be licensed by the department. Such schedules shall be determined in a manner so as to help defray the costs incurred by the department, but in no event to exceed such costs, both direct and

indirect, in providing such licensure activities. Such fees may be annually adjusted by the department but shall not be increased by more than the annual rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. All fees paid thereunder shall be paid into the general fund of the State of Georgia. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the proceeds from all fees imposed pursuant to this Code section be used to support and improve the quality of licensing services provided by the department.

37-2-72.

(a) The department shall have the authority to take any of the actions enumerated in subsection (b) of this Code section upon a finding that the applicant or licensee has:

(1) Knowingly made any false statement of material information in connection with the application for a license, or in statements made or on documents submitted to the department as part of an inspection, survey, or investigation, or in the alteration or falsification of records maintained by the adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program;

(2) Failed or refused to provide the department with access to the premises subject to regulation or information pertinent to the initial or continued licensing of the adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program;

(3) Failed to comply with the licensing requirements of this state; or

(4) Failed to comply with any provision of this Code section.

(b) When the department finds that any applicant or licensee has violated any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section or laws, rules, regulations, or formal orders related to the initial or continued licensing of an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program, the department, subject to notice and opportunity for hearing, may take any of the following actions:

(1) Refuse to grant a license; provided, however, that the department may refuse to grant a license without holding a hearing prior to taking such action;

(2) Administer a public reprimand;

(3) Suspend any license for a definite period or for an indefinite period in connection with any condition which may be attached to the restoration of such license;

(4) Prohibit any applicant or licensee from allowing a person who previously was involved in the management or control, as defined by rule, of any adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program which has had its license or application revoked or denied within the past 12 months to be involved in the management or control of such program or arrangement;

(5) Revoke any license;

(6) Impose a fine of up to $2,000.00 per day for each violation of a law, rule, regulation, or formal order related to the initial or ongoing licensing of any applicant or licensee, up to a total of $40,000.00; or

(7) Limit or restrict any license as the department deems necessary for the protection of the public, including, but not limited to, restricting some or all services of or admissions into an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program for a time certain.

In taking any of the actions enumerated in this subsection, the department shall consider the seriousness of the violation, including the circumstances, extent, and gravity of the prohibited acts, and the hazard or potentional hazard created to the health or safety of the public.

(c) The department may deny a license or otherwise restrict a license from any applicant who has had a license denied, revoked, or suspended within one year of the date of an application or who has transferred ownership or governing authority of an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program subject to regulation by the department within one year of the date of a new application when such transfer was made in order to avert denial, revocation, or suspension of a license or to avert the payment of fines assessed by the department pursuant to this Code section.

(d) With regard to any contested case instituted by the department pursuant to this Code section or other provisions of law which may now or hereafter authorize remedial or disciplinary grounds and action, the department may, in its discretion, dispose of the action so instituted by settlement. In such cases, all parties, successors, and assigns to any settlement agreement shall be bound by the terms specified therein, and violation thereof by any applicant or licensee shall constitute grounds for any action enumerated in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(e) The department shall have the authority to make public or private investigations or examinations inside or outside of this state to determine whether the provisions of this Code section or any other law, rule, regulation, or formal order relating to the licensing of any adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program has been violated. Such investigations may be initiated at any time, in the discretion of the department, and may continue during the pendency of any action initiated by the department pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(f) For the purpose of conducting any investigation, inspection, or survey, the department shall have the authority to require the production of any books, records, papers, or other information related to the initial or continued licensing of any adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program.

(g) Pursuant to the investigation, inspection, and enforcement powers given to the department by this Code section and other applicable laws, the department may assess against an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug

treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the department pursuant to any administrative or legal action required by the failure of such program or arrangement to fully comply with the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, or formal order related to the initial or continued licensing. Assessments shall not include attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, shall not exceed other actual expenses, and shall only be assessed if such investigation, inspection, or enforcement actions result in adverse findings, as finally determined by the department, pursuant to administrative or legal action.

(h) For any action taken or any proceeding held under this Code section or under color of law, except for gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, the department, when acting in its official capacity, shall be immune from liability and suit to the same extent that any judge of any court of general jurisdiction in this state would be immune.

(i) In an administrative or legal proceeding under this Code section, a person or entity claiming an exemption or an exception granted by law, rule, regulation, or formal order has the burden of proving such exemption or exception.

(j) This Code section and all actions resulting from its provisions shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(k) The provisions of this Code section shall be supplemental to and shall not operate to prohibit the department from acting pursuant to any provisions of law which may now or hereafter authorize remedial or disciplinary grounds and action for the department. In cases where such other provisions of law so authorize other disciplinary grounds and actions, but this Code section limits such grounds or actions, such other provisions shall apply.

(l) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section.

37-2-73.

(a)(1) The commissioner may order the emergency relocation of residents from an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program subject to licensure by the department when he or she has determined that the residents are subject to an imminent and substantial danger.

(2) When an order is issued under this subsection, the commissioner shall provide for:

(A) Notice to the resident and his or her next of kin or guardian of the emergency relocation and the reasons therefor;

(B) Relocation to the nearest appropriate adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, narcotic treatment program, or other appropriate setting; and

(C) Other protection designed to ensure the welfare and, when possible, the desires of the resident.

(b)(1) The commissioner may order the emergency placement of a monitor in an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and

education program, or narcotic treatment program, subject to licensure by the department, when one or more of the following conditions are present:

(A) The adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program is operating without a permit or a license;

(B) The department has denied application for a permit or a license or has initiated action to revoke the existing permit or license of the licensee;

(C) The adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program is closing or plans to close and adequate arrangements for relocation of the residents have not been made at least 30 days before the date of closure; or

(D) The health, safety, security, rights, or welfare of the residents cannot be adequately assured by the adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program.

(2) A monitor may be placed, pursuant to this subsection, in an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program for no more than ten days, during which time the monitor shall observe conditions and compliance with any recommended remedial action of the department. The monitor shall report to the department. The monitor shall not assume any administrative responsibility within the adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program, nor shall the monitor be liable for any actions of the licensee. The costs of placing a monitor in an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program shall be paid by the licensee unless the order placing the monitor is determined to be invalid in a contested case proceeding under subsection (d) of this Code section, in which event, the costs shall be paid by the state.

(c)(1) The commissioner may order the emergency prohibition of admissions to an adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program when such licensee has failed to correct a violation of departmental permit rules or regulations within a reasonable period of time, as specified in the department's corrective order, and the violation:

(A) Could jeopardize the health and safety of the residents if allowed to remain uncorrected; or

(B) Is a repeat violation over a 12 month period, which is intentional or due to gross negligence.

(2) Admission to new residents may be suspended until the violation has been corrected or until the department has determined that the licensee has undertaken the action necessary to effect correction of the violation.

(d) The commissioner may issue emergency orders pursuant to this Code section only if authorized by rules and regulations of the department. Unless otherwise provided in any such order, an emergency order shall become effective immediately. The department shall provide an opportunity for a preliminary hearing within ten days following a request

therefor by any adult residential mental health program, community living arrangement, drug treatment and education program, or narcotic treatment program affected by an emergency order. If, at the preliminary hearing, the order is determined by the department to be invalid, such order shall thereupon become void and of no effect. If, at the preliminary hearing, the order is determined by the department to be valid, such determination shall constitute a contested case under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and such order shall remain in effect until determined invalid in a proceeding regarding the contested case or until rescinded by the commissioner, whichever is earlier. For purposes of this subsection, an emergency order is valid only if the order is authorized to be issued under this Code section and rules and regulations relating thereto.

(e) The powers provided by this Code section shall be in addition to all other powers of the department, board, and commissioner."

SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (3) of Code Section 37-3-202, relating to definitions regarding adult residential mental health services licenses, as follows:

"(1) 'Adult residential mental health program' means a subacute residential alternative service of four or more residential beds authorized to provide psychiatric services for mentally ill persons 18 years of age or older that operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to provide intensive short-term noninstitutional treatment to individuals who are temporarily in need of a 24-hour-per-day supportive therapeutic setting for prevention of or transition from or after acute psychiatric hospitalization. Such term shall not include crisis stabilization units, as defined in Code Section 37-1-29; community living arrangements, as defined ~~by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ in Code Section 37-13-1; mental health programs conducted by accountability courts; or residential beds operated by a state or local public entity."

"(3) 'Department' means the Department of ~~Community~~ Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities."

SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 37-3-205, relating to regulatory and licensing authority, as follows:

"(b) The department is further authorized to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke ~~licenses~~ a license or take other enforcement actions against ~~licensees or applicants~~ a licensee or applicant as provided in ~~Code Section 31-2-8~~ Article 3 of Chapter 2 of this title."

SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 37-3-206, relating to licensing requirements and funding contingency, as follows:

"(a) On and after ~~July 1, 2025~~ January 1, 2026, no governing body shall operate an adult residential mental health program without having a valid license or provisional license

issued pursuant to this article; provided, however, that hospitals licensed in accordance with Chapter 7 of Title 31 are exempt from this article unless the hospital is operating an adult residential mental health program that is separate and distinct from the licensed hospital."

SECTION 3-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 37-3-208.1, relating to one-time provisional license, as follows:

"Between July 1, 2022, and ~~June 30, 2025,~~ December 31, 2025, the ~~department~~ Department of Community Health shall be authorized to grant a one-time provisional license for an adult residential mental health program to an existing licensed personal care home that substantially complies with the requirements of this article for a period not to extend beyond ~~June 30,~~ December 31, 2025."

SECTION 3-6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 37-3-211, relating to denial, suspension, or revocation of license, as follows:

"(a) The department is authorized to deny, suspend, or revoke a license issued under this chapter for a violation of this chapter or a rule or regulation adopted under this chapter or to take other disciplinary actions against ~~licensees~~ a licensee as provided in ~~Code Section 31-2-8~~ Article 3 of Chapter 2 of this title."

SECTION 3-7.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a), (c), and (d) of Code Section 37-3-215, relating to unlicensed residential mental health program and penalty, as follows:

"(a) On and after ~~July 1, 2025,~~ January 1, 2026, a ~~facility~~ program shall be deemed to be an 'unlicensed adult residential mental health program' if it is unlicensed and not exempt from licensure under this article and:

(1) The ~~facility~~ program is providing services and is operating as an adult residential mental health program;

(2) The ~~facility~~ program is held out as or represented as providing services and operating as an adult residential mental health program; or

(3) The ~~facility~~ program represents itself as a licensed adult residential mental health program."

"(c) In addition to other remedies available to the department, the civil penalty authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section shall be doubled if the program owner or operator continues to operate the unlicensed adult residential mental health program~~,~~ after receipt of notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) The program owner or operator of an unlicensed adult residential mental health program who is assessed a civil penalty in accordance with this Code section may ~~have review of such civil penalty by~~ appeal such civil penalty to the superior court in the county in which the action arose or to the Superior Court of Fulton County."

SECTION 3-8.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising paragraphs (7) of Code Section 16-5-100, relating to definitions relevant to protection of elder persons, as follows:

"(7) 'Long-term care facility' means any skilled nursing facility, intermediate care home, assisted living community, ~~community living arrangement,~~ or personal care home subject to regulation and licensure by the Department of Community Health and any community living arrangement licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 37."

SECTION 3-9.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 50-18-160, relating to individuals or nonprofit organizations, as follows:

"(12) Collection and use of personal information as permitted by statute, rule, or regulation for purposes of administration of programs and services, regulatory oversight, and ensuring compliance by prospective and approved contractors:

(A) By the Department of Human Services for purposes authorized in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49;

(B) By the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for purposes authorized in Chapter 5 of Title 26 and Title 37;

(C) By the Department of Community Health for purposes authorized in ~~Chapter 5 of Title 26, Title 31, Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 37,~~ Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49, or Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 49; and

(D) By the Department of Juvenile Justice for purposes authorized in Chapter 4A of Title 49."

PART IV

Community Living Arrangements

SECTION 4-1.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 13

ARTICLE 1

37-13-1.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Community living arrangement' means a group home that serves up to four individuals with a developmental disability who require intense levels of residential support and which services are financially supported, in whole or in part, by funds authorized through the department and provides a range of interventions that focuses on training and support in one or more of the following areas:

(A) Eating and drinking;
(B) Toileting;
(C) Personal grooming and healthcare;
(D) Dressing;
(E) Communication;
(F) Interpersonal relationships;
(G) Mobility;
(H) Home management; and
(I) Use of leisure time.

(2) 'License' means the official permit issued by the department which authorizes the holder to operate a community living arrangement for the term provided therein.

(3) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license issued by the department under this article.

37-13-2.

(a) The department is authorized and directed to create and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this article; provided, however, that such rules and regulations shall include physical plant health and safety standards, supplies, services, staffing, admission agreements, resident rights, records, medications, nutrition, discharge and transfer, and procedures addressing changes in condition or serious or unusual incidents.

(b)(1) The department shall require a licensee to have a regularly rehearsed disaster preparedness plan with which staff and residents shall comply in cases of emergent events including, but not limited to, natural disasters, pandemics, fires, or interruption of essential services such as a electrical power, heat, and water supply.

(2) Such disaster preparedness plan shall include written procedures with which staff shall comply in the event of an emergency and shall include care of the resident, notification of other individuals responsible for the resident, and plans for transportation, alternative living arrangements or sheltering in place, emergency energy sources, or other appropriate services.

(c) Any rule and regulation relating to community living arrangements created by the Department of Community Health and in effect on December 31, 2025, shall continue to be in effect and shall be enforceable by the department until such time as such rule or regulation is amended or revoked by the department.

37-13-3.

(a) No person, business entity, corporation, or association, whether operated for profit or not for profit, may operate a community living arrangement without first obtaining a license or provisional license issued by the department. A license issued by the department is neither assignable nor transferable.

(b) Any license issued to a community living arrangement by the Department of Community Health on December 31, 2025, shall be valid until renewed or revoked by the department, surrendered by the licensee, or otherwise terminated.

37-13-4.
(a) The department shall be authorized to conduct periodic on-site inspections of any licensee in this state.
(b) The department may accept proof of accreditation by a nationally recognized healthcare accreditation body, in accordance with specific standards, as evidence of compliance with one or more departmental requirements for issuance or renewal of a license or provisional license.
(c) The department shall not be bound by any policy or practice of the Department of Community Health in effect on December 31, 2025, in determining whether to issue a license based on the findings of an accreditation agency pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

ARTICLE 2

37-13-20.
As used in this article, the term:
(1) 'Abuse' means any intentional or grossly negligent act or series of acts or intentional or grossly negligent omission to act which causes injury to a resident, including, but not limited to, assault or battery, failure to provide treatment or care, or sexual harassment of a resident.
(2) 'Community living arrangement' means any group home licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of this chapter.
(3) 'Exploitation' means the illegal or improper use of a resident or a resident's resources through undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false representation, false pretenses, or other similar means for one's own or another's profit or advantage.
(4) 'Resident' means any person receiving treatment or care in a community living arrangement.

37-13-21.
(a) Any of the following persons who have reasonable cause to believe that a resident or former resident has been abused or exploited while residing in a community living arrangement shall immediately make a report as described in subsection (d) of this Code section by telephone or in person to the department and to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney:
(1) Administrators, managers, or other employees of a community living arrangement;
(2) Physical therapists;
(3) Occupational therapists;
(4) Coroners;
(5) Medical examiners;
(6) Emergency medical services personnel, as such individuals are defined in Code Section 31-11-49;
(7) Any person who is certified as an emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, paramedic, or first responder pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 31;

(8) Employees of a public or private agency engaged in professional health related services to residents; and

(9) Clergy members.

(b) Persons required to make a report pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall also make a written report to the department within 24 hours after making the initial report.

(c) Any other person who has knowledge that a resident or former resident has been abused or exploited while residing in a community living arrangement may report or cause a report to be made to the department or the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(d) An initial report of suspected abuse or exploitation shall include the following:

(1) The name and address of the person making the report, unless such person is not required to make a report pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section;

(2) The name and address of the resident or former resident for which abuse or exploitation is suspected;

(3) The name and address of the community living arrangement;

(4) The name and extent of any known injuries or the condition relating to, or resulting from, the suspected abuse or exploitation;

(5) The suspected cause of the abuse or exploitation; and

(6) Any other information which the reporter reasonably believes might be helpful in determining the cause of the resident's or former resident's injuries or condition and in determining the identity of the person or persons responsible for the suspected abuse or exploitation.

(e) The department shall maintain accurate records which shall include all reports of suspected abuse or exploitation, the results of all investigations and administrative or judicial proceedings, and a summary of actions taken to assist the resident or former resident.

(f) Any suspected abuse or exploitation which is required to be reported by any person pursuant to this Code section shall be reported notwithstanding that the reasonable cause to believe such abuse or exploitation has occurred or is occurring is based in whole or in part upon any communication to that person which is otherwise made privileged or confidential by law; provided, however, that a member of the clergy shall not be required to report such matters confided to him or her solely within the context of confession or other similar communication required to be kept confidential under church doctrine or practice. When a clergy member receives information about abuse or exploitation from any other source, such clergy member shall comply with the reporting requirements of this Code section, even though the clergy member may have also received a report of such matters from the confession of the perpetrator.

37-13-22.

(a) Immediately after the receipt of any report of suspected abuse or exploitation, the department shall make and document a determination as to whether such report requires an investigation. The department may, through its rules, regulations, or policies, limit the scope of any investigation and may delegate all or part of its authority to investigate

to the appropriate law enforcement agency or other appropriate investigating agencies. If such delegation occurs, the agency to which authority has been delegated shall report the results of its investigation to the department immediately upon completion of such investigation.
(b) The investigation shall determine the nature, cause, and extent of the suspected abuse or exploitation reported, an assessment of the current condition of the resident or former resident, and an assessment of any needed action or service. Where appropriate, the investigation shall include a prompt in-person visit to the resident or former resident.
(c) The investigating agency shall collect and preserve all evidence relating to, or resulting from, the suspected abuse or exploitation.
(d) All state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, employees of community living arrangements, and other appropriate persons shall cooperate with the department or investigating agency in the administration of this article.

37-13-23.
(a) Upon the receipt of the results of an investigation conducted pursuant to Code Section 37-13-22, the department, in cooperation with the investigating agency, shall immediately evaluate such results to determine what actions, if any, shall be taken to assist the resident or former resident.
(b) The department or agency designated by the department shall assist to prevent further harm to a resident or former resident who has been abused or exploited. The department may also take appropriate legal actions to assure the safety and welfare of all other residents of the community living arrangement where necessary.
(c) Within a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days, after it has initiated action to assist a resident or former resident, the department shall determine the current condition of the resident or former resident, whether the abuse or exploitation has been abated, and whether continued assistance is necessary.
(d) If, as a result of any investigation pursuant to this article, a determination is made that a resident or former resident has been abused or exploited, the department shall contact the appropriate prosecuting authority and provide all information and evidence to such prosecuting authority.

37-13-24.
(a) Any agency or person who in good faith makes a report or provides information or evidence pursuant to this article shall be immune from liability for such actions.
(b) Neither the department nor its employees, when acting in good faith and with reasonable diligence, shall have any liability for defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim in connection with the collection or release of information pursuant to this article and neither shall be subject to suit based upon any such claims.

37-13-25.
The identities of the resident or former resident, the alleged perpetrator, and the person or persons making a report or providing information or evidence pursuant to this article

shall not be disclosed to the public unless required to be revealed in court proceedings or upon the written consent of the person whose identity is to be revealed or as otherwise required by law. Upon the resident's or the former resident's, or his or her representative's, request, the department shall make information obtained in an abuse or exploitation report and investigation available to the allegedly abused or exploited resident, the allegedly abused or exploited former resident, or his or her representative for inspection or duplication, except that such disclosure shall be made without revealing the identity of any other resident, the person making the report, or persons providing information by name or inference. For the purpose of this Code section, the term 'representative' means any person authorized in writing by the resident or former resident or appointed by an appropriate court to act upon the resident's or former resident's behalf. The term 'representative' also means a family member of a deceased or physically or mentally impaired resident or former resident unable to grant authorization; provided, however, that such family members who do not have written or court authorization shall not be authorized by this Code section to receive the resident's or former resident's clinical records as defined in Code Section 37-3-1, 37-4-2, or 37-7-1. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to deny agencies participating in joint investigations at the request of and with the department, or conducting separate investigations of abuse or exploitation within an agency's scope of authority, or law enforcement personnel who are conducting an investigation into any criminal offense in which a resident or former resident is a victim from having access to such records.

37-13-26.
No person or community living arrangement shall discriminate or retaliate in any manner against any person for making a report or providing information pursuant to this article or against any resident or former resident who is the subject of a report. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the termination of the relationship between the community living arrangement and the resident for reasons other than that the community living arrangement has been made the subject of a report, that such a report has been made, or that information has been provided pursuant to this article.

37-13-27.
The department shall prepare a written notice describing the reporting requirements set forth in this article. Such notice shall be distributed to all community living arrangements in this state, and copies thereof shall be posted in conspicuous locations within community living arrangements."

PART V
Effective date
SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

PART VI
Repealer
SECTION 6-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Petrea of the 166th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 584.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate, having been postponed from the previous legislative day, was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 79. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to provide for increased penalties for such offenses; to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offense of trafficking in fentanyl; to provide for increased penalties for such offense; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties, by revising subsections (b), (g), and (i) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, brings into this state, or has possession of four grams or more of any morphine, opium, or substance identified in subparagraph (RR) or (SS) of paragraph (1) or paragraph ~~(13),~~ (14)~~,~~ or (15) of Code Section 16-13-25, or subparagraph (A), (C.5), ~~(F),~~ (U.1), (V), or (V.2) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in Schedules I and II, or four grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in illegal drugs and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

(1) If the quantity of such substances involved is four grams or more, but less than 14 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years and shall pay a fine of $50,000.00;

(2) If the quantity of such substances involved is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten years and shall pay a fine of $100,000.00; and

(3) If the quantity of such substances involved is 28 grams or more, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall pay a fine of $500,000.00.

(b.1) Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, brings into this state, or has possession of fentanyl as identified in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-13-26, the fentanyl analog structural class as identified in paragraph (13) of Code Section 16-13-25, or any mixture containing any such substance in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in fentanyl and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

(1) If the quantity of such substances involved is four grams or more, but less than eight grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten years and shall pay a fine of $75,000.00;

(2) If the quantity of such substances involved is eight grams or more, but less than 14 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years and shall pay a fine of $150,000.00;

(3) If the quantity of such substances involved is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall pay a fine of $250,000.00; and

(4) If the quantity of such substances involved is 28 grams or more, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 35 years and shall pay a fine of $750,000.00."

"(g)(1) The district attorney may move the sentencing court to impose a reduced or suspended sentence upon any person who is convicted of a violation of this Code section who provides substantial assistance in the identification, arrest, or conviction of

any of his or her accomplices, accessories, coconspirators, or principals. Upon good cause shown, the motion may be filed and heard in camera. ~~The judge hearing the motion~~ Upon hearing such motion, the sentencing court may impose a reduced or suspended sentence if ~~he or she~~ such court finds that the defendant has rendered such substantial assistance.

(2)(A) ~~In the court's discretion, the judge may~~ The sentencing court may, in its discretion, depart from the mandatory minimum sentence specified for a person who is convicted of a violation of this Code section as set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph if ~~the judge~~ such court concludes that:

(i) The defendant was not a leader of the criminal conduct;

(ii) The defendant did not possess or use a firearm, dangerous weapon, or hazardous object during the crime;

(iii) The criminal conduct did not result in a death or serious bodily injury to a person other than to a person who is a party to the crime;

(iv) The defendant has no prior felony conviction; and

(v) The interests of justice will not be served by the imposition of the prescribed mandatory minimum sentence.

(B) The sentencing departure ranges pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be as follows:

~~(i) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, two years and six months to five years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $25,000.00 nor more than $50,000.00;~~

~~(ii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section, two years and six months to five years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;~~

~~(iii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section, three years and six months to seven years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $125,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00;~~

~~(iv) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(A), paragraph (2) of subsection (a), relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section, or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, five to ten years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $100,000.00 nor more than $200,000.00;~~

~~(v) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, five to ten years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;~~

~~(vi) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(B), paragraph (2) of subsection (a), relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, or paragraph (2) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, seven years and six months to 15 years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $150,000.00 nor more than $300,000.00;~~

~~(vii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section, seven years and six months to 15 years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $500,000.00 nor more than $1 million;~~
~~(viii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section, seven years and six months to 15 years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $125,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00;~~
~~(ix) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, 12 years and six months to 25 years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $250,000.00 nor more than $500,000.00; and~~
~~(x) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(C), paragraph (2) of subsection (a), relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, or paragraph (3) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, 12 years and six months to 25 years imprisonment and a fine of not less than $500,000.00 nor more than $1 million.~~
(i) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(A), paragraph (2) of subsection (a) relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section, or paragraph (1) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than five nor more than ten years and a fine of not less than $100,000.00 nor more than $200,000.00;
(ii) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(B), paragraph (2) of subsection (a) relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, or paragraph (2) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than seven years and six months nor more than 15 years and a fine of not less than $150,000.00 nor more than $300,000.00;
(iii) Any person convicted of violating subparagraph (a)(1)(C), paragraph (2) of subsection (a) relating to the quantity of drugs specified in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of this Code section, or paragraph (3) of subsection (e) or (f) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than 12 years and six months nor more than 25 years and a fine of not less than $500,000.00 nor more than $1 million;
(iv) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or (d) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than two years and six months nor more than five years and a fine of not less than $25,000.00 nor more than $50,000.00;
(v) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten years and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;
(vi) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than 12 years and six months nor more than 25 years and a fine of not less than $250,000.00 nor more than $500,000.00;
(vii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than two years and six months nor more than five years and a fine of not less than $12,500.00 nor more than $25,000.00;

(viii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten years and a fine of not less than $25,000.00 nor more than $50,000.00;

(ix) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than ten years nor more than 20 years and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;

(x) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (4) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than 15 years nor more than 30 years and a fine of not less than $250,000.00 nor more than $500,000.00;

(xi) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than two years and six months nor more than five years and a fine of not less than $50,000.00 nor more than $100,000.00;

(xii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than three years and six months nor more than seven years and a fine of not less than $125,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00;

(xiii) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than seven years and six months nor more than 15 years and a fine of not less than $500,000.00 nor more than $1 million; and

(xiv) Any person convicted of violating paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section, imprisonment for not less than seven years and six months nor more than 15 years and a fine of not less than $125,000.00 nor more than $250,000.00.

(C) If ~~a judge reduces~~ the sentencing court departs from the mandatory minimum sentence pursuant to this paragraph, ~~the judge~~ such court shall specify on the record the circumstances for ~~the reduction~~ such departure and the interests served by such departure. Any such order shall be appealable by the State of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 5-7-1.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Dangerous weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-121.

(ii) 'Firearm' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section ~~16-11-127.1~~ 16-11-131.

(iii) 'Hazardous object' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-751.

(iv) 'Leader' means a person who planned and organized others and acted as a guiding force in order to achieve a common goal.

(3) ~~In the court's discretion, the judge may~~ The sentencing court may, in its discretion, depart from the mandatory minimum sentence specified in this Code section for a person who is convicted of a violation of this Code section when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such mandatory minimum."

"(i) ~~Notwithstanding Code Section 16-13-2, any~~ Except as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section and notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 16-13-2 to the contrary, with respect to any person who is found to have violated this Code section, no

portion of the mandatory minimum sentence shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or otherwise withheld by the sentencing court. Any sentence imposed pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section shall not be reduced by any earned time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections, the effect of which would be to reduce the period of incarceration ordered by the sentencing court or any form of pardon, parole, or commutation of sentence by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles; provided, however, that during the final year of incarceration, a defendant so sentenced shall be eligible to be considered for participation in a Department of Corrections administered transitional center or work release program."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Code Section 4-8-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificates of registration for dog ownership, requirements for issuance of certificate, individuals excluded from receiving registration, limitation of ownership, and annual renewal, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(3) A felony involving trafficking ~~in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, methamphetamine, or ecstasy as provided for in~~ of substances in violation of Code Sections 16-13-31 and 16-13-31.1."

SECTION 2-2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Code Section 16-11-106, relating to possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain crimes, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(5) Any crime involving the trafficking of ~~cocaine, marijuana, or illegal drugs as provided in~~ substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31,"

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-11-133, relating to minimum periods of confinement for persons convicted who have prior convictions, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(5) Any crime involving the trafficking of ~~cocaine, marijuana, or illegal drugs as provided in~~ substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31,"

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-11-160, relating to use of machine guns, sawed-off rifles, sawed-off shotguns, or firearms with silencers during commission of certain offenses and enhanced criminal penalties, by revising division (a)(2)(B)(iii) as follows:

"(iii) Trafficking ~~in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine as provided in~~ of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31."

SECTION 2-5.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Code Section 17-6-1, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) No appeal bond shall be granted to any person who has been convicted of murder, rape, aggravated sodomy, armed robbery, home invasion in any degree, aggravated child molestation, child molestation, kidnapping, trafficking ~~in cocaine or marijuana~~ of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, aggravated stalking, or aircraft hijacking and who has been sentenced to serve a period of incarceration of five years or more. The granting of an appeal bond to a person who has been convicted of any other felony offense or of any misdemeanor offense involving an act of family violence as defined in Code Section 19-13-1, or of any offense delineated as a high and aggravated misdemeanor or of any offense set forth in Code Section 40-6-391, shall be in the discretion of the convicting court. Appeal bonds shall terminate when the right of appeal terminates, and such bonds shall not be effective as to any petition for review or petition or application for writ of certiorari unless the court in which the petition for review or petition or application is filed so specifies."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 17-6-12, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, effect of failure of person charged to appear for trial, and consideration of criminal record, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(U) as follows:

"(U) Trafficking ~~in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine~~ of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31;"

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 17-10-9.1, relating to voluntary surrender to county jail or correctional institution and release of defendant, by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(9) Trafficking of substances in violation of ~~Violating~~ Code Section 16-13-31~~, relating to trafficking in cocaine or marijuana~~;"

SECTION 2-8.

Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants of pardons, paroles, and other relief, is amended in Code Section 42-9-42, relating to procedure for granting relief from sentence, conditions and prerequisites, public access to information, and violation of parole, by revising division (b)(1)(B)(xxix) as follows:

"(xxix) Trafficking ~~in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine~~ of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31;"

SECTION 2-9.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 42-9-45, relating to general rule-making power, by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) Except to correct a patent miscarriage of justice and not otherwise, no inmate serving a sentence imposed for any of the crimes listed in this subsection shall be granted release on parole until and unless said inmate has served on good behavior seven years of imprisonment or one-third of the prison term imposed by the sentencing court for the violent crime, whichsoever first occurs. No inmate serving a sentence for any crime listed in this subsection shall be released on parole for the purpose of regulating jail or prison populations. This subsection shall govern parole actions in sentences imposed for any of the following crimes: voluntary manslaughter, statutory rape, incest, cruelty to children, arson in the first degree, homicide by vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or as a habitual traffic violator, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, trafficking ~~in drugs~~ of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31 or 16-13-31.1, and violations of Chapter 14 of Title 16, the 'Georgia RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act.'"

SECTION 2-10.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 42-9-60, relating to overcrowding of prison system as creating state of emergency, paroling inmates to reduce prison system population to capacity, and annual report of inmates paroled, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(2) 'Dangerous offender' means a state prison inmate who is imprisoned for conviction of any one or more of the following crimes as defined by Title 16, the 'Criminal Code of Georgia': murder, voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, armed robbery, rape, aircraft hijacking, aggravated sodomy, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, incest, child molestation, child abuse, ~~or~~ enticing a child for indecent purposes, or any felony ~~punishable under Code Section 16-13-31, relating to prohibited acts regarding marijuana, cocaine, and illegal drugs. The term 'dangerous offender'~~ violation of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31. Such term shall also include an inmate who is incarcerated for a second or subsequent time for the commission of a crime for which the inmate could have been sentenced to life imprisonment."

SECTION 2-11.

Code Section 45-12-37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of person selling dangerous or narcotic drugs generally and rewards by counties and municipalities, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any person, other than a law enforcement officer, who furnishes information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person who is charged with selling dangerous drugs in violation of Code Section 16-13-72 may receive a reward of up to $500.00. Any person, other than a law enforcement officer, who furnishes information leading to the arrest and

conviction of a person who is charged with selling a controlled substance in violation of Code Section 16-13-30 or trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, may receive a reward of $1,000.00."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 131, nays 31.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Georgia State House

Coverdell Legislative Office Building
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March 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker,

My vote for SB 79 would have been yes if it had been recorded. I was unable to make it back to my desk and press the button before they locked the machines. I would like to request that the record reflects this.

I am happy to answer any questions and address any concerns that you may have.

In service and gratitude,

/s/ Michelle Au

Michelle Au, MD, MPH
Georgia House of Representatives
District 50

Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that SB 79 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
E Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos

E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	E Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
E Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	E O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	E Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 99, nays 62.

The motion prevailed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 86. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia State Tax Court; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 86 (LC 47 3171) by inserting after* "Court;" *on line 5 the following:*

to revise the compensation of certain other elected state officials;

By striking lines 13 through 16 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) Governor..... $ ~~175,000.00~~ 250,000.00

An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion.

(2) Lieutenant Governor..... ~~54,920.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

By striking lines 24 through 29 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(4) Commissioner of Agriculture..... ~~100,429.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

(5) Attorney General..... ~~114,633.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

(6) Reserved.

(7) Commissioner of Insurance..... ~~100,396.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

(8) Reserved.

(9) Commissioner of Labor..... ~~100,418.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

By striking lines 37 and 38 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(13) State School Superintendent..... ~~102,708.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

(14) Secretary of State..... ~~102,708.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

By striking lines 157 through 167 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(23) Speaker of the House of Representatives..... ~~17,800.00~~ An amount equal to 80 percent of the amount in paragraph (1) of this subsection

~~The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become $22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over $30,000.00 per annum which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter; and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning of each term so as to include such additional sum.~~

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the House disagree to the Senate amendment to HB 86.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd asked unanimous consent that HB 86 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

Representative Taylor of the 173rd asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 847. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Dempsey of the 13th, Parrish of the 158th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 848. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Robert C. White Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 849. By Representative Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Trooper First Class Mapes; and for other purposes.

HR 850. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lynne Riley on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 851. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Clark of the 100th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hilton of the 48th, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating James L. Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 852. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Dawson of the 65th and Bennett of the 94th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Ernest Ofori Sarpong; and for other purposes.

HR 853. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Bonner of the 73rd, Crowe of the 118th and Camp of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia (BOMA Georgia) and recognizing February 4, 2025, as BOMA Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 854. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd and Douglas of the 78th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pilar King on winning the GHSA Class 4A State Swimming and Diving Championships; and for other purposes.

HR 855. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd, Douglas of the 78th and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Charles R. Drew Public Charter School varsity boys golf team for winning the State Golfing Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 856. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Drenner of the 85th, Bennett of the 94th and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION commending Hazel Marie Gonzalez; and for other purposes.

HR 857. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th, Miller of the 62nd and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Morehouse School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program; and for other purposes.

HR 858. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Jones of the 143rd, Griffin of the 149th, Washburn of the 144th and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Southwest High School Patriots Boys Basketball Team for their outstanding 2024–2025 season and inspiring run to the GHSA Class A Division I State Championship; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Romman of the 97th, Ballard of the 147th et al., Sharper of the 177th, Crowe of the 118th, and Holly of the 116th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 31, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Monday, March 28, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, March 31, 2025

Thirty-Eighth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Crowe	Heffner	Martinez	Richardson
Adeyina	Davis	Henderson	Mathiak	Ridley, Jas
Alexander	Dawson	Herring	Mathis	Ridley, Jor
Anderson	DeLoach	Hilton	McClain	Roberts
Au	Dempsey	Hitchens	McCollum	Sainz
E Baker	Dickey	Holcomb	McDonald	Sampson
Ballard	Donatucci	Holland	E McQueen	Sanchez
Ballinger	E Douglas	Holly	Meeks	Schofield
Barnes	Draper	Hong	Miller	Scoggins
Barton	Drenner	Horner	Mitchell	Scott
Bazemore	Dubnik	Howard, J	Momtahan	Seabaugh
Beckles	Dunahoo	Howard, K	Moore	Silcox
Bennett	Efstration	Huddleston	Myles	Smith, L
Berry	Ehrhart	Hugley	New	Smith, TP
Bonner	Erwin	E Hutchinson	Newton	Smith, V
Buckner	Evans	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stephens
Burchett	Fleming	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Stinson
Burnough	Flournoy	Jasperse	Oliver	Tarvin
Byrd	Ford	Jones, A	O'Steen	Taylor, R
Cameron	Franklin	Jones, J	Panitch	Thomas
Camp	Frye	Jones, S	Park	Townsend
Campbell, J	Gaines	Jones, T	Parrish	Wade
Campbell, L	Gambill	Kahaian	Parsons	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gilliard	Kelley	Persinger	Westbrook
Carpenter	Glaize	Kendrick	Petrea	E Wiedower
Chastain	Greene	LaHood	Powell	Williams, A
Cheokas	Griffin	Leverett	Prince	Williams, N
Clark, D	Gullett	Lewis-Ward	Reese	Williamson
Clifton	Gunter	Lim	Reeves	Willis
Cooper	Hagan	Lumsden	Rhodes	Yearta
Corbett	Hatchett	Lupton	Rice	Burns, Speaker
Cox	Hawkins	Martin		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Bell of the 75th, Blackmon of the 146th, Cannon of the 58th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Crawford of the 89th, Cummings of the 39th, Romman of the 97th, Santos of the 117th, Sharper of the 177th, Taylor of the 173rd, Tran of the 80th, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Dr. Rich Kannwischer, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolution of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 874. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Chastain of the 7th, Fleming of the 114th, Jones of the 25th and McCollum of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to prohibit the disclosure of taxpayer telephone numbers in property tax records sold, transferred, or shared with third parties; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for complaints; to provide for policies and procedures; to provide for a short title; to provide

for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 875. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Howard of the 129th, Beckles of the 96th, Santos of the 117th, Neal of the 79th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to provide for a tenant seeking to limit public access to records of the court relating to dispossessory actions to be sealed under certain circumstances; to provide for exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 876. By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Dawson of the 65th, Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th and Frye of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to provide residential tenants with the right to complete repairs required by the landlord and offset rental installments by the reasonable cost of such repairs under certain circumstances; to provide residential tenants with the right to terminate a rental agreement under certain circumstances; to prohibit the landlord from taking adverse action against residential tenants under certain circumstances; to provide for a civil right of action and remedies; to provide a definition; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 877. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Bazemore of the 69th, Bonner of the 73rd and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Fayetteville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for the exercise of powers and limitations on powers; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, prohibitions, elections, terms, removal from office, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, and qualifications; to provide for franchises, service charges, and assessments; to provide for bonded and other

indebtedness; to provide for accounting and budgeting; to provide for contracting and purchasing; to provide for sale of city property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for pending matters; to provide for definitions and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 878. By Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Scoggins of the 14th, Hugley of the 141st, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate October 9 of each year as "PANDAS Day" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 879. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Barton of the 5th, McCollum of the 30th, Powell of the 33rd, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to revise penalties; to authorize alteration or suspension of such penalty; to provide for obtaining motor vehicle owner information from the Department of Revenue; to provide for a conspicuous statement of the right to contest such penalty in court in the mailing sent to a motor vehicle owner; to provide for the allocation of money collected; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 880. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th, Newton of the 127th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 and Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes and management of budgetary and financial affairs, respectively, so as to reduce the income tax rate that may be reached

under certain conditions; to provide for certain amounts of the Revenue Shortfall Reserve to be used for tax relief; to increase the limitation on the maximum percentage of net revenue allowed to be held in the Revenue Shortfall Reserve; to remove outdated provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 881. By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 60th, Roberts of the 52nd and Mitchell of the 88th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the first day of the legislative session each year as "Civility Day" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

HB 882. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Anderson of the 10th, Dickey of the 134th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landscape architects, so as to provide for the regulation and licensing of tree care operators by the Georgia Department of Agriculture; to provide for application and fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HR 859. By Representatives Lim of the 98th and Lupton of the 83rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Inclusive Educational Settings for Students with Disabilities; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 867	HB 868
HB 871	HB 872
HB 873	HR 752
HR 753	HR 754
HR 755	HR 756
HR 757	HR 847
SB 340	SB 344
SB 345	SB 347
SB 348	SB 349
SB 350	SB 351
SB 355	

Representative Lumsden of the 12th District, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Insurance has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 5 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lumsden of the 12th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 811	Do Pass	HB 813	Do Pass
HB 814	Do Pass	HB 815	Do Pass
HB 816	Do Pass	HB 819	Do Pass
HB 820	Do Pass	HB 823	Do Pass
HB 824	Do Pass	HB 832	Do Pass
HB 834	Do Pass	HB 835	Do Pass
HB 836	Do Pass	HB 837	Do Pass

HB 838	Do Pass	HB 839	Do Pass
HB 840	Do Pass	HB 841	Do Pass
HB 842	Do Pass	HB 843	Do Pass
HB 844	Do Pass	HB 845	Do Pass
HB 846	Do Pass	HB 847	Do Pass
HB 848	Do Pass	HB 849	Do Pass
HB 850	Do Pass	HB 851	Do Pass
HB 852	Do Pass	HB 853	Do Pass
HB 854	Do Pass	HB 855	Do Pass
HB 856	Do Pass	HB 857	Do Pass
HB 858	Do Pass	HB 859	Do Pass
HB 860	Do Pass	HB 861	Do Pass
HB 869	Do Pass	HB 870	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 38th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 1	'Fair and Safe Athletic Opportunities Act'; enact (Substitute) (Ed-Bonner-73rd) Dolezal-27th
SB 8	Courts; arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; provide (JudyJ-Ballinger-23rd) Kirkpatrick-32nd
SB 82	"Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Hilton-48th) Dixon-45th
SB 93	"Georgia Early Literacy Act"; the three-cuing system from inclusion in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy; prohibit (Substitute)(Ed-Ballard-147th) Kemp-38th

SB 121 Uninsured Motorist Coverage; minimum required under motor vehicle liability policies for a individual convicted of driving under the influence or reckless driving; increase (Ins-Lumsden-12th) Harbin-16th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1220S)

SB 140 Optometrists; doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients under certain conditions; provide (Substitute)
(Hth-Gambill-15th) Dolezal-27th

SB 151 "Joint Development Authority of North Fulton Municipalities Act"; enact (Substitute)(IGC-Jones-47th) Beach-21st

SB 170 Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; create (Substitute)
(GAff-O'Steen-169th) Jackson-41st

SB 204 Criminal Procedure; offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; allow (Substitute)(JudyNC-Powell-33rd) Jones II-22nd
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3196S)

SB 212 "Quality Basic Education Act,"; disclosure of public student directory information to political candidates or persons or groups acting on their behalf; prohibit (Substitute)(Ed-Jones-25th) Still-48th

SB 256 Electric Membership Corporation; disclose certain acquisitions and other information to its members within a certain time frame; require
(EU&T-Martin-49th) Cowsert-46th

Structured Rule

SB 141 Revenue and Taxation; the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; extend (Substitute)(W&M-Hong-103rd)
Hatchett-50th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bills of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 851. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4631), as amended, so as to provide for abolition of the board on a date certain; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 852. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute and reestablish the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration; to provide for the powers and duties of the board; to provide for the appointment, removal, terms of office, and compensation of its members; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 811. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 813. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $12,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 814. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 815. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $12,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 816. By Representative Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Greene County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction of Act and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 819. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Jasper County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 820. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jasper County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 823. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens, approved April 22, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3588), so as to revise the definition of senior citizen; to provide that the homestead exemption granted by this Act shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any other homestead exemption applicable to Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes; to fix a nonsubstantive scrivener's error; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 824. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to close for new applications certain homestead exemptions for senior citizens from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes and homestead exemptions for senior citizens from Dawson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 832. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, New of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Paulding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum,

effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 834. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 835. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3763), as amended, so as to increase such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 836. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Coweta County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 for residents of that school

district who are 65 years of age but less than 71 years of age, $60,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 71 years of age but less than 75 years of age, and $80,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older, approved January 17, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3501), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 7, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 4204), so as to raise the exemption amounts; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 837. By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th, Prince of the 132nd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Richmond County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 838. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Glaize of the 67th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Newnan, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5160), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 839. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Persinger of the 119th, Erwin of the 32nd and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county of Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), so as to revise provisions

related to filling certain vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 840. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Pickens County Airport Authority, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3645), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 841. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Pickens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $40,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 842. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $250,000.00 of the appraised value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4357), so as to revise the exemption amount; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory

execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 843. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Dalton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3766), as amended, so as to increase such exemption; to revise provisions for the grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 844. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4538), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4354), so as to revise the exemption amount; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 845. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th, Byrd of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the numbering of positions of membership on the Cherokee County Board of Education, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3207), as amended, so as to require an internal audit function of the board and to establish the position of internal auditor; to provide for the selection, powers, and duties of the internal auditor; to provide for internal cooperation; to provide a sunset date on the provisions governing such internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 846. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Cherokee County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount as determined from the proceeds generated from the collection of the retail homestead option sales and use tax for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 847. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the tax commissioner and certain employees of such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 848. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Polk County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the greater of 50 percent or $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older, in the amount of the greater of 75 percent or $80,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, and in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 77 years of age or older, all with a temporary cap on the annual aggregate exemption amount; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 849. By Representatives Greene of the 154th and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010 p. 3570) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5050), so as to rename the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 850. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Augusta-Richmond County ad valorem taxes for consolidated government purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 853. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Tunnel Hill ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $325,000.00 for each resident of the City of Tunnel Hill who is 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 854. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Cohutta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 for each resident of the City of Cohutta who is 70 years of age or older, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4375), so as to increase the exemption amount to $325,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 855. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Thomasville to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., approved April 27, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3799), so as to revise provisions related to the expenditure of certain proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 856. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Brooks County Development Authority, approved March 9, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2097), so as to revise provisions related to the appointment of members of the authority; to repeal outdated districting and initial term provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 857. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4333), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 858. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Seabaugh of the 34th, McQueen of the 61st, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation and number of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 859. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for educational

purposes in the amount of $28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for each resident of the city who is 65 years of age or older or totally disabled, approved March 29, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3950), as amended, so as to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age or totally disabled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 860. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Gordon County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are at least 65 but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4533), so as to increase said homestead exemption for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 861. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide homestead exemptions from City of Calhoun independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are at least 65 but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4537), so as to increase said homestead exemption for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to

comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 869. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Cartersville and Bartow County, Georgia, approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2270), so as to provide for the legislative delegation of Bartow County to appoint a member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 870. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Clayton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead for residents of that county who are disabled veterans, senior citizens, unremarried surviving spouses of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, or 100 percent disabled; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and a sunset; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 352. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jasper County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount

of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 79. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 69. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 113. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities; to provide for a list of such goods; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to repeal provisions related to contracting with China; to provide for powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 136. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Blackmon of the 146th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cox of the 28th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 182. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 575. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 217. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Martin of the 49th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, so as to make the Dual Achievement Program a permanent state-wide program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 351. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding solid waste management, so as to modify the powers and duties of the Board of Natural Resources; to revise definitions; to modify solid waste permitting; to provide for submission of written verification regarding compliance with local zoning and land use regulations; to remove certain restrictions on permits; to revise provisions regarding public meetings and notice; to remove outdated terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate recedes from its amendment to the following bill of the House:

HB 86. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia State Tax Court; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 38. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Reeves of the 99th, Jones of the 47th, Hilton of the 48th and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the needs based financial aid program, so as to revise the definition of "eligible student"; to extend an automatic repealer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 85. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of superior court judges; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 192. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Dubnik of the 29th and Wade of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to include specific references to programs included in the High-demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board with respect to the State Board of Education's minimum course of study in career education for students in grades six through 12; to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to provide for evaluation methodology, reports, and purpose; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 348. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Lumsden of the 12th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Burchett of the 176th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 14 and 41 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic stock and mutual insurers and captive insurance companies, respectively, so as to expand the lines of insurance or reinsurance in which a limited purpose subsidiary and captive insurance company may engage; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 410. By Representatives DeLoach of the 167th, Lumsden of the 12th and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance, so as to provide for efficiency in the practices of the Department of Insurance; to revise the statutory deposit requirement for foreign insurers; to remove fees for branch licensees; to revise application requirements for a domestic stock and mutual insurer; to remove the publication requirement for application, amendments, and surrenders for such insurer; to remove such publication requirement for charters, consolidations, and mergers of fraternal benefit societies; to revise application requirements for farmers' mutual fire insurance companies; to remove the licensure requirement for agency branches; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 433. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee

oversight in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 572. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th, Efstration of the 104th, McCollum of the 30th and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Braselton, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4319), so as to annex certain properties into the town; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 637. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Cooper of the 45th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Cobb County, Georgia, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4492), as amended, so as to revise a requirement for public hearings before the commission is authorized to spend over $100,000.00 to employ an independent consultant or conduct an independent study; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 699. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Dawson County, approved April 23, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4680), as amended, to provide for staggered terms of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 730. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4701), as amended, so as to provide for membership; to provide for meetings; to provide for purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 732. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Glynn County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-

51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 734. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Vidalia, Georgia to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 735. By Representative Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Lyons, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 738. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Butts County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide for successors; to provide for qualifications; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 745. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Williamson of the 112th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Loganville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 746. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Martinez of the 111th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Monroe ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 747. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Parsons of the 44th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Carson of the 46th, Campbell of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 748. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the coroner of Carroll County on an annual salary, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 2924), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3716), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 754. By Representative Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Catoosa County, Georgia, approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4258), as amended, so as to require an internal audit function of the board and to establish the position of internal auditor; to provide for the selection, powers, and duties of the internal auditor; to provide for internal cooperation; to provide a sunset date on the provisions governing such internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 755. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 47th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Cherokee County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 758. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Spalding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in a graduated amount on the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older and based upon their income, excluding certain retirement income; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 759. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a board of elections for Spalding County, approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4432), as amended, so as to update provisions related to the terms of board members; to revise provisions related to holding meetings of the board; to rename the elections supervisor as the elections director; to revise duties of the elections director; to authorize the board to hire its own legal counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 760. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Townsend of the 179th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Glynn County, approved February 11, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937, p. 1336), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3914), so as to change the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for withholding of compensation for certain meeting absences; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 761. By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Lim of the 98th and McClain of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all City of Lilburn ad valorem taxes for city purposes, including but not limited to taxes to retire bonded indebtedness in the amount of $5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of the City of Lilburn and in the amount of $10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain

other residents of the City of Lilburn who are 65 years of age or over or who are disabled, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4469), so as to provide an additional homestead exemption in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the prior year assessed value of such homestead by more than 8 percent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 762. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of the Savannah Music Commission; to provide for a short title; to provide for findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership, terms of office, and vacancies; to confer powers and impose duties on the commission; to provide for bylaws; to provide for a quorum; to provide for audits; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 763. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create and establish the Richmond Hill-Bryan County Airport Authority, a new airport authority in and for the County of Bryan and the City of Richmond Hill; to provide that no liability or debt against the aforementioned city or county shall be incurred in the exercise of any powers granted by this Act; to make the bonds, securities, or obligations of the authority exempt from taxation; to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds, securities, or other obligations; to provide that such bonds, securities, or other obligations be validated as authorized by the "Revenue Bond Law"; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 764. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Nelson, approved April 7, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5615), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5181), so as to provide for appointments to vacancies in the office of the mayor or city council member; to provide for special elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 771. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Jones of the 47th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000.00 and who are 62 years of age or over, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3677), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3552), so as to extend the homestead exemption to surviving spouses without regard to the five-year residency requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 775. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $15,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over without regard to their income, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4289), so as to increase said homestead exemption to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 776. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Glaize of the 67th, Martin of the 49th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 50 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 777. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Glaize of the 67th, Martin of the 49th, McQueen of the 61st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of 25 percent of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that

school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 782. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Chatham County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 783. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Clifton of the 131st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Columbia County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 784. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Newton of the 127th, Clifton of the 131st and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Columbia County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for

compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 352. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jasper County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

Pursuant to HR 850, the House recognized and commended Lynne Riley on the occasion of her retirement.

Pursuant to HR 849, the House recognized and commended Trooper First Class Mapes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Jones of the 60th et al., Burnough of the 77th et al., Herring of the 145th et al., Barnes of the 86th, Jackson of the 165th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Scott of the 76th et al., Gaines of the 120th et al., Davis of the 87th et al., Cannon of the 58th et al., and Carter of the 93rd et al.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 68
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 68 (FY 2026G)		Governor	House	SAC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$37,711,205,201	$37,711,205,201	$37,711,205,201
State General Funds		$32,467,130,891	$32,467,130,891	$32,467,130,891
State Motor Fuel Funds		$2,476,442,802	$2,476,442,802	$2,476,442,802
Lottery Proceeds		$1,662,486,955	$1,662,486,955	$1,662,486,955
Tobacco Settlement Funds		$148,615,900	$148,615,900	$148,615,900
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund		$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State Children's Trust Funds		$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds		$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
Trauma Care Trust Funds		$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds		$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds		$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds		$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Fireworks Trust Funds		$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
Transit Trust Funds		$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds		$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund		$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
Ambulance Provider Fees		$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees		$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531

Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,460,767,774	$22,479,320,988	$22,465,483,532
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,575,119,256	$6,575,119,256	$6,575,490,851
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$87,140,076	$93,241,269	$92,970,251
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,345,504	$17,345,504	$17,345,504
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,684,615,108	$12,698,932,272	$12,683,444,077
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$55,774,355	$55,774,355	$55,774,355
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$542,219,578	$540,354,435	$541,904,597
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$398,775,158	$398,775,158	$398,775,158
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$396,226,387	$396,226,387	$396,226,387
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,988,467,723	$6,997,682,579	$6,999,475,340
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902
Reserved Fund Balances	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300
Interest and Investment Income	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,546,173,687	$2,546,173,687	$2,545,981,304
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$473,047,785	$473,047,785	$472,855,402
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683
Royalties and Rents	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315
Sales and Services	$3,826,564,362	$3,835,779,218	$3,837,764,362
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$932,209,091	$941,423,947	$943,409,091
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,880,247,810	$5,880,015,729	$5,880,247,810
State Funds Transfers	$5,874,846,517	$5,874,846,517	$5,874,846,517
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$137,499,029	$137,499,029	$137,499,029
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$16,284,617	$16,284,617	$16,284,617
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,136,198	$9,136,198	$9,136,198
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$89,935,038	$89,935,038	$89,935,038
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$3,303,803	$3,071,722	$3,303,803
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,303,803	$3,071,722	$3,303,803
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,160,440,698	$67,188,208,768	$67,176,164,073
Changes in Fund Availability			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,574,980,974	$1,574,980,974	$1,574,980,974
State General Funds	$1,124,391,265	$1,124,391,265	$1,124,391,265
State Motor Fuel Funds	$274,976,802	$274,976,802	$274,976,802
Lottery Proceeds	$102,213,046	$102,213,046	$102,213,046
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$301	$301	$301
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$162,683	$162,683	$162,683
State Children's Trust Funds	($93,233)	($93,233)	($93,233)
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$91,711	$91,711	$91,711
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$161,933	$161,933	$161,933
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$216,665	$216,665	$216,665
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$1,971,413	$1,971,413	$1,971,413
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)
Fireworks Trust Funds	($64,523)	($64,523)	($64,523)
Transit Trust Funds	$5,592,384	$5,592,384	$5,592,384
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,656,617	$9,656,617	$9,656,617
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	($120,110)	($120,110)	($120,110)
Ambulance Provider Fees	($568,995)	($568,995)	($568,995)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$6,108,816	$6,108,816	$6,108,816
Hospital Provider Fee	$53,192,475	$53,192,475	$53,192,475
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$825,316,251	$843,869,465	$830,032,009
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$451,858	$451,858	$823,453

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$8,360	$8,360	$8,360
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	($1,373,816)	$4,727,377	$4,456,359
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$826,744,621	$841,061,785	$825,573,590
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$1,204,432	($660,711)	$889,451
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,010,000	$59,224,856	$61,017,617
Intergovernmental Transfers	$0	$0	($192,383)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$0	$0	($192,383)
Sales and Services	$50,010,000	$59,224,856	$61,210,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,010,000	$59,224,856	$61,210,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$641,457	$409,376	$641,457
State Funds Transfers	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376
Merit System Assessments	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$0	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$0	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,450,948,682	$2,478,484,671	$2,466,672,057
Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application			

For informational purposes, the Department of Audits and Accounts has provided a report prepared by the Georgia State University Fiscal Research Center, which also relied upon the contributions of the Department of Revenue and Office of Commissioner of Insurance.

Prior to any General Assembly passage of additional bills in the 2025 Legislative Session impacting amounts of tax to collect in the future, the FY2026 Appropriations Bill reflects state funds revenue that foregoes over $40 billion in revenue due to federal tax code or Georgia tax code. Based on magnitude in estimated amounts, here are the highest-impact state code measures ranked in order:

$12.277 billion	1. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for All Service Categories
$4.862 billion	2. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Manufacturing – Energy, Machinery or Equipment, Industrial Material, and Consumable Supplies
$3.478 billion	3. State Individual Income Tax – Standard Deduction and Personal Exemption
$2.189 billion	4. State Individual Income Tax – Retirement Income Exemption and Exclusion of Federally Taxable Social Security Benefits
$996 million	5. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Food Off-Premises Consumption
$887 million	6. Film Tax Credit
$644 million	7. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Drugs Dispensed by Prescription, Prescription Glasses, Contact Lenses, Contact Lens Samples, and Sales or Use of Certain Controlled Substances or Dangerous Drugs
$367 million	8. Income or Insurance Premium Tax Credits – Low-Income Housing Credit
$358 million	9. State Individual Income Tax – Credit for Taxes Paid to Another State
$292 million	10. Insurance Premium Tax – Insurance Abatements for insurance companies with significant investment of assets in Georgia
$285 million	11. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Sale of Georgia Lottery Tickets

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
State General Funds	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,714,273	$17,714,273	$18,015,468
State General Funds	$17,714,273	$17,714,273	$18,015,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,714,273	$17,714,273	$18,015,468
Lieutenant Governor's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
1.1 *Increase funds for projected expenditures and growth of the field constituent program.*			
State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
1.2 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*			
State General Funds			$150,000
1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,196,940	$2,196,940	$2,346,940
State General Funds	$2,196,940	$2,196,940	$2,346,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,196,940	$2,196,940	$2,346,940
Secretary of the Senate's Office		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

Senate		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
State General Funds	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*			
State General Funds	$273,805	$273,805	$425,000
3.1000 Senate			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$14,115,285
State General Funds	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$14,115,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$14,115,285
Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives			
	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595
State General Funds	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595
House of Representatives		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*			
State General Funds	$125,000	$425,000	$425,000
4.1000 House of Representatives			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595
State General Funds	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
State General Funds	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,538,929	$23,364,111	$22,564,111
State General Funds	$22,538,929	$23,364,111	$22,564,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,538,929	$23,364,111	$22,564,111

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
State General Funds	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539

5.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$50,000	$150,000	$50,000

5.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds		$344	$344

5.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$51,593	$51,593

5.1000 Ancillary Activities			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,624,539	$14,776,476	$14,676,476
State General Funds	$14,624,539	$14,776,476	$14,676,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,624,539	$14,776,476	$14,676,476

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
State General Funds	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300

6.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($29,899)	($29,899)

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
State General Funds	$1,430,300	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,400,401	$1,400,401

Office of General Counsel		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$0	$0
State General Funds		$0	$0

7.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations. (S:NO)*

State General Funds		$700,000	$0

7.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government. (S:NO)*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government.*

State General Funds		$0	$0

7.1000 Office of General Counsel			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government. (S:NO)			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$700,000	$0
State General Funds		$700,000	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS		$700,000	$0

Office of Legislative Counsel		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
State General Funds	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090

8.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

8.2 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$3,144	$3,144

8.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel		**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,484,090	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
State General Funds	$6,484,090	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,484,090	$6,487,234	$6,487,234

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
State General Funds	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,553,165	$46,553,165	$46,553,165

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,456,717	$48,230,436	$47,905,532
State General Funds	$48,456,717	$48,230,436	$47,905,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,516,717	$48,290,436	$47,965,532

Audit and Assurance Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,098,788	$38,098,788	$38,098,788

9.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$1,691,518	$0	$0

9.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$2,081	$2,081

9.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$8,831	$8,831

9.4 *Increase funds for three data analytics positions and three quality standards positions. (S:Increase funds for two data analytics positions and two quality standards positions)*

State General Funds		$974,808	$649,904

9.5 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$656,625	$656,625

9.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

State General Funds			$0

9.1000 Audit and Assurance Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,730,306	$39,681,133	$39,356,229
State General Funds	$39,730,306	$39,681,133	$39,356,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,790,306	$39,741,133	$39,416,229

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771

10.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$137,219	$0	$0

10.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$133	$133

10.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$567	$567

10.4 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$42,150	$42,150

10.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,349,990	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
State General Funds	$3,349,990	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,349,990	$3,255,621	$3,255,621

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

11.1000 Legislative Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
State General Funds	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
12.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*			
State General Funds	$134,815	$0	$0
12.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds		$162	$162
12.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds		$689	$689
12.4 *Increase funds for operations.*			
State General Funds		$51,225	$51,225

12.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest		**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,421	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
State General Funds	$3,133,421	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,133,421	$3,050,682	$3,050,682

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
State General Funds	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779
State General Funds	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,408,003	$29,135,697	$28,019,779

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
State General Funds	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028

13.1 *Increase funds to annualize judges' salary increases. (H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session))(S:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session) effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$1,569,513	$1,231,014	$784,757

13.2 *Increase funds for phase one of recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff. (S:Increase funds for recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$676,918	$676,918	$338,459

13.3 *Increase funds for phase one of recruitment and retention increases for court staff due to critical turnover. (S:Increase funds for recruitment and retention increases for court staff due to critical turnover effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$218,544	$218,544	$109,272

13.4 *Increase funds for annual leave conversion payouts. (H:Increase funds for annual leave payouts)(S:NO; Recognize available funds for annual leave conversion payouts)*

State General Funds	$80,000	$80,000	$0

13.5 *Increase funds for annual cyber security insurance premiums. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($35,000) for annual cyber security insurance premiums)*

State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$0

13.6 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*		
State General Funds	($7,727)	($7,727)
13.7 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*		
State General Funds	$7,201	$7,201
13.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funds for server room and data closet five-year battery replacement.*		
State General Funds	($23,281)	($23,281)
13.9 *Increase funds for mandatory website updates required to maintain federal ADA compliance.*		
State General Funds	$90,000	$0
13.10 *Reduce funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass in 2024 Legislative Session.*		
State General Funds		($16,930)

13.1000 Court of Appeals			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779
State General Funds	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,408,003	$29,135,697	$28,019,779

Section 6: Judicial Council

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865
State General Funds	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,002,552	$28,002,552	$28,002,552

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,137,104	$26,490,719	$26,021,929
State General Funds	$26,137,104	$26,490,719	$26,021,929
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
Sales and Services	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,603,791	$30,957,406	$30,488,616

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
14.1 *Increase funds for personnel for one certification officer position.*			
State General Funds	$158,750	$158,750	$158,750
14.2 *Increase funds for personnel for one participant services statewide coordinator position.*			
State General Funds	$159,375	$159,375	$0

14.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,166,517
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,166,517
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,166,517

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

15.1 *Increase funds for personnel and statewide contracts to strengthen statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services.*

State General Funds	$168,950	$168,950	$0

15.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$168,950	$168,950	$0
State General Funds	$168,950	$168,950	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$656,162	$656,162	$487,212

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

16.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648
State General Funds	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,452,920	$20,452,920	$20,452,920

17.1 *Increase funds to annualize the juvenile court case management contract.*

State General Funds	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000

17.2 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff. (S:Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$355,141	$0	$177,571

17.3 *Increase funds for judicial security initiatives.*

State General Funds	$340,086	$108,600	$108,600

17.4 *Increase funds for personnel for three information technology positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel for two information technology positions)*

State General Funds	$427,416	$427,416	$259,805

17.5 *Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients. (S:NO; Provide a report to the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by February 1, 2026 on the number of people served and outcomes of the program)*

State General Funds	$209,500	$0	$0

17.6 *Increase funds for grants to legal self-help centers.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$0

17.7 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,893	$4,893

17.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($758)	($758)

17.1000 Judicial Council **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,268,791	$18,476,799	$18,386,759
State General Funds	$19,268,791	$18,476,799	$18,386,759
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,285,063	$21,493,071	$21,403,031

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
State General Funds	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716

18.1 *Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and increase funds for personnel for one staff attorney for the Hearing Panel.*

State General Funds	$117,614	$117,614	$117,614

18.2 *Increase funds for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs. (S:Transfer funds from Department of Law to Judicial Council for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs)*

State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

18.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates.*

State General Funds	$13,764	$13,764	$13,764

18.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission		**Continuation Budget**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

19.998 *Transfer funds for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council to Judicial Council.*

State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

19.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

19.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission		**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

Resource Center	**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.	

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

20.1000 Resource Center			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
State General Funds	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138

21.1 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives. (S:Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$60,772	$60,772	$30,386

21.2 *Increase funds to annualize the salary enhancement per the Judicial Council's judicial compensation reform proposal. (H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session))(S:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session) effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$29,871	$50,478	$31,074

21.3 *Recognize funds for operations.*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

21.4 *Reduce funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass in 2024 Legislative Session.*

State General Funds			($635)

21.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,035,781	$2,056,388	$2,005,963
State General Funds	$2,035,781	$2,056,388	$2,005,963
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,045,781	$2,066,388	$2,015,963

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
State General Funds	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,234	$9,876,234	$9,876,234

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,808,748	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
State General Funds	$9,808,748	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,234	$9,878,131	$9,878,131

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,093,637	$2,093,637	$2,093,637

22.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$765	$765

22.2 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$1,132	$0

22.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,151	$2,028,048	$2,026,916
State General Funds	$2,026,151	$2,028,048	$2,026,916
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,093,637	$2,095,534	$2,094,402

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

23.1 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds $1,132

23.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,783,729
State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,783,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,783,729

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723
State General Funds	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,012,526	$127,012,526	$127,012,526

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$143,085,185	$138,534,108	$130,293,948
State General Funds	$143,085,185	$138,534,108	$130,293,948
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611

Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$145,324,988	$140,773,911	$132,533,751

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
State General Funds	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129

24.1 *Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:Increase funds to provide for a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$83,457	$83,457	$41,729

24.2 *Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support. (S:Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$11,193	$11,193	$5,597

24.3 *Increase funds for one conflict case prosecutor.*

State General Funds	$289,021	$0	$0

24.4 *Increase funds for one conflict case investigator.*

State General Funds	$191,289	$0	$0

24.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$827	$827

24.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,227,089	$1,747,606	$1,700,282
State General Funds	$2,227,089	$1,747,606	$1,700,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,227,089	$1,747,606	$1,700,282

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

25.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923
State General Funds	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,624,726	$113,624,726	$113,624,726

26.1 *Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:Increase funds to provide for a revised pay scale and one-step increase for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$10,148,567	$10,148,567	$5,074,284

26.2 *Increase funds to provide year one of a revised pay scale to set District Attorney pay to $155,000. (H and S:NO; Review pay structure in conjunction with judicial salary restructuring plan implementation)*

State General Funds	$1,754,395	$0	$0

26.3 *Increase funds for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support. (S:Increase funds for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$828,030	$828,030	$414,015

26.4 *Increase funds for one District Attorney, four Assistant District Attorneys, one investigator, one victim advocate, two secretaries and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (Session 2024). (S:Increase funds for one District Attorney, one investigator, one victim advocate, two secretaries and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (Session 2024) and transfer funds ($926,892) for four Assistant District Attorneys from the Coweta Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds	$1,586,960	$1,563,960	$637,068

26.5 *Increase funds for four Assistant District Attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit. (H:Increase funds for two Assistant District Attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds	$903,561	$451,781	$0

26.6 *Increase funds to annualize additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in Tifton and Houston Judicial Circuits.*

State General Funds	$201,409	$201,340	$201,340

26.7 *Increase funds for three additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits. (H:Increase funds for three additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026)(S:Increase funds for two additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026 and recognize existing Assistant District Attorney position in Augusta Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds	$539,239	$269,620	$179,746

26.8 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds		$149	$149

26.9 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$19,197	$19,197

26.10 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds		$21,446	$21,446

26.11 *Reduce funds for one Assistant District Attorney position for a new judgeship in the Douglas Judicial Circuit created in SB347 (2024 Session) which did not pass.*

State General Funds		($79,076)	($79,076)

26.1000 District Attorneys			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$127,347,084	$124,809,937	$117,853,092
State General Funds	$127,347,084	$124,809,937	$117,853,092
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611

Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$129,586,887	$127,049,740	$120,092,895

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
State General Funds	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950

27.1 *Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S:Increase funds to provide for a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$218,694	$218,694	$109,347

27.2 *Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support. (S:Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$154,226	$154,226	$77,113

27.3 *Increase funds for a Deputy General Counsel.*

State General Funds	$261,452	$0	$0

27.4 *Increase funds to support Tracker Case Management development. (S:Increase funds for one-time development cost of Tracker Case Management System)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$490,000

27.5 *Increase funds for personnel for one victim advocate.*

State General Funds	$60,469	$0	$60,469

27.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$5,320	$5,320

27.7 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenses.*

State General Funds		($12,346)	($12,346)

27.8 *Reduce funds to reflect ongoing maintenance cost of repeat offender gang case management system.*

State General Funds			($800,000)

27.9 *Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of Tracker Case Management System.*

State General Funds			$200,000

27.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council			Appropriation (HB 68)
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,114,791	$11,785,844	$10,549,853
State General Funds	$12,114,791	$11,785,844	$10,549,853
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,114,791	$11,785,844	$10,549,853

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
28.1 *Increase funds for operations.*			
State General Funds	$80,500	$0	$0
28.998 *Transfer funds to reflect the relocation of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualification Commission to Judicial Council.*			
State General Funds		($1,125,000)	($1,125,000)

28.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission			Appropriation (HB 68)
The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,205,500	$0	$0
State General Funds	$1,205,500	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,500	$0	$0

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009
State General Funds	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,237,134	$92,237,134	$92,237,134

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$113,734,333	$108,249,773	$103,428,047
State General Funds	$113,734,333	$108,249,773	$103,428,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,815,458	$108,330,898	$103,509,172

Council of Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

29.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125

Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

30.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434
State General Funds	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$86,763,434	$86,763,434	$86,763,434

31.1 *Increase funds for the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$808,538	$808,538	$808,538

31.2 *Reduce funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session but was funded in the FY2025 Appropriations Act (HB916).*

State General Funds	($218,555)	($218,555)	($218,555)

31.3 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Houston Circuit created in HB960 (Session 2024).*

State General Funds	$218,555	$218,555	$218,555

31.4 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Tifton Circuit created in HB906 (Session 2024).*

State General Funds	$218,555	$218,555	$218,555

31.5 *Increase funds to implement the Judicial Salary Restructuring Plan. (H and S:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session), effective January 1, 2026)*			
State General Funds	$19,286,902	$14,465,177	$9,643,451
31.6 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit, effective July 1, 2025. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit, effective January 1, 2026)*			
State General Funds	$451,693	$225,847	$225,847
31.7 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit, effective July 1, 2025. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit, effective January 1, 2026)*			
State General Funds	$451,693	$225,847	$225,847
31.8 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Augusta Circuit, effective July 1, 2025. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Augusta Circuit, effective January 1, 2026)*			
State General Funds	$451,693	$225,847	$225,847
31.9 *Reduce initial equipment set-up funds for the Atlantic Circuit new judgeship created in SB66 (Legislative Session 2023).*			
State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)
31.10 *Reduce initial equipment set-up funds for the Coweta Circuit new judgeship created in HB243 (Legislative Session 2023).*			
State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)
31.11 *Reduce initial equipment set-up funds for the Dougherty Circuit new judgeship created in HB77 (Legislative Session 2023).*			
State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)
31.12 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds		$7,673	$7,673
31.13 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenses.*			
State General Funds		$7,030	$7,030

31.1000 Superior Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,296,758	$102,812,198	$97,990,472
State General Funds	$108,296,758	$102,812,198	$97,990,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,341,758	$102,857,198	$98,035,472

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588
State General Funds	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,169,768	$22,112,499	$21,601,411

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650

32.1 *Increase funds to annualize agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DAOS) administered self-insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,589	$2,589	$2,589

32.2 *Increase funds to annualize Georgia Building Authority (GBA) rental rates to provide for additional Capitol police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$13,343	$13,343	$13,343

32.3 *Increase funds to annualize an adjustment to agency premiums for State Accounting Office (SAO) TeamWorks.*

State General Funds	$1,293	$1,293	$1,293

32.4 *Increase funds to annualize funds for Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	$10,253	$10,253	$10,253

32.5 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize salary enhancement to Supreme Court Justices' salaries consistent with Judicial Council proposal. (H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session))(S:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session) effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$668,437	$611,168	$485,863

32.6 *Increase funds for phase one of a multi-year recruitment and retention plan for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff. (S:Increase funds for a recruitment and retention plan for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$86,312	$86,312	$43,156

32.7 *Increase funds for phase one of a multi-year recruitment and retention plan for salary increases for court staff due to critical turnover. (S:Increase funds for a recruitment and retention plan for salary increases for court staff due to critical turnover effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$459,781	$459,781	$229,891

32.8 *Increase funds for a one-time information technology upgrade to the public electronic records (docket) to make ADA compliant.*

State General Funds	$99,110	$99,110	$0

32.9 *Reduce funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass in 2024 Legislative Session.*

State General Funds			($13,627)

32.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588
State General Funds	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,169,768	$22,112,499	$21,601,411

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
State General Funds	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,865,476	$34,865,476	$34,865,476

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,389,126	$8,284,126	$8,434,126
State General Funds	$8,389,126	$8,284,126	$8,434,126
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,975,291	$34,870,291	$35,020,291

Administration (SAO) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,284,176	$1,284,176	$1,284,176

33.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$665	$665	$665

33.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$384	$384	$384

33.1000 Administration (SAO) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
State General Funds	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
State General Funds	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,433,165	$23,433,165	$23,433,165

34.1 *Eliminate funds provided for 4% cost-of-living adjustments to reflect program being fully funded by TeamWorks billings.*

State General Funds	($5,970)	($5,970)	($5,970)

34.1000 Financial Systems **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,830,374	$2,830,374	$2,830,374

35.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,342	$1,342	$1,342

35.1000 Shared Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
State General Funds	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,837	$3,260,837	$3,260,837

36.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,793	$6,793	$6,793

36.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
State General Funds	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
State General Funds	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612

37.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,601	$1,601	$1,601

37.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
State General Funds	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

38.1 *Increase funds for e-filing system maintenance. (H:NO; Utilize existing funds for e-filing system maintenance)(S:Increase funds for e-filing system maintenance and retention of personnel)*

State General Funds	$105,000	$0	$150,000

38.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,261,312	$3,156,312	$3,306,312
State General Funds	$3,261,312	$3,156,312	$3,306,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,261,312	$3,156,312	$3,306,312

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814
State General Funds	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Sales and Services	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Funds Transfers	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,726,822	$8,726,822	$8,726,822
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$306,425,659	$306,425,659	$306,425,659

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,499,568	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
State General Funds	$21,499,568	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Sales and Services	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$233,874,675	$233,874,675	$233,874,675
State Funds Transfers	$233,874,675	$233,874,675	$233,874,675
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386

Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,136,198	$9,136,198	$9,136,198
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$308,350,789	$308,174,344	$308,174,344

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

39.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445

40.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to purchase an annuity for a wrongfully convicted individual (HR161, 2009 Session).*

State General Funds	($176,445)	($176,445)

40.2 *Increase funds to purchase annuities for wrongfully convicted individuals pursuant to the favorable passage of HR128 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

40.1000 Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$0	$0
State General Funds	$176,445	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$0	$0

Departmental Administration (DOAS)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160
Intergovernmental Transfers	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Sales and Services	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Funds Transfers	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851
Merit System Assessments	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

41.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160
Intergovernmental Transfers	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Sales and Services	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Funds Transfers	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851
Merit System Assessments	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

42.1000 Fleet Management **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
State Funds Transfers	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
Merit System Assessments	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,963,212	$13,963,212	$13,963,212

43.1 *Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments based on increased statewide salary to support human resources initiatives.*

Merit System Assessments	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376

43.1000 Human Resources Administration			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588

Risk Management			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$222,004,783	$222,004,783	$222,004,783

44.1 *Increase funds for supplemental payments for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) pursuant to HB451 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,515,754	$1,515,754	$1,515,754

44.1000 Risk Management			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

State Purchasing			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

45.1000 State Purchasing			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

46.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

47.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Funds Transfers	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769

48.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Funds Transfers	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769

State Treasurer, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427

49.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

50.1 *Utilize existing funds ($400,000) pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 that were not previously appropriated for projects related to the Department of Labor (GDOL) to maintain the legacy Unemployment Insurance system at GDOL. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

50.2 *Recognize funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-2-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) provided in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) to match in the most efficient and effective CMS FMAP for an estimated total project cost of $218,750,000, with $35,000,000 in state funds provided in this appropriations cycle and an additional $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in the next appropriations cycle to match cash flows and actual costs of the project and the federal draw of matching funds. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

50.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,271,485	$66,271,485	$66,271,485
State General Funds	$64,137,629	$64,137,629	$64,137,629
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,848,331	$77,848,331	$77,848,331
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,007,136	$69,715,672	$70,400,121
State General Funds	$63,781,569	$67,490,105	$68,174,554
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,583,982	$81,292,518	$81,976,967

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867

51.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$13,536	$13,536	$13,536

51.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
State General Funds	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

52.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Department of Economic Development and the Board of Regents to establish the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB495 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

52.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

52.1000 Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

Consumer Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by

monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
State General Funds	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,446,475	$47,446,475	$47,446,475

53.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$147	$147	$147

53.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($95,180)	($95,180)	($95,180)

53.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$18,386	$18,386	$18,386

53.4 *Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and three inspectors to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session). (H:Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, five inspectors, and equipment to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session))(S:Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and three inspectors to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$490,873	$792,585	$490,873

53.5 *Increase funds for emergency management specialist position. (S:NO; Collaborate with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for emergency response coordination)*

State General Funds		$125,000	$0

53.6 *Increase funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response)*

State General Funds		$450,000	$450,000

53.7 *Increase funds for two meat inspection supervisor positions. (S:NO; Collaborate with federal partners on funding for meat inspector positions and report back to the Georgia General Assembly)*

State General Funds		$188,839	$0

53.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for operations.*

State General Funds	($850,000)

53.1000 Consumer Protection			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,189,556	$39,255,107	$37,789,556
State General Funds	$38,189,556	$39,255,107	$37,789,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,860,701	$48,926,252	$47,460,701

Departmental Administration (DOA)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
State General Funds	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,989,538	$9,989,538	$9,989,538

54.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($24,825)	($24,825)	($24,825)

54.2 *Reduce one-time funds for agricultural improvements.*

State General Funds	($900,000)	($900,000)	($900,000)

54.3 *Increase funds for agricultural projects.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$0

54.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,014,713	$8,264,713	$8,014,713
State General Funds	$8,014,713	$8,264,713	$8,014,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,064,713	$9,314,713	$9,064,713

Marketing and Promotion		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,169,417	$8,169,417	$8,169,417
State General Funds	$6,035,561	$6,035,561	$6,035,561
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,025,118	$9,025,118	$9,025,118

55.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$418	$418	$418

55.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,666)	($10,666)	($10,666)

55.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,402	$2,402	$2,402

55.4 *Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$91,711	$91,711	$91,711

55.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding of a pilot for the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Forestry Association in which the Department of Agriculture will report on the performance of the program including return on investment to the State of Georgia to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by June 30, 2026.*

State General Funds	$200,000

55.1000 Marketing and Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,253,282	$8,253,282	$8,453,282
State General Funds	$6,027,715	$6,027,715	$6,227,715
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,108,983	$9,108,983	$9,308,983

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

56.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778

57.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations and develop internal list and funding source for future capital improvements.*

State General Funds $2,100,000

57.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$2,999,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$2,999,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$2,999,778

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498

58.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds ($168) ($168) ($168)

58.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds ($983) ($983) ($983)

58.3 *Increase funds for the maintenance of permitted watershed dams.*

State General Funds $150,000 $150,000 $150,000

58.4 *The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall prepare a report on the necessity of unpermitted dams and evaluate potential dams for breach or closure and submit to the Office of Planning and Budget and the House and Senate budget offices by October 31, 2025. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds $0 $0 $0

58.5 *Increase funds to establish a pilot program to eradicate feral hog population based on weekly awards.*

State General Funds			$100,000

58.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,525,347
State General Funds	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,525,347
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,525,347

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
State General Funds	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,341,166
State General Funds	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,341,166
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,341,166

Departmental Administration (DBF)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057

59.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$164	$164	$164

59.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($756)	($756)	($756)

59.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,313	$4,313	$4,313

59.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
State General Funds	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
State General Funds	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093

60.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,931)	($1,931)	($1,931)

60.2 *Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.*

State General Funds	$423,935	$423,935	$423,935

60.1000 Financial Institution Supervision			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
State General Funds	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091

61.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($800)	($800)	($800)

61.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,449,291
State General Funds	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,449,291
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,449,291

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691
State General Funds	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$410,757,049	$410,757,049	$410,757,049
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$197,861,644	$197,861,644	$197,861,644
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,702,765,572	$1,718,448,385	$1,694,140,974
State General Funds	$1,692,510,434	$1,708,193,247	$1,683,885,836
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,651,791	$2,419,710	$2,651,791
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081		$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081		$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,384,547,943	$2,399,998,675	$2,375,923,345

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631
State General Funds	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,224,765	$101,224,765	$101,224,765

62.1 *Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*

State General Funds	($232,081)	$0	($232,081)
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$0	$232,081
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

62.2 *Increase funds for alcohol use disorder peer support.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$1,300,000

62.3 *Increase funds for Hope House.*

State General Funds			$50,000

62.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,303,550	$57,535,631	$57,653,550
State General Funds	$56,303,550	$57,535,631	$57,653,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$232,081		$232,081
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081		$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081		$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,224,765	$102,224,765	$102,574,765

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

63.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$524,242,653	$524,242,653	$524,242,653
State General Funds	$513,987,515	$513,987,515	$513,987,515
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$286,878,619	$286,878,619	$286,878,619
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$167,457,115	$167,457,115	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$833,981,272	$833,981,272	$833,981,272

64.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$244	$244	$244
64.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($260,939)	($260,939)	($260,939)
64.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$112,349	$112,349	$112,349

64.4 *Increase funds to annualize the provider rate increases recommended by the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study.*

State General Funds	$26,714,565	$26,714,565	$26,714,565
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$209,846,330	$209,846,330	$209,846,330
Total Public Funds:	$236,560,895	$236,560,895	$236,560,895

64.5 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	$2,331,025	$2,331,025	$2,331,025

64.6 *Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (H:Increase funds for 150 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)(S:Increase funds for 200 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)*

State General Funds	$2,331,025	$3,496,538	$4,662,051

64.7 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of the Macon Crisis Stabilization and Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	$3,141,942	$3,141,942	$3,141,942

64.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($3,979,722)	($3,979,722)	($3,979,722)

64.9 *Increase funds for Citizen Advocacy to expand services.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0

64.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$554,633,142	$555,898,655	$556,964,168
State General Funds	$544,378,004	$545,643,517	$546,709,030
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,074,218,091	$1,075,483,604	$1,076,549,117

Adult Forensic Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927
State General Funds	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$149,601,427	$149,601,427	$149,601,427
65.1 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.*			
State General Funds	$1,055,621	$1,055,621	$1,055,621
65.2 *Increase funds to operationalize a new 20-bed forensic unit at the Georgia Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Atlanta.*			
State General Funds	$1,185,089	$1,185,089	$1,185,089
65.3 *Increase funds to operationalize a new 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.*			
State General Funds	$1,618,742	$1,618,742	$1,618,742
65.4 *Increase funds to operationalize a new 17-bed forensic unit at the Central State Hospital Allen Building in Milledgeville.*			
State General Funds	$1,953,245	$1,953,245	$1,953,245
65.5 *Increase funds for a jail diversion pilot.*			
State General Funds		$185,420	$0
65.6 *Reduce funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.*			
State General Funds			($2,750,000)

65.1000 Adult Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,222,624	$155,408,044	$152,472,624
State General Funds	$155,222,624	$155,408,044	$152,472,624
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,414,124	$155,599,544	$152,664,124

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869
State General Funds	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$26,658,953	$26,658,953	$26,658,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$16,870,420	$16,870,420	$16,870,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$670,079,917	$670,079,917	$670,079,917

66.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($958,562)	($958,562)	($958,562)

66.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$10,452	$10,452	$10,452

66.3 *Reduce funds for merit system assessment to reflect corrected salary data.*

State General Funds	($84,628)	($84,628)	($84,628)

66.4 *Increase funds to annualize the provider rate increases recommended by the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study.*

State General Funds	$12,528,923	$12,528,923	$12,528,923
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$32,980,239	$32,980,239	$32,980,239
Total Public Funds:	$45,509,162	$45,509,162	$45,509,162

66.5 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for four licensure programs to match agency roles and responsibilities.*

State General Funds	$1,126,455	$1,126,455	$1,126,455

66.6 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($245,714)	($245,714)	($245,714)

66.7 *Increase funds to coordinate outreach to address homelessness in the Atlanta area.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$0

66.8 *Increase funds for homelessness community action teams.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$0

66.9 *Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement. (S:Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement and recognize base funding of ($25,919,311))*

State General Funds	$1,701,600	$1,701,600

66.10 *Increase funds for a North Fulton behavioral health crisis center. (S:Increase funds for a partnership between a nonprofit and the North Fulton behavioral health crisis center)*

State General Funds	$9,481,532	$2,370,383

66.11 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for behavioral health and support services at a rehousing facility.*

State General Funds	($300,000)

66.12 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for behavioral health services for Georgians experiencing homelessness in the Atlanta area.*

State General Funds	($200,000)

66.13 *Reduce funds for state contracted psychiatric beds.*

State General Funds	($4,033,053)

66.1000 Adult Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$655,407,795	$667,640,927	$654,946,725
State General Funds	$655,407,795	$667,640,927	$654,946,725
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,437,082	$727,670,214	$714,976,012

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

67.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,075,670	$20,075,670	$20,075,670

68.1 *Increase funds for autism centers.*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000

68.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,790,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,075,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

69.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
State General Funds	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,836,026	$67,836,026	$67,836,026

70.1 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.*			
State General Funds	$1,806,358	$1,806,358	$1,406,358
70.2 *Increase funds for psychiatric residential facility discharge planning.*			
State General Funds		$166,667	$0
70.998 *Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Education to consolidate and streamline funding for school based mental health support services.*			
State General Funds			($9,294,554)

70.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			Appropriation (HB 68)
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,389,853	$58,556,520	$48,695,299
State General Funds	$58,389,853	$58,556,520	$48,695,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,642,384	$69,809,051	$59,947,830

Departmental Administration (DBHDD)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,397,481	$40,397,481	$40,397,481

71.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($107,156)	($107,156)	($107,156)

71.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD)			Appropriation (HB 68)
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
State General Funds	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325

Direct Care Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,613,577	$161,613,577	$161,613,577

72.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$63,358	$63,358	$63,358

72.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($227,366)	($227,366)	($227,366)

72.1000 Direct Care Support Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
State General Funds	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569

Substance Abuse Prevention		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

73.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,805,984	$2,805,984	$2,805,984

74.1 *Increase funds to implement the FY2025 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*			
State General Funds	$39,656	$39,656	$39,656

74.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
State General Funds	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

75.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802
State General Funds	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,895,455
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Sales and Services	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
State Funds Transfers	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
Agency to Agency Contracts	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$312,287,079	$312,287,079	$312,287,079

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,150,578	$69,650,578	$53,699,439
State General Funds	$63,150,578	$69,650,578	$53,699,439
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,703,072

Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,289,808
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,289,808
Sales and Services	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
State Funds Transfers	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
Agency to Agency Contracts	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$313,187,855	$319,687,855	$303,544,333

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,192,383	$1,192,383	$1,192,383

76.1 *Increase funds to expand the Accountable Housing Initiative.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0

76.2 *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds	($1,000,000)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($192,383)
Total Public Funds:	($1,192,383)

76.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$3,000,000	$0
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$3,000,000	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$0
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$0
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,192,383	$3,192,383	$0

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

77.1000 Building Construction **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
State General Funds	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
State Funds Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,219	$5,127,219	$5,127,219

78.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,668	$1,668	$1,668

78.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,497)	($2,497)	($2,497)

78.3 *Increase funds for Regional Commission contracts to support state required comprehensive planning services.*

State General Funds	$902,279	$902,279	$451,140

78.4 *Increase funds for downtown development in southwest Georgia.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000

78.997 *Change name of the Coordinated Planning program to the Community Services program to consolidate statewide community services under one program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

78.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Federal Community and Economic Development Programs program ($61,297,326), State Community Development Programs program ($8,889,256), Regional Services program ($1,552,101), and the Research and Surveys program ($410,161) to the Community Services program to consolidate statewide community services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.*

State General Funds	$4,307,406	$4,307,406	$4,307,406
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$527,000	$527,000	$527,000
Total Public Funds:	$64,012,877	$64,012,877	$64,012,877

78.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.*

Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development*

of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

78.1000 Community Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,995,215	$8,995,215	$9,544,076
State General Funds	$8,995,215	$8,995,215	$9,544,076
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,935,623	$1,935,623	$1,935,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,567,860	$1,567,860	$1,567,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,567,860	$1,567,860	$1,567,860
Sales and Services	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
State Funds Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,041,546	$70,041,546	$70,590,407

Departmental Administration (DCA)		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
State General Funds	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Sales and Services	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499

Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,642	$12,888,642	$12,888,642

79.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,099	$2,099	$2,099

79.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,659)	($2,659)	($2,659)

79.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
State General Funds	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Sales and Services	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082

Federal Community and Economic Development Programs			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
State General Funds	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$802,763	$802,763	$802,763
Intergovernmental Transfers	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Sales and Services	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,297,326	$61,297,326	$61,297,326

80.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Federal Community and Economic Development Programs program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($1,833,855)	($1,833,855)	($1,833,855)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($58,660,708)	($58,660,708)	($58,660,708)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($350,763)	($350,763)	($350,763)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($452,000)	($452,000)	($452,000)
Total Public Funds:	($61,297,326)	($61,297,326)	($61,297,326)

Historic Preservation		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

81.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the State Community Development Programs to the Historic Preservation program to reflect agency activities related to preservation of historical sites and administration of federal grant programs.*

State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Total Public Funds:	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

81.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

81.1000 Historic Preservation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026

Sales and Services	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
State Funds Transfers	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

Homeownership Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,999,151	$6,999,151	$6,999,151
Intergovernmental Transfers	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Sales and Services	$300	$300	$300
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300	$300	$300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,870,468	$7,870,468	$7,870,468

82.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Homeownership Programs program to the Housing Initiatives program.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	($871,317)	($871,317)	($871,317)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($300)	($300)	($300)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($6,998,851)	($6,998,851)	($6,998,851)
Total Public Funds:	($7,870,468)	($7,870,468)	($7,870,468)

Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$793,910	$793,910	$793,910
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,100,435	$15,100,435	$15,100,435

83.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness programs and leverage additional federal grants.*

State General Funds		$4,000,000	$0

83.2 *Increase funds for special housing assistance programs to address increased demand.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0

83.997 *Change the name of the Special Housing Initiatives program to the Housing Initiatives program to consolidate statewide housing initiatives under one program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

83.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Rental Housing Programs program ($154,964,251) and the Homeownership Programs program ($7,870,468) to the Housing Initiatives program to consolidate statewide housing initiatives, align program restructure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$146,012,217	$146,012,217	$146,012,217
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,933,052	$15,933,052	$15,933,052
Total Public Funds:	$162,834,719	$162,834,719	$162,834,719

83.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.*

Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and*

sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

83.1000 Housing Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$12,328,745	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745	$12,328,745	$7,828,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,153,052	$16,153,052	$16,153,052
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$16,153,052	$16,153,052	$16,153,052
Sales and Services	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$177,935,154	$182,435,154	$177,935,154

Regional Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$92,000	$92,000	$92,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,552,101	$1,552,101	$1,552,101

84.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Regional Services program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($1,310,101)	($1,310,101)	($1,310,101)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($150,000)	($150,000)	($150,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($17,000)	($17,000)	($17,000)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($75,000)	($75,000)	($75,000)
Total Public Funds:	($1,552,101)	($1,552,101)	($1,552,101)

Rental Housing Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,823,351	$9,823,351	$9,823,351
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Sales and Services	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$154,964,251	$154,964,251	$154,964,251

85.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Rental Housing Programs program to the Housing Initiatives program.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	($145,140,900)	($145,140,900)	($145,140,900)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($889,150)	($889,150)	($889,150)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($8,934,201)	($8,934,201)	($8,934,201)
Total Public Funds:	($154,964,251)	($154,964,251)	($154,964,251)

Research and Surveys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161

86.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Research and Surveys program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($410,161)	($410,161)	($410,161)

State Community Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983
State General Funds	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
State Funds Transfers	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,889,256	$8,889,256	$8,889,256

87.997 *Transfer funds and positions from the State Community Development Programs program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($753,289)	($753,289)	($753,289)

87.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the State Community Development Programs program to the Historic Preservation program.*

State General Funds	($1,755,694)	($1,755,694)	($1,755,694)
Agency to Agency Contracts	($193,371)	($193,371)	($193,371)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($5,979,876)	($5,979,876)	($5,979,876)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($207,026)	($207,026)	($207,026)
Total Public Funds:	($8,135,967)	($8,135,967)	($8,135,967)

State Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,338,621	$14,338,621	$14,338,621

88.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$132	$132	$132

88.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($246)	($246)	($246)

88.3 *Reduce funds to allocate to other state priorities.*

State General Funds			($3,000,000)

88.1000 State Economic Development Programs **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,595	$13,728,595	$10,728,595
State General Funds	$13,728,595	$13,728,595	$10,728,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,338,507	$14,338,507	$11,338,507

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

89.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$26,605,861

90.1 *Reduce funds to allocate to other state priorities.*

State General Funds ($6,000,000)

90.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$20,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$20,605,861

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021
State General Funds	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$410,990,552	$410,990,552	$410,990,552
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$541,015,146	$541,015,146	$541,015,146
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178

State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,536,761,885	$5,569,977,560	$5,551,986,963
State General Funds	$4,780,708,962	$4,813,924,637	$4,795,934,040
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,671,193,864	$12,683,645,885	$12,669,707,852
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,113,357,813	$12,127,674,977	$12,112,186,782
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$542,219,578	$540,354,435	$541,904,597
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,659,281,440	$24,704,949,136	$24,673,020,506

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876
State General Funds	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$359,848,882	$359,848,882	$359,848,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$478,970,112	$478,970,112	$478,970,112

91.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$336	$336	$336

91.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$154,716	$154,716	$154,716

91.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($80,315)	($80,315)	($80,315)

91.4 *Increase funds for consulting, actuarial, and personnel for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session). (S:NO; Utilize existing funds and personnel to implement the program)*

State General Funds	$504,332	$504,332	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$812,997	$812,997	$0
Total Public Funds:	$1,317,329	$1,317,329	$0

91.5 *Increase funds for consulting services for two years for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session). (S:NO; Utilize existing funds and personnel to implement the program)*

State General Funds	$640,000	$640,000	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$640,000	$640,000	$0
Total Public Funds:	$1,280,000	$1,280,000	$0

91.6 *Increase funds for three Katie Beckett Medicaid program caseworkers and operations to address increased workload.*

State General Funds	$47,869	$47,869	$47,869
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$143,607	$143,607	$143,607
Total Public Funds:	$191,476	$191,476	$191,476

91.7 *Increase funds to provide that the Department of Community Health shall conduct a multi-year comprehensive study of all Medicaid provider reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$0

91.8 *Increase funds to provide that the Department of Community Health shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots. The State of Florida applied for a similar State Plan Amendment and it was approved within 60 days.*

State General Funds $300,000

91.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$94,791,814	$95,791,814	$93,947,482
State General Funds	$94,791,814	$95,791,814	$93,947,482
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,445,486	$361,445,486	$359,992,489
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,339,652	$331,339,652	$329,886,655
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$481,833,654	$482,833,654	$479,536,325

Georgia Board of Dentistry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500
State General Funds	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500

92.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds $4,535 $4,535 $4,535

92.2 *Increase funds for the operations of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*

State General Funds $75,000 $75,000 $37,500

92.3 *Increase funds for personnel for four new positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel for two new positions)*

State General Funds $401,377 $189,327

92.4 *Increase funds for protective equipment.*

State General Funds	$73,920	$36,960

92.5 *Increase funds for the retention of licensing personnel.*

State General Funds	$7,734	$7,734

92.6 *Increase funds for training and investigative software services.*

State General Funds	$18,759	$18,759

92.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,022,035	$1,523,825	$1,237,315
State General Funds	$1,022,035	$1,523,825	$1,237,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,022,035	$1,523,825	$1,237,315

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
State General Funds	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723

93.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,420	$4,420	$4,420

93.2 *Increase funds for the operations of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*

State General Funds	$75,000	$75,000	$37,500

93.3 *Increase funds for personnel for three new positions. (S:Increase funds for one new position)*

State General Funds	$233,137	$77,514

93.4 *Increase funds for the retention of licensing personnel.*

State General Funds	$4,326	$4,326

93.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$962,143	$1,199,606	$1,006,483
State General Funds	$962,143	$1,199,606	$1,006,483
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$962,143	$1,199,606	$1,006,483

Health Care Access and Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709
State General Funds	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,682,297	$17,682,297	$17,682,297

94.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,928	$2,928	$2,928

94.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health to support lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education.*

State General Funds	($100,000)	($100,000)	($100,000)

94.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0

94.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds		($750,000)	($750,000)

94.5 *Increase funds for one-time grant funds for two federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000

94.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for care and resource coordination and support for patients with sickle cell disease. (S:Increase funds and recognize $2,660,935 in existing funding for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia in the Department of Public Health and $26,291,016 in state funding for one-time genetic treatments funded in the Department of Community Health)*

State General Funds		$561,500	$196,102

94.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for telecare and maternal health programs.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$250,000

94.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center allowed by passage of HB1339 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$407,000	$407,000

94.9 *Increase funds for one-time matching funds for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation. (S:Increase funds for one-time 4:1 matching return funds for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation)*

State General Funds	$3,500,000	$3,000,000

94.10 *Increase funds to the Georgia Rural Health Association (GHRA) to support the advancement of access to rural health care.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$0

94.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to expand and sustain labor and delivery services in rural Georgia with necessary infrastructure in order to provide quality care. (S:NO; Provide a comprehensive plan to support labor and delivery services in rural Georgia)*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$0

94.12 *Increase funds for research on treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and wraparound services to benefit Georgia veterans and their families.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000

94.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,412,637	$27,431,137	$22,015,739
State General Funds	$17,412,637	$27,431,137	$22,015,739
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,585,225	$27,603,725	$22,188,327

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,173,031	$40,173,031	$40,173,031

95.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$143	$143	$143

95.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$113,415	$113,415	$113,415

95.3 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for four licensure programs to match agency roles and responsibilities.*

State General Funds	($1,126,455)	($1,126,455)	($1,126,455)

95.4 *Utilize existing funds ($417,898) for consulting and personnel for the Certificate of Need program pursuant to HB1339 (2024 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

95.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
State General Funds	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134

Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

96.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208
State General Funds	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,840,441	$41,840,441	$41,840,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024

97.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*			
State General Funds	$41,780,017	$29,502,682	$29,502,682
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$82,371,285	$58,068,353	$58,068,353
Total Public Funds:	$124,151,302	$87,571,035	$87,571,035

97.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($21,842,539)	($21,748,489)	($21,748,489)

97.3 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2023 cost reports.*

State General Funds	$7,154,914	$7,154,914	$7,154,914
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$14,106,252	$14,106,252	$14,106,252
Total Public Funds:	$21,261,166	$21,261,166	$21,261,166

97.4 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

State General Funds	$28,578,100	$28,449,925	$28,449,925

97.5 *Increase funds for new high cost drugs.*

State General Funds	$36,555,028	$36,555,028	$36,555,028
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$72,069,972	$72,069,972	$72,069,972
Total Public Funds:	$108,625,000	$108,625,000	$108,625,000

97.6 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($5,415,201)	($5,415,201)	($5,415,201)
Hospital Provider Fee	$5,415,201	$5,415,201	$5,415,201
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

97.7 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($6,108,816)	($6,108,816)	($6,108,816)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$6,108,816	$6,108,816	$6,108,816
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

97.8 *Reduce funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.*

Ambulance Provider Fees	($568,995)	($568,995)	($568,995)

97.9 *Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup. (S:Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile six)*

State General Funds		$2,799,770	$1,471,018
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$5,510,618	$2,855,823
Total Public Funds:		$8,310,388	$4,326,841

97.10 *Increase funds for rate increases for neonatologists and maternal fetal medicine specialists.*

State General Funds		$701,766	$701,766
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$1,381,243	$1,381,243
Total Public Funds:		$2,083,009	$2,083,009

97.11 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.*

State General Funds	$758,431	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,492,774	$0
Total Public Funds:	$2,251,205	$0

97.12 *Increase funds to provide an increase for emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$864,838	$857,016
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,702,208	$1,686,813
Total Public Funds:	$2,567,046	$2,543,829

97.13 *Increase funds to provide an increase for applied behavior analysis reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$3,356,379	$2,876,896
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,606,159	$5,662,422
Total Public Funds:	$9,962,538	$8,539,318

97.14 *Increase funds for a 5% increase to the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate.*

State General Funds	$263,000	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$517,647	$0
Total Public Funds:	$780,647	$0

97.15 *Increase funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.*

State General Funds	$126,579	$126,579
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$245,741	$245,741
Total Public Funds:	$372,320	$372,320

97.16 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.*

State General Funds	$2,777,183	$1,388,592
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,466,162	$2,733,081
Total Public Funds:	$8,243,345	$4,121,673

97.17 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$1,542,770	$771,385
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,036,542	$1,518,271
Total Public Funds:	$4,579,312	$2,289,656

97.18 *Increase funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$1,687,067	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,320,553	$0
Total Public Funds:	$5,007,620	$0

97.19 *Increase funds to provide that the Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,476,179	$1,476,179
Total Public Funds:	$2,226,179	$2,226,179

97.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,847,326,733	$2,850,643,056	$2,843,958,525
State General Funds	$2,626,071,740	$2,629,388,063	$2,622,703,532
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,494,779,290	$5,501,232,184	$5,488,035,931
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,491,992,076	$5,498,444,970	$5,485,248,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,706,969,058	$8,716,738,275	$8,696,857,491

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190
State General Funds	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$369,150,111	$369,150,111	$369,150,111
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385

98.1 *Increase funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$188,639,909	$177,121,062	$177,121,062
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$371,912,529	$348,616,729	$348,616,729
Total Public Funds:	$560,552,438	$525,737,791	$525,737,791

98.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($20,296,981)	($20,193,729)	($20,193,729)

98.3 *Increase funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$21,228,977	$21,228,977	$21,228,977
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$41,853,934	$41,853,934	$41,853,934
Total Public Funds:	$63,082,911	$63,082,911	$63,082,911

98.4 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($47,777,274)	($47,777,274)	($47,777,274)
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,777,274	$47,777,274	$47,777,274
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

98.5 *Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup. (S:Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile six)*

State General Funds		$3,193,473	$1,677,872
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$6,285,250	$3,257,408
Total Public Funds:		$9,478,723	$4,935,280

98.6 *Increase funds for rate increases for neonatologists and maternal fetal medicine specialists.*

State General Funds		$1,212,701	$1,212,701
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$2,386,904	$2,386,904
Total Public Funds:		$3,599,605	$3,599,605

98.7 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.*

State General Funds		$1,178,913	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$2,320,384	$0
Total Public Funds:		$3,499,297	$0

98.8 *Increase funds to provide an increase for emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$986,451	$977,529
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,941,572	$1,924,012
Total Public Funds:	$2,928,023	$2,901,541

98.9 *Increase funds to provide an increase for applied behavior analysis reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$2,949,591	$2,528,221
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,805,502	$4,976,145
Total Public Funds:	$8,755,093	$7,504,366

98.10 *Increase funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.*

State General Funds	$104,061	$104,061
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$202,024	$202,024
Total Public Funds:	$306,085	$306,085

98.11 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.*

State General Funds	$4,699,414	$2,349,707
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,249,574	$4,624,787
Total Public Funds:	$13,948,988	$6,974,494

98.12 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$1,607,052	$803,526
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,770,117	$1,581,533
Total Public Funds:	$6,377,169	$2,385,059

98.13 *Increase funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$71,790	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$141,300	$0
Total Public Funds:	$213,090	$0

98.14 *Increase funds to provide that the Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants.*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,476,179	$1,476,179
Total Public Funds:	$2,226,179	$2,226,179

98.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,244,055,095	$2,249,392,946	$2,243,043,117
State General Funds	$1,709,257,165	$1,714,595,016	$1,708,245,187
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545

Hospital Provider Fee	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,751,736,618	$5,763,019,624	$5,748,869,810
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,618,637,098	$5,629,920,104	$5,615,770,290
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,648,326,753	$8,664,947,610	$8,644,447,967

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399
State General Funds	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,724,068	$502,724,068	$502,724,068

99.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($1,206,168)	($1,780,548)	($1,780,548)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($3,915,022)	($5,780,165)	($5,780,165)
Total Public Funds:	($5,121,190)	($7,560,713)	($7,560,713)

99.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%. (H and S:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.23% to 76.52%)*

State General Funds	($1,274,290)	($1,268,436)	($1,268,436)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		($4,117,704)	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$1,268,436
Total Public Funds:	($1,274,290)	($5,386,140)	$0

99.3 *Increase funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,577,238	$1,577,238	$1,577,238
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$5,119,454	$5,119,454	$5,119,454
Total Public Funds:	$6,696,692	$6,696,692	$6,696,692

99.4 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.*

State General Funds		$27,641	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$89,717	$0
Total Public Funds:		$117,358	$0

99.5 *Increase funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.*

State General Funds		$18,364	$18,364
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$35,651	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$35,651
Total Public Funds:		$54,015	$54,015

99.6 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.*

State General Funds		$106,671	$53,336
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$346,284	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$173,142
Total Public Funds:		$452,955	$226,478

99.7 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		$44,939	$22,470
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$145,865	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$72,933
Total Public Funds:		$190,804	$95,403

99.8 *Increase funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		$25,094	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$81,451	$0
Total Public Funds:		$106,545	$0

99.1000 PeachCare			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$123,208,179	$122,862,362	$122,733,823
State General Funds	$123,208,179	$122,862,362	$122,733,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$379,665,318	$374,381,439	$379,350,337
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		($3,418,736)	
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$379,665,318	$377,800,175	$379,350,337

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$503,025,280	$497,395,584	$502,235,943

State Health Benefit Plan **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
State General Funds	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812

100.1 *Reduce funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study. (H and S:NO; Utilize existing funds for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists until HB196 (2025 Session) takes effect January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($6,200,000)	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)

100.2 *Recognize an increase in formula funds ($177,130,676) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,885, effective July 1, 2025. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

100.3 *Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2025, to maintain the financial stability of the plan. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

100.4 *Increase funds to reimburse a pharmacy for drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in an amount equal to the national average drug acquisition cost (NADAC) on the day of claim administration and a professional dispensing fee.*

State General Funds		$1,200,000	$5,000,000

100.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$4,300,000	$8,100,000
State General Funds	$0	$4,300,000	$8,100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,121,193,812	$5,125,493,812	$5,129,293,812

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
State General Funds	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021

101.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,149	$6,149	$6,149

101.2 *Increase funds for a grant writer position. (S:NO; Commence funding of grant position upon attainment of initial grants)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0

101.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,170	$2,086,170	$1,986,170
State General Funds	$1,986,170	$2,086,170	$1,986,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,986,170	$2,086,170	$1,986,170

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
State General Funds	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461

102.1 *Increase funds for 75 new residency slots in primary care medicine. (H and S:Increase funds for 150 new residency slots)*

State General Funds	$1,508,629	$2,884,552	$2,884,552

102.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($411,070)	($411,070)	($411,070)

102.3 *Eliminate one-time start-up funds for the development of a Pediatric Rural Training Track.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

102.4 *Eliminate one-time start-up funds for rural OB/GYN service expansion.*

State General Funds	($750,000)	($750,000)	($750,000)

102.5 *Increase funds for four child and adolescent psychiatry fellowships and two gastroenterology fellowships.*

State General Funds		$319,654	$319,654

102.6 *Increase funds for year three of the maternal fetal medicine fellowship. (S:Increase funds to fill and expand ACGME-accredited programs at the Medical College of Georgia based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment similar to Florida's which took approximately 60 days for approval ($966,903 State General Funds) and include funding for a maternal fetal medicine fellowship ($150,000))*

State General Funds		$150,000	$1,116,903
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$1,903,097
Total Public Funds:		$150,000	$3,020,000

102.7 *Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,844,122) for grants for graduate medical education programs to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to rural sites. (S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,844,122) for grants for graduate medical education programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment similar to Florida's which took approximately 60 days for approval to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to rural sites (Total Funds: $14,892,133 State and Federal))*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$4,058,975
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$7,989,036
Total Public Funds:		$5,000,000	$12,048,011

102.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,300,020	$44,145,597	$44,171,475
State General Funds	$37,300,020	$44,145,597	$44,171,475
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS			$9,892,133
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$9,892,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,300,020	$44,145,597	$54,063,608

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
State General Funds	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000

103.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program for the nursing faculty loan repayment program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

103.2 *Change the name of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

103.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
State General Funds	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597

104.1 *Increase funds for the sixth year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.*

State General Funds	$565,204	$565,204	$565,204

104.2 *Eliminate one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for the expansion of the Valdosta campus.*

State General Funds	($75,000)	($75,000)	($75,000)

104.3 *Eliminate one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for scholarships for year-four students committed to practicing primary care for five years in rural Georgia.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

104.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

105.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

106.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program for the nursing faculty loan repayment program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

106.2 *Utilize existing funds for equipment and operating grants for nursing programs, prioritizing those with wait lists and additional student capacity. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds for equipment and operating grants for new and existing nursing programs, prioritizing those with wait lists and additional student capacity)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

106.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783

Georgia Composite Medical Board		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
State General Funds	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,912,028	$4,912,028	$4,912,028
107.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$18,722	$18,722	$18,722
107.2 *Eliminate one-time funds to replace six vehicles.*			
State General Funds	($90,000)	($90,000)	($90,000)
107.3 *Eliminate one-time funds to modernize licensure application software.*			
State General Funds	($501,715)	($501,715)	($501,715)
107.4 *Utilize existing funds ($75,562) for one paralegal. (G:YES)(H and S:NO; Increase funds for one paralegal)*			
State General Funds	$0	$75,562	$75,562
107.5 *Increase funds for two compliance inspectors. (S:Increase funds for one compliance inspector)*			
State General Funds		$184,926	$92,463
107.6 *Increase funds for two licensing technologists. (S:Increase funds for one licensing technologist)*			
State General Funds		$143,500	$71,750
107.7 *Increase funds for the physician health program.*			
State General Funds		$750,000	$0

107.8 *Increase funds to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB455 (2024 Session). (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to seed program to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB455 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000

107.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the implementation of technology for the credentialing of licensed doctors and physician assistants pursuant to SB162 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds	$100,000

107.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,039,035	$5,943,023	$5,128,810
State General Funds	$4,039,035	$5,943,023	$5,128,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,339,035	$6,243,023	$5,428,810

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
State General Funds	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334

108.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$18,811	$18,811	$18,811

108.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
State General Funds	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461
State General Funds	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$224,505,176	$224,505,176	$224,505,176
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$223,266,745	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
State General Funds	$223,266,745	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$225,031,460	$234,626,927	$234,626,927

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
State General Funds	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,121,350	$11,121,350	$11,121,350

109.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$16,244	$16,244	$16,244

109.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,429	$2,429	$2,429

109.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
State General Funds	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741
State General Funds	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$206,694,903	$206,694,903	$206,694,903

110.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$303,275	$303,275	$303,275

110.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$60,440	$60,440	$60,440

110.3 *Increase funds for the Milledgeville Day Reporting Center lease. (H and S:Increase funds for the Milledgeville Field Office lease)*

State General Funds	$133,830	$133,830	$133,830

110.4 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of community supervision officers.*

State General Funds		$9,595,467	$9,595,467

110.1000 Field Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,778,286	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
State General Funds	$205,778,286	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$207,192,448	$216,787,915	$216,787,915

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901

111.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000

111.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$893	$893	$893

111.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
State General Funds	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
State General Funds	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770

112.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,612	$1,612	$1,612

112.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$286	$286	$286

112.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
State General Funds	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,252	$1,088,252	$1,088,252

113.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$275	$275	$275

113.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
State General Funds	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218
State General Funds	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469

Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,620,879,381	$1,745,811,779	$1,691,325,931
State General Funds	$1,620,879,381	$1,745,811,779	$1,691,325,931
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,649,052	$1,762,581,450	$1,708,095,602

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
State General Funds	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260

114.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$176	$176	$176

114.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$99,483	$99,483	$99,483

114.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$6,939	$6,939	$6,939

114.4 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,776	$55,642	$55,642

114.5 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$20,878	$14,889	$14,889

114.6 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$4,439	$2,506	$2,506

114.7 *Increase funds for existing operational needs.*

State General Funds		$1,911,368	$0

114.8 *Increase funds for administrative costs for the opening of McRae's Women Facility.*

State General Funds		$917,170	$0

114.9 *Increase funds for administrative costs for the opening of Smith Transition Center additional dormitory.*

State General Funds		$84,921	$84,921

114.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,513,951	$43,438,354	$40,609,816
State General Funds	$40,513,951	$43,438,354	$40,609,816
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,513,951	$43,438,354	$40,609,816

Detention Centers			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753
State General Funds	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,745,649	$69,745,649	$69,745,649

115.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$105	$105	$105

115.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$194,059	$194,059	$194,059

115.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$18,441	$18,441	$18,441

115.4 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$26,175	$26,175	$26,175

115.5 *Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program contract.*

State General Funds	$73,674	$73,674	$73,674

115.6 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Detention Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$1,572,489	$1,572,489	$1,572,489

115.7 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$219,573	$348,034	$219,573

115.8 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$184,376	$438,034	$184,376

115.9 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,416,458	$1,505,068	$1,505,068

115.10 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$642,141	$951,399	$951,399

115.11 *Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*

State General Funds		$4,417,749	$3,471,089

115.12 *Increase funds for utility costs.*

State General Funds		$388,043	$21,618

115.13 *Increase funds to annualize 12 correctional officer positions hired in FY2025.*

State General Funds			$946,660

115.1000 Detention Centers			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,586,244	$77,172,023	$76,423,479
State General Funds	$71,586,244	$77,172,023	$76,423,479
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,093,140	$79,678,919	$78,930,375

Food and Farm Operations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
State General Funds	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039

116.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,321	$4,321	$4,321

116.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$625	$625	$625

116.3 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$48,246	$50,307	$50,307

116.4 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$8,877	$6,705	$6,705

116.5 *Increase funds for food and farm operations. (S:YES; Utilize current prisoner count and recognize full funding for food and farm operations)*

State General Funds		$3,948,490	$0

116.6 *Increase funds for food costs related to the opening of Smith Transitional Center ($101,615), McRae Women's Facility ($972,055) and Tift Cafeteria Contract for Basic Correctional Officer Training cadets ($103,525).*

State General Funds		$1,177,195	$1,177,195

116.1000 Food and Farm Operations **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,172,108	$34,297,682	$30,349,192
State General Funds	$29,172,108	$34,297,682	$30,349,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,172,108	$34,297,682	$30,349,192

Health **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
State General Funds	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$346,298,393	$346,298,393	$346,298,393

117.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$608	$608	$608

117.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$14,704	$14,704	$14,704

117.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,485	$1,485	$1,485

117.4 *Increase funds for the physical health contract to support increased population.*

State General Funds	$14,661,767	$20,390,440	$14,661,767

117.5 *Increase funds for the pharmacy services contract to support increased population.*

State General Funds	$6,070,940	$6,070,940	$6,070,940

117.6 *Increase funds for the mental health contract to support increased population.*

State General Funds	$8,081,370	$22,211,240	$8,081,370

117.7 *Increase funds for the dental health contract to support increased population.*

State General Funds	$2,198,857	$6,997,731	$2,198,857

117.8 *Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of an agency-managed electronic health records solution.*

State General Funds	$146,268	$146,268	$146,268

117.9 *Increase funds for retention of experienced Correctional Officers to address compression.*

State General Funds		$3,626	$3,626

117.10 *Increase funds for healthcare contract for McRae Women's Facility to account for additional full time physical health employees.*

State General Funds		$998,022	$0

117.1000 Health			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,594,608	$402,253,673	$376,598,234
State General Funds	$376,594,608	$402,253,673	$376,598,234
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$377,474,392	$403,133,457	$377,478,018
Offender Management		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
State General Funds	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
118.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$15,897	$15,897	$15,897
118.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$1,511	$1,511	$1,511
118.3 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*			
State General Funds	$3,252	$0	$0
118.4 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*			
State General Funds	$2,325	$0	$0
118.5 *Increase funds for a $6 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions. (S:Increase funds to increase the per diem from $24 to $29 for County Correctional Institutions)*			
State General Funds		$9,975,450	$8,312,875
118.6 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*			
State General Funds			$2,771,395

118.1000 Offender Management			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,855,705	$55,825,578	$56,934,398
State General Funds	$45,855,705	$55,825,578	$56,934,398
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,855,705	$55,825,578	$56,934,398

Private Prisons			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
State General Funds	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303

119.1 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for parity in compensation to Georgia Department of Corrections correctional officers. (H and S:Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase and address compression for parity in compensation to Georgia Department of Corrections correctional officers for Coffee ($373,875), Wheeler ($425,789), Jenkins ($188,005) and Riverbend ($466,067) Correctional Institutions)*

State General Funds	$2,943,413	$1,453,736	$1,453,736

119.2 *Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution. (H:Increase funds to add a total of 500 additional private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and Wheeler Correctional Institution)(S:Increase funds to add a total of 500 additional private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and Wheeler Correctional Institution, not to include per diem increase)*

State General Funds	$5,941,353	$10,342,275	$6,393,785

119.3 *Increase funds for a contractual increase to per diem rates at Coffee ($3,033,827), Wheeler ($3,208,871), Jenkins ($3,654,586), and Riverbend ($3,750,000) Correctional Institutions to account for increased consumer price index costs.*

State General Funds		$13,647,284	$13,647,284

119.4 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions at Coffee ($124,182), Wheeler ($100,337), Jenkins ($48,735), and Riverbend ($76,978) Correctional Institutions to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$350,232	$350,232

119.5 *Increase funds for an 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions at Coffee ($58,882), Wheeler ($57,148), Jenkins ($29,825), and Riverbend ($92,757) Correctional Institutions to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$238,612	$238,612

119.6 *Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($790,763), Jenkins ($416,435), and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.*

State General Funds		$2,566,575	$2,566,575

119.1000 Private Prisons			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$156,720,069	$176,434,017	$172,485,527
State General Funds	$156,720,069	$176,434,017	$172,485,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$156,720,069	$176,434,017	$172,485,527

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320
State General Funds	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$788,534,658	$788,534,658	$788,534,658

120.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$1,889	$1,889	$1,889

120.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,623,384	$1,623,384	$1,623,384

120.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$222,162	$222,162	$222,162

120.4 *Increase funds to address critical capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

120.5 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$760,421	$760,421	$760,421

120.6 *Increase funds for ongoing support of body cameras and tasers for increased facility security.*

State General Funds	$3,366,763	$3,584,932	$3,584,932

120.7 *Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program contract.*

State General Funds	$176,326	$176,326	$176,326

120.8 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Detention Centers ($1,572,489) and Transition Centers ($718,679) programs for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)

120.9 *Increase funds for software licenses for additional officer tablets to improve documentation and information sharing on offender management.*

State General Funds	$2,457,440	$2,457,440	$2,457,440

120.10 *Increase funds for additional facility maintenance personnel and regional support staff to address critical facility maintenance needs.*

State General Funds	$15,592,952	$15,592,952	$15,592,952

120.11 *Increase funds for a "tiger team" to support existing Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) locking team to address repairs needed on facility locks, locking controls, and security electronics.*

State General Funds	$1,022,013	$1,022,013	$1,022,013

120.12 *Increase funds for skilled craftsman "tiger teams" focused on HVAC, plumbing, electrical and fabrication needs in facilities.*

State General Funds	$2,601,532	$2,601,532	$2,601,532

120.13 *Increase funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff.*

State General Funds	$1,826,486	$1,826,486	$1,826,486

120.14 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$1,776,340	$3,707,811	$2,837,644

120.15 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, fire services, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$1,544,791	$1,931,247	$1,931,247

120.16 *Increase funds to add 330 correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios. (H and S:Increase funds for additional Correctional Officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention)*

State General Funds	$20,191,487	$39,637,010	$39,637,010

120.17 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,553,404	$9,795,423	$9,795,423

120.18 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$5,099,440	$8,095,907	$8,095,907

120.19 *Increase funds to continue operating the Digital Forensics Unit through a contract.*

State General Funds		$4,114,511	$4,114,511

120.20 *Increase funds for personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit and ongoing technology fees.*

State General Funds		$3,805,472	$3,805,472

120.21 *Increase funds for the annual operations costs of the Data Intelligence Advanced Integration system.*

State General Funds		$1,950,000	$1,950,000

120.22 *Increase funds to transfer eligible inmates into federal custody.*

State General Funds		$474,500	$474,500

120.23 *Increase funds for utility costs.*

State General Funds		$14,078,438	$784,319

120.24 *The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of prisoners who have committed federal crimes to federal custody. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

120.25 *The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of international prisoners who are eligible under the "International Prisoner Transfer Program." Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

120.26 *The Department of Corrections is directed to work with the State Board of Pardons and Parole to identify eligible international prisoners of non-violent crimes and facilitate the transfer of custody upon favorable consideration from the State Board of Pardons and Parole to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

120.27 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*

State General Funds			($2,771,395)

120.1000 State Prisons			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$853,896,982	$905,540,008	$888,604,327
State General Funds	$853,896,982	$905,540,008	$888,604,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$867,060,320	$918,703,346	$901,767,665

Transition Centers		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214
State General Funds	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,688,867	$44,688,867	$44,688,867

121.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$99,061	$99,061	$99,061

121.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$9,325	$9,325	$9,325

121.3 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$18,685	$18,685	$18,685

121.4 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$234,278	$584,022	$436,048

121.5 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Transition Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$718,679	$718,679	$718,679

121.6 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,493	$67,493	$67,493

121.7 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$564,889	$618,779	$618,779

121.8 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$358,090	$581,308	$581,308

121.9 *Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*

State General Funds		$946,660	$946,660

121.10 *Increase funds for the opening of 100 additional beds at Smith Transitional Center. (S:Increase funds for the opening of 50 additional beds at Smith Transitional Center)*

State General Funds		$2,708,175	$1,354,088

121.11 *Increase funds for utility costs.*

State General Funds		$29,043	$1,618

121.12 *The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the purchase of property for additional transition centers in the Albany and Savannah regions. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

121.1000 Transition Centers			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,539,714	$50,850,444	$49,320,958
State General Funds	$46,539,714	$50,850,444	$49,320,958
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,759,367	$51,070,097	$49,540,611

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
State General Funds	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,162,590	$111,162,590	$111,162,590

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,592,324	$12,592,324	$12,466,401
State General Funds	$12,592,324	$12,592,324	$12,466,401
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,126,369	$111,126,369	$111,000,446

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,579,516	$2,579,516	$2,579,516

122.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($171)	($171)	($171)

122.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,210)	($3,210)	($3,210)

122.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
State General Funds	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,576,135	$2,576,135	$2,576,135

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
State General Funds	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,693,955	$88,693,955	$88,693,955

123.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($338)	($338)	($338)

123.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,968)	($1,968)	($1,968)

123.1000 Military Readiness			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
State General Funds	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,691,649	$88,691,649	$88,691,649

Youth Educational Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
State General Funds	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,889,119	$19,889,119	$19,889,119

124.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($387)	($387)	($387)

124.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($30,147)	($30,147)	($30,147)

124.3 *Reduce funds to reflect lower graduation rates.*

State General Funds			($125,923)

124.1000 Youth Educational Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,006,980	$5,006,980	$4,881,057
State General Funds	$5,006,980	$5,006,980	$4,881,057
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,858,585	$19,858,585	$19,732,662

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
State General Funds	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,962,117	$88,962,117	$88,962,117

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,279,332
State General Funds	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,279,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,259,563	$89,259,563	$89,123,453

Departmental Administration (DDS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,409,888	$11,409,888	$11,409,888

125.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($27,874)	($27,874)	($27,874)

125.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($29,176)	($29,176)	($29,176)

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
State General Funds	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
State General Funds	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,029,032	$76,029,032	$76,029,032

126.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($208,882)	($208,882)	($208,882)

126.2 *Increase funds for the ongoing maintenance of technology for address fraud prevention.*

State General Funds	$168,000	$168,000	$168,000

126.3 *Increase funds for annual maintenance of 38 self-service kiosks. (S:NO; Report to the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the future workforce efficiencies in light of move towards self-service kiosks)*

State General Funds	$136,110	$136,110	$0

126.4 *Increase funds for an increase in federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees.*

State General Funds	$263,079	$263,079	$263,079

126.1000 License Issuance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,423,394
State General Funds	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,423,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,387,339	$76,387,339	$76,251,229

Regulatory Compliance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,523,197	$1,523,197	$1,523,197

127.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,811)	($3,811)	($3,811)

127.1000 Regulatory Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
State General Funds	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$613,306,642	$613,306,642	$613,306,642
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
Lottery Proceeds	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,248,555,060	$1,248,555,060	$1,248,555,060

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147

CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$452,173,841	$452,173,841	$452,173,841

128.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,865	$3,865	$3,865

128.2 *Increase funds to annualize state match for Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) reimbursement to the 60th percentile of market rates for childcare providers.*

State General Funds	$1,540,000	$1,540,000	$1,540,000

128.3 *Increase funds to provide 500 additional state-funded slots in the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program.*

State General Funds	$3,928,500	$3,928,500	$3,928,500

128.1000 Child Care Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206

Nutrition Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

129.1000 Nutrition Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

Pre-Kindergarten Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$541,598,948	$541,598,948	$541,598,948

130.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,079,658	$1,079,658	$1,079,658

130.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	($267)	($267)	($267)

130.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	$4,662	$4,662	$4,662

130.4 *Increase formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.*

Lottery Proceeds	$5,263,853	$5,263,853	$5,263,853

130.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified teachers at public Pre-K providers to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,207,440	$1,207,440	$1,207,440

130.6 *Increase funds for year two of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.*

Lottery Proceeds	$14,061,322	$14,061,322	$14,061,322

130.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

131.1000 Quality Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026
State General Funds	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,115,216	$40,115,216	$40,115,216

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,182,297	$45,541,004	$38,111,004
State General Funds	$39,182,297	$45,541,004	$38,111,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,108,487	$46,467,194	$39,037,194

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
State General Funds	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093

132.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$620	$620	$620

132.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($9,600)	($9,600)	($9,600)

132.3 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development for support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$250,000	$120,000	$120,000

132.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,013,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
State General Funds	$6,013,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,013,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
State General Funds	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927

133.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$132	$132	$132

133.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
State General Funds	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

134.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

135.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293

136.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$928	$928	$928

136.998 *Transfer funds from the Rural Development program to the Global Commerce program for one project manager and rural site development position.*

State General Funds		$636,700	$456,700

136.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,662,221	$11,298,921	$11,118,921
State General Funds	$10,662,221	$11,298,921	$11,118,921
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,662,221	$11,298,921	$11,118,921

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002

137.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$195	$195	$195

137.1000 Innovation and Technology			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
State General Funds	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392
State General Funds	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,182	$3,146,182	$3,146,182

138.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$185	$185	$185

138.1000 International Relations and Trade			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
State General Funds	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
State General Funds	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889

139.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$104	$104	$104

139.997 *Transfer funds from the Rural Development program to the Global Commerce program for one project manager and rural site development position. (S:Transfer funds from the Rural Development program to the Global Commerce program for one project manager and rural site development position and reduce funds)*

State General Funds	($636,700)	($636,700)

139.998 *Transfer remaining funds from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Agriculture to establish the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB495 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds	($761,293)	($761,293)

139.1000 Rural Development			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,993	$0	$0
State General Funds	$1,397,993	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,993	$0	$0

Small and Minority Business Development			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
State General Funds	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381

140.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$106	$106	$106

140.1000 Small and Minority Business Development			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
State General Funds	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487

Tourism			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
State General Funds	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899

141.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$601	$601	$601

141.2 *Eliminate funds appropriated in FY2023 for public safety and infrastructure costs related to the 2025 College Football Playoff and the 2026 FIFA World Cup.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

141.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for educational exhibits and marketing. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($500,000) for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for educational exhibits and marketing)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0

141.4 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to prepare for the execution of public safety and infrastructure costs related to the hosting of future major sporting events, including the Super Bowl 62 and 2031 NCAA Men's Final Four.*

State General Funds		$7,000,000	$0

141.5 *The Department of Economic Development is directed to engage stakeholders and all interested parties to assess the diverse resources available across the state to support the upcoming major sporting events. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

141.1000 Tourism			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,635,500	$18,885,500	$11,635,500
State General Funds	$11,635,500	$18,885,500	$11,635,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,635,500	$18,885,500	$11,635,500

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595
State General Funds	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,653,799,730	$13,752,215,752	$13,676,337,268
State General Funds	$13,653,799,730	$13,752,215,752	$13,676,337,268
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,952,091,263	$16,050,507,285	$15,974,628,801

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911
State General Funds	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,877,914	$16,877,914	$16,877,914

142.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$81,074	$44,996	$60,028

142.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,965)	($2,965)	($2,965)

142.3 *Reduce funds to reflect updated counts of extended day/year teachers.*

State General Funds	($95,411)	$0	($95,411)

142.4 *Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025.*

State General Funds		$94,626	$94,626

142.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$100,350	$100,350

142.6 *Increase funds for 10 new agricultural education programs. (S:Increase funds for five new agricultural education programs)*

State General Funds		$110,000	$55,000

142.7 *Increase funds for a Young Farmer position in Bibb County. (S:Increase funds for a Young Farmer position in Bibb County and recognize total base funding of $4,857,659 for Young Farmers)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000

142.8 *Increase funds for two education specialist positions at youth camps.*

State General Funds		$183,509	$183,509

142.9 *Increase funds for camp-affiliated staff.*

State General Funds		$215,710	$268,157

142.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,401,609	$16,265,137	$16,182,205
State General Funds	$15,401,609	$16,265,137	$16,182,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,860,612	$17,724,140	$17,641,208

Business and Finance Administration		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
State General Funds	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,612,595	$18,612,595	$18,612,595
143.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$1,515	$1,515	$1,515
143.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($23,937)	($23,937)	($23,937)
143.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$5,973	$5,973	$5,973
143.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to upgrade the Capital Outlay Program Software (COPS) to integrate public Pre-K classrooms pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session).*			
State General Funds	($200,000)	($200,000)	($200,000)
143.5 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*			
State General Funds			($5,000)

143.1000 Business and Finance Administration			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,318,145
State General Funds	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,318,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,396,146	$18,396,146	$18,391,146

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357
State General Funds	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,475,947	$66,475,947	$66,475,947

144.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$2,049	$2,049	$2,049

144.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,859)	($9,859)	($9,859)

144.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$576	$576	$576

144.4 *Increase funds for Plasma Games.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0

144.5 *Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the School Security Grants program for a school safety coordinator position.*

State General Funds			($150,000)

144.1000 Central Office **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,243,123	$5,743,123	$5,093,123
State General Funds	$5,243,123	$5,743,123	$5,093,123
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,468,713	$66,968,713	$66,318,713

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
State General Funds	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,427,123	$10,427,123	$10,427,123

145.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$398	$398	$398

145.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,579)	($1,579)	($1,579)

145.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$372	$372	$372

145.4 *Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB318 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($265,501)	($265,501)	($265,501)

145.5 *Reduce funds to reflect savings from non-recurring office refurbishment.*

State General Funds			($330,000)

145.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

145.1000 Charter Schools			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,211,471	$5,211,471	$4,881,471
State General Funds	$5,211,471	$5,211,471	$4,881,471
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,160,813	$10,160,813	$9,830,813

Communities in Schools		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
State General Funds	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
146.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time state funding used to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion.*			
State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
146.2 *Increase funds for affiliates.*			
State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

146.1000 Communities in Schools			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100

Curriculum Development		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501
State General Funds	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,276,551	$18,276,551	$18,276,551

147.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,676	$4,676	$4,676

147.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,335)	($10,335)	($10,335)

147.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,913	$2,913	$2,913

147.4 *Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization.*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0

147.5 *Utilize existing funds for one Cambridge International program exam for students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds for one STEM Cambridge International program exam to all students and one Cambridge International program exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

147.6 *Recognize existing funds ($475,000) for a supplementary secondary math pilot program. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			$0

147.7 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for Life Sciences industry.*

State General Funds			($177,000)

147.1000 Curriculum Development			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,263,755	$13,763,755	$11,086,755
State General Funds	$11,263,755	$13,763,755	$11,086,755
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,273,805	$20,773,805	$18,096,805

Curriculum Development - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
State General Funds	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300

148.1 *Increase funds to sustain supplements for school literacy leads at all 1,343 K-3 schools.*

State General Funds	$339,799	$0	$0

148.998 *Transfer funds from the Curriculum Development - Special Project program to the Literacy Coach Initiative program.*

State General Funds		($6,111,300)	($6,111,300)

148.1000 Curriculum Development - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,451,099	$0	$0
State General Funds	$6,451,099	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,451,099	$0	$0

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

149.1000 Federal Programs **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,356,289	$62,356,289	$62,356,289

150.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$364,207	$364,207	$364,207

150.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($529)	($529)	($529)

150.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$119	$119	$119

150.4 *Reduce formula funds based on enrollment and training and experience.*

State General Funds	($1,846,344)	($4,034,597)	($4,034,597)

150.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

150.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,880,940	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
State General Funds	$49,880,940	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,203,742	$59,015,489	$59,015,489

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,370,004	$11,370,004	$11,370,004

151.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,127	$3,127	$3,127

151.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,396)	($9,396)	($9,396)

151.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
State General Funds	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,363,735	$11,363,735	$11,363,735

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
State General Funds	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,528,084	$21,528,084	$21,528,084

152.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,275	$3,275	$3,275

152.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($36,651)	($36,651)	($36,651)

152.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,016	$8,016	$8,016

152.4 *Increase funds to sustain 400mbps of state-funded bandwidth for all systems through PeachNet.*

State General Funds	$3,015,000	$3,015,000	$1,590,028

152.5 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*

State General Funds			($50,000)

152.1000 Information Technology Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,108,457	$24,108,457	$22,633,485
State General Funds	$24,108,457	$24,108,457	$22,633,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,517,724	$24,517,724	$23,042,752

Literacy Coach Initiative		**Continuation Budget**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

153.998 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement ($1,600,000) and the Curriculum Development - Special Project program ($6,111,300) to the Department of Education Literacy Coach Initiative program, and increase funds ($10,768,700) for 116 RESA-based literacy coaches to improve literacy outcomes for students in grades K-5.*

State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

153.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

153.1000 Literacy Coach Initiative		**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
State General Funds	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
154.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$165,084	$201,195	$199,667
154.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($363)	($363)	($363)
154.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$119	$119	$119
154.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time grant funding for CPR training and equipment for student health and safety.*			
State General Funds	($362,000)	($362,000)	($362,000)
154.5 *Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.*			
State General Funds	$5,918,900	$5,940,936	$5,783,616
154.6 *Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.*			
State General Funds	$543,000	$543,000	$543,000
154.7 *Reduce formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.*			
State General Funds	($43,186)	($95,812)	($102,029)
154.8 *Realign program budget to expenditures. (H:YES)(S:YES)*			
State General Funds		$0	$0
154.9 *Increase funds for character education programming. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for character education programming)*			
State General Funds		$2,000,000	$2,000,000
154.10 *Reduce funds ($3,027,090) and transfer funds ($1,995,000) from the Department of Education to the Office of the Governor for a free universal reading screener pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session).*			
State General Funds		($5,022,090)	($5,022,090)
154.11 *Increase funds for feminine hygiene grants due to inflation and increased enrollment. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds in Department of Education ($1,500,000) and in Department of Public Health ($200,000) for feminine hygiene grants)*			
State General Funds		$150,000	$0

154.12 *Increase funds to educators for school supplies pursuant to SB464 (2024 Session). (S:Increase funds for a 25% match for local education agencies (from historic reserve balances), charities, or local civic organizations to provide school supplies to educators pursuant to SB464 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$7,500,000	$4,000,000

154.13 *Increase funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session) in the Residential Treatment Facilities formula.*

State General Funds	$47

154.14 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for mentorship programs.*

State General Funds	($250,000)

154.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,577,376	$43,210,807	$39,145,789
State General Funds	$38,577,376	$43,210,807	$39,145,789
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,577,376	$43,210,807	$39,145,789

Nutrition		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
State General Funds	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$846,230,485	$846,230,485	$846,230,485

155.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$370	$370	$370

155.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,264)	($1,264)	($1,264)

155.3 *Reduce formula funds for school nutrition due to a decrease in the number of meals served. (H:NO; Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nutrition given the rising price of meals)(S:Reduce formula funds for school nutrition due to a decrease in the number of meals served)*

State General Funds	($2,955,870)	$0	($2,955,870)

155.4 *Recognize $6,333,713 in existing state funds to provide for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduced-price paying students. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0		$0

155.1000 Nutrition			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,680,252	$42,636,122	$39,680,252
State General Funds	$39,680,252	$42,636,122	$39,680,252
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$843,273,721	$846,229,591	$843,273,721

Preschool Disabilities Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
State General Funds	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

156.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$416,934	$416,934	$416,934

156.2 *Increase funds based on formula earnings.*

State General Funds	$3,478,250	$3,478,250	$3,478,250

156.3 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$793,919	$793,919	$793,919

156.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
State General Funds	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592

Pupil Transportation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
State General Funds	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373

157.1 *Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations.*

State General Funds	$10,313,902	$10,313,902	$10,228,129

157.2 *Increase funds for required bus driver safety training. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($158,400) from historic local fund balances for required bus driver safety training)*

State General Funds		$158,400	$0

157.1000 Pupil Transportation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$364,073,275	$364,231,675	$363,987,502
State General Funds	$364,073,275	$364,231,675	$363,987,502
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$364,073,275	$364,231,675	$363,987,502

Quality Basic Education Equalization **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
State General Funds	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487

158.1 *Reduce formula funds for Equalization grants.*

State General Funds	($112,926,680)	($113,139,423)	($113,591,961)

158.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,920,807	$909,708,064	$909,255,526
State General Funds	$909,920,807	$909,708,064	$909,255,526
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,920,807	$909,708,064	$909,255,526

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
State General Funds	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)

159.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.*

State General Funds	($115,875,838)	($115,166,527)	($115,145,030)

159.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,869,270,246)	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,539,438)
State General Funds	($2,869,270,246)	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,539,438)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,869,270,246)	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,539,438)

Quality Basic Education Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
State General Funds	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664

160.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$100,372,662	$100,330,135	$100,783,331

160.2 *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	$305,904,192	$302,414,375	$302,314,783

160.3 *Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	($605,051)	($298,026)	($630,103)

160.4 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.*

State General Funds	$34,121,273	$24,722,145	$25,374,042

160.5 *Reduce formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.*

State General Funds	($1,828,238)	($1,828,238)	($1,834,931)

160.6 *Increase formula funds for the charter system grant. (S:Reduce formula funds for the charter system grant)*

State General Funds	$313,627	$313,627	($1,354,350)

160.7 *Increase formula funds for the local charter school grant. (S:Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant)*

State General Funds	$48,477	$48,477	($28,686)

160.8 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$172,603,500	$172,603,500	$172,567,500

160.9 *Increase funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds	$872,333	$871,982	$874,984

160.10 *Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025 for military counselors.*

State General Funds			$5,601

160.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,713,408,439	$14,700,783,641	$14,699,677,835
State General Funds	$14,713,408,439	$14,700,783,641	$14,699,677,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,713,408,439	$14,700,783,641	$14,699,677,835

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
State General Funds	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985

161.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$46,481	$46,415	$46,294

161.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($536)	($536)	($536)

161.3 *Reduce formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment. (H:NO; Maintain funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs))(S:Reduce formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment)*

State General Funds	($134,750)	$0	($113,110)

161.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$55,239	$55,239	$55,237

161.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,457,419	$16,592,103	$16,478,870
State General Funds	$16,457,419	$16,592,103	$16,478,870
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,457,419	$16,592,103	$16,478,870

School Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
State General Funds	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,367,970	$14,367,970	$14,367,970

162.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,925	$4,925	$4,925

162.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($22,873)	($22,873)	($22,873)

162.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,915	$1,915	$1,915

162.4 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*

State General Funds ($190,000)

162.1000 School Improvement			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,704,216
State General Funds	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,704,216
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,351,937	$14,351,937	$14,161,937

School Nurse			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
State General Funds	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230

163.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds $361,917 $361,917 $361,928

163.2 *Reduce formula funds for school nurses. (H:NO; Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nurse funding)(S:Reduce formula funds for school nurses)*

State General Funds ($54,206) $0 ($72,715)

163.1000 School Nurse			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,031,941	$43,086,147	$43,013,443
State General Funds	$43,031,941	$43,086,147	$43,013,443
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,031,941	$43,086,147	$43,013,443

School Security Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
State General Funds	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000

164.1 *Increase funds for a school safety coordinator position. (S:Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the School Security Grants program for a school safety coordinator position)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000

164.2 *Increase funds and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and for local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams. (S:NO; Study and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the implementation of the school safety management systems from surrounding states including Florida)*

State General Funds	$24,935,238	$0

164.3 *Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Education ($9,294,554) and increase funds ($5,000,000) to consolidate and streamline funding for school based mental health support services.*

State General Funds		$14,294,554

164.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams; and to provide for mental health support.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

164.1000 School Security Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams; and to provide for mental health support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,905,000	$133,990,238	$123,349,554
State General Funds	$108,905,000	$133,990,238	$123,349,554
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,905,000	$133,990,238	$123,349,554

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

165.1 *Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program ($265,501) and increase funds ($120,850) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session). (H:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($449,899) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session))(S:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($352,850) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$386,351	$715,400	$618,351

165.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

165.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$386,351	$715,400	$618,351
State General Funds	$386,351	$715,400	$618,351
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,071,730	$7,400,779	$7,303,730

State Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
State General Funds	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,058,578	$41,058,578	$41,058,578

166.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$18,011	$18,011	$18,011

166.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($84,557)	($84,557)	($84,557)

166.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$244	$244	$244

166.4 *Increase formula funds for training and experience.*

State General Funds	$135,151	$358,045	$358,045

166.5 *Reduce funds to reflect alignment of budget to expenditures and prior usage of funds for hearing officers in Central Office.*

State General Funds			($250,000)

166.1000 State Schools **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,868,967	$39,091,861	$38,841,861
State General Funds	$38,868,967	$39,091,861	$38,841,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,127,427	$41,350,321	$41,100,321

Student Support Services	**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

167.1 *Add funds to establish student mental health support grants. (S:NO; Consolidate funds for school based mental health support in School Security Grants program (Line 164.2))*

State General Funds	$19,580,000	$0

167.2 *Add funds to establish grants for social work services. (S:Add funds to establish grants for social work services at schools that do not employ a social worker and do not earn a social worker in the Quality Basic Education formula and recognize existing funds ($37,892,043) in the Quality Basic Education program for social work services)*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$266,664

167.3 *Add funds for out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$12,500,000

167.4 *Add funds to districts for targeted support to economically-disadvantaged students. (S:NO; Utilize existing funds targeted to assist local education agencies to support economically disadvantaged students through federal Title I funds ($686,138,349) and through the Quality Basic Education Equalization program ($909,255,526))*

State General Funds	$28,026,222	$0

167.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.*

State General Funds	$0

167.1000 Student Support Services	**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,606,222	$12,766,664
State General Funds	$62,606,222	$12,766,664
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,606,222	$12,766,664

Technology/Career Education		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320
State General Funds	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,055,530	$81,055,530	$81,055,530
168.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$137,826	$230,124	$230,124
168.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($5,059)	($5,059)	($5,059)
168.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$1,076	$1,076	$1,076
168.4 *Increase funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operations to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education. (S:Utilize existing funds to facilitate the move from federal grant funding to state general funds to sustain the Great Promise Partnership)*			
State General Funds	$383,444	$383,444	$0
168.5 *Add funds to establish a high-demand equipment grant program for new and expanding career and technical education labs that support instruction for high-demand careers as identified by the State Workforce Board. (H and S:Add funds to establish a high-demand equipment grant program for new and expanding career and technical education labs that support instruction for high-demand careers as identified by the State Workforce Board, to include grants for heavy equipment simulators)*			
State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000
168.6 *Increase funds to reflect updated count of extended day/year teachers.*			
State General Funds	$18,951	$0	$0
168.7 *Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025.*			
State General Funds		$236,735	$236,735

168.8 *Increase funds for a government and public administration pathway.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000

168.9 *Recognize existing funds ($1,000,000) for construction industry certification. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

168.10 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*

State General Funds	($150,000)

168.1000 Technology/Career Education			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,140,558	$26,550,640	$26,017,196
State General Funds	$26,140,558	$26,550,640	$26,017,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,841,768	$83,251,850	$82,718,406

Testing			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452
State General Funds	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,750,259	$34,750,259	$34,750,259

169.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,067	$4,067	$4,067

169.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,433)	($10,433)	($10,433)

169.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,317	$2,317	$2,317

169.4 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*

State General Funds			($20,000)

169.1000 Testing			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,028,403
State General Funds	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,028,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,746,210	$34,746,210	$34,726,210

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

170.1 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*

State General Funds			($100,000)

170.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,451,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,243.93. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844
State General Funds	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,179,539	$102,179,539	$102,179,539

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,436,844	$93,686,844	$146,321,141
State General Funds	$70,436,844	$93,686,844	$146,321,141
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,295,539	$129,545,539	$182,179,836

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

171.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

172.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000

173.1 *Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	$4,122,000	$4,122,000	$4,122,000

173.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
State General Funds	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400
State General Funds	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,398,911	$57,398,911	$57,398,911

174.1 *Eliminate funds for actuarially determined costs for HB472 (2024 Session) as legislation failed to pass.*

State General Funds	($6,000)	($6,000)	($6,000)

174.2 *Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for an annual payment to eligible retired members by December 1 each year. (Total Funds: $50,000,000)(S:Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for a payment to eligible retired members by December 1, 2025 (Total Funds: $50,000,000) and increase funds to improve the funded ratio)*

State General Funds		$23,250,000	$75,884,297

174.1000 System Administration (ERS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$50,010,400	$102,644,697
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$50,010,400	$102,644,697
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,392,911	$80,642,911	$133,277,208

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.20% for New Plan employees and 24.45% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $1,160.67 per member for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
State General Funds	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,792,026	$68,792,026	$68,792,026
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,393,131	$54,884,879	$52,393,131
State General Funds	$52,393,131	$54,884,879	$52,393,131
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,856,667	$71,348,415	$68,856,667

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
State General Funds	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,144,232	$7,144,232	$7,144,232

175.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,269	$5,269	$5,269

175.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$11,932	$11,932	$11,932

175.3 *Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.*

State General Funds		$641,748	$0

175.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,529,853	$7,171,601	$6,529,853
State General Funds	$6,529,853	$7,171,601	$6,529,853
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,161,433	$7,803,181	$7,161,433

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,498,634	$9,498,634	$9,498,634

176.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,329	$5,329	$5,329

176.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program. (S:YES; Recognize funds in the Department of Agriculture Marketing and Promotion program)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0

176.1000 Forest Management			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,682,080	$4,882,080	$4,682,080
State General Funds	$4,682,080	$4,882,080	$4,682,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,503,963	$9,703,963	$9,503,963

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
State General Funds	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,942,080	$50,942,080	$50,942,080

177.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$42,111	$42,111	$42,111

177.2 *Increase funds to aid in preventing and combating wildfires.*

State General Funds		$1,650,000	$0

177.1000 Forest Protection **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,181,198	$42,831,198	$41,181,198
State General Funds	$41,181,198	$42,831,198	$41,181,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,984,191	$52,634,191	$50,984,191

Tree Seedling Nursery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

178.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882
State General Funds	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,068,650	$94,068,650	$94,068,650

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,930,362	$64,823,254	$63,510,709
State General Funds	$61,930,362	$64,823,254	$63,510,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,203,130	$97,096,022	$95,783,477

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

179.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362

180.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$430	$430	$430

180.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,681)	($3,681)	($3,681)

180.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
State General Funds	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276

181.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$592	$592	$592

181.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,534	$4,534	$4,534

181.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($27,227)	($27,227)	($27,227)

181.4 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB982 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$194,756	$194,756	$194,756

181.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
State General Funds	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

182.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

183.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162

184.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($280)	($280)	($280)

184.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
State General Funds	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,840,522	$1,840,522	$1,840,522

185.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,035	$1,035	$1,035

185.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
State General Funds	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372
State General Funds	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856

Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,772,410	$36,772,410	$36,772,410

186.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,916)	($6,916)	($6,916)

186.2 *Establish the Georgia Resilience Office to plan and coordinate state-wide resilience and disaster recovery. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

186.3 *Reduce funds to reflect regular operations and grant efficiencies.*

State General Funds			($62,545)

186.4 *Eliminate funds for a gang case management system.*

State General Funds			($1,250,000)

186.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,254,456	$6,254,456	$4,941,911
State General Funds	$6,254,456	$6,254,456	$4,941,911
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,765,494	$36,765,494	$35,452,949

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469

187.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$441	$441	$441

187.1000 Office of the State Inspector General			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
State General Funds	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,051,420	$10,051,420	$10,051,420

188.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$444	$444	$444

188.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($920)	($920)	($920)

188.3 *Increase funds for two new ethics investigators.*			
State General Funds		$221,922	$221,922

188.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,214	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
State General Funds	$8,730,214	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,050,944	$10,272,866	$10,272,866

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
State General Funds	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736

189.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$431	$431	$431

189.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($22,342)	($22,342)	($22,342)

189.3 *Add funds to annualize state participation for newly established regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board to support student mental health in response to significant public safety or natural disaster incidents impacting schools or school systems.*

State General Funds	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

189.998 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the Department of Education for the Growing Readers program for RESA-based literacy coaches.*

State General Funds		($1,600,000)	($1,600,000)

189.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,952,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
State General Funds	$5,952,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,952,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290

190.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$205	$205	$205

190.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,730)	($2,730)	($2,730)

190.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
State General Funds	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
State General Funds	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694

191.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$835	$835	$835

191.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($14,296)	($14,296)	($14,296)

191.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
State General Funds	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

192.1 *Increase funds for a literacy coach coordinator position.*

State General Funds	$247,000	$247,000

192.2 *Increase funds for a research group for competency-based standards and evaluation for literacy coaches.*

State General Funds	$2,028,970	$2,028,970

192.997 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement - Special Project program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy, pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session), and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*

State General Funds	$1,004,203	$1,004,203

192.998 *Transfer funds from the Department of Education to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for a free universal reading screener pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,995,000	$1,995,000

192.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

192.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination		**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
State General Funds	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034

193.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$226	$226	$226

193.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,057)	($1,057)	($1,057)

193.998 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement - Special Project program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program.*

State General Funds		($1,004,203)	($1,004,203)

193.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,004,203	$0	$0
State General Funds	$1,004,203	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,004,203	$0	$0

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764
State General Funds	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$599,657,476	$599,657,476	$599,657,476
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$87,994,777	$87,994,777	$87,994,777
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$130,561,606	$130,561,606	$130,561,606
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$367,879,092	$367,879,092	$367,879,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$365,330,321	$365,330,321	$365,330,321
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,262,196	$25,262,196	$25,262,196

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797
State Funds Transfers	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency to Agency Contracts	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,027,310,115	$1,061,374,047	$1,057,998,791
State General Funds	$1,025,953,069	$1,060,017,001	$1,056,641,745
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,294,397,784	$1,300,498,977	$1,300,599,554
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,109,334	$600,109,334	$600,480,929
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$86,620,961	$92,722,154	$92,451,136
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$130,569,082	$130,569,082	$130,569,082
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$366,159,888	$366,159,888	$366,159,888
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$363,611,117	$363,611,117	$363,611,117
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,262,196	$25,633,791	$25,262,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$23,762,196	$24,133,791	$23,762,196
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,762,196	$24,133,791	$23,762,196
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797
State Funds Transfers	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency to Agency Contracts	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,348,243,892	$2,388,780,612	$2,385,134,338

Adoptions Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
State General Funds	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,455,821	$79,455,821	$79,455,821
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,334,420	$70,334,420	$70,334,420
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,195,574	$125,195,574	$125,195,574

194.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($27,469)	($27,469)	($27,469)

194.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($315,971)	($315,971)	($315,971)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$315,971	$315,971	$315,971
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

194.1000 Adoptions Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
State General Funds	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,771,792	$79,771,792	$79,771,792
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,650,391	$70,650,391	$70,650,391
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,168,105	$125,168,105	$125,168,105

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,305,967	$4,305,967	$4,305,967
State General Funds	$2,989,897	$2,989,897	$2,989,897
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,364,006	$12,364,006	$12,364,006

195.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,112)	($10,112)	($10,112)

195.2 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2024 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

State Children's Trust Funds	($93,233)	($93,233)	($93,233)

195.3 *Increase funds to expand services for at-risk girls. (S:Increase funds and recognize existing funds to expand services for at-risk girls)*

State General Funds		$150,000	$75,000

195.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,202,622	$4,352,622	$4,277,622
State General Funds	$2,979,785	$3,129,785	$3,054,785
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,260,661	$12,410,661	$12,335,661

Child Support Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145
State General Funds	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,180,715	$150,180,715	$150,180,715

196.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,719	$1,719	$1,719

196.2 *Increase funds to expand participation in the Child Support Lien Network to include real property and lump sum payment matching services.*

State General Funds	$60,899	$60,899	$60,899
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$118,217	$118,217	$118,217
Total Public Funds:	$179,116	$179,116	$179,116

196.3 *Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.*

State General Funds		$191,428	$191,428
Federal Funds Not Itemized			$371,595
Sales and Services Not Itemized		$371,595	$0
Total Public Funds:		$563,023	$563,023

196.1000 Child Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,763	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
State General Funds	$34,198,763	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,367,027	$112,367,027	$112,738,622
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,367,027	$112,367,027	$112,738,622
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,771,595	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,771,595	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,771,595	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,361,550	$150,924,573	$150,924,573

Child Welfare Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585
State General Funds	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,997,680	$271,997,680	$271,997,680
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$44,974,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$189,321,915	$189,321,915	$189,321,915

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$186,773,144	$186,773,144	$186,773,144
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
State Funds Transfers	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
Agency to Agency Contracts	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$515,988,302	$515,988,302	$515,988,302

197.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($214,658)	($214,658)	($214,658)

197.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,096	$8,096	$8,096

197.3 *Increase funds for Court Appointed Special Advocates to replace federal funds deemed ineligible by the Administration for Children and Families.*

State General Funds	$1,719,204	$1,719,204	$1,719,204
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

197.4 *Eliminate matching funds for the wraparound services pilot due to the denial of federal funds by the Administration for Children and Families. (H:NO; Maintain funds for wraparound services)(S:Increase funds for wraparound services)*

State General Funds	($1,500,000)	$0	$1,500,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	($1,500,000)	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	($3,000,000)	$0	$1,500,000

197.5 *Increase funds to expand heavy equipment operator certification program for high-risk youth.*

State General Funds		$125,000	$125,000

197.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,845,227	$245,470,227	$246,970,227
State General Funds	$243,845,227	$245,470,227	$246,970,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$268,778,476	$270,278,476	$270,278,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$43,474,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$187,602,711	$187,602,711	$187,602,711
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$185,053,940	$185,053,940	$185,053,940
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
State Funds Transfers	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
Agency to Agency Contracts	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$512,781,740	$515,906,740	$517,406,740

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456

198.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779
State General Funds	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,538,528	$47,538,528	$47,538,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,770,669	$6,770,669	$6,770,669
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

Sales and Services	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,498,980	$122,498,980	$122,498,980

199.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,356	$6,356	$6,356

199.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$41,233	$41,233	$41,233

199.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.23% to 76.48%.*

State General Funds	($3,738)	($3,738)	($3,738)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,476	$7,476	$7,476
Total Public Funds:	$3,738	$3,738	$3,738

199.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
State General Funds	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,546,004	$47,546,004	$47,546,004
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,778,145	$6,778,145	$6,778,145
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,550,307	$122,550,307	$122,550,307

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
State General Funds	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,627,120	$35,627,120	$35,627,120

200.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,639	$2,639	$2,639

200.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
State General Funds	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,629,759	$35,629,759	$35,629,759

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103
State General Funds	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$97,494,315	$97,494,315	$97,494,315

201.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$157	$157	$157

201.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health for brain health awareness campaign to match agency budgets with existing contracts.*

State General Funds	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)

201.3 *Increase funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).*

State General Funds		$1,099,200	$1,099,200

201.1000 Elder Community Living Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,718,260	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
State General Funds	$52,718,260	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$97,269,472	$98,368,672	$98,368,672

Energy Assistance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606

202.1000 Energy Assistance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
State General Funds	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,523,667	$443,523,667	$443,523,667

203.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$256	$256	$256

203.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($76,974)	($76,974)	($76,974)

203.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$31,630	$31,630	$31,630

203.4 *Utilize existing funds ($133,763) to enhance Medicaid disability evaluation capacity. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

203.5 *Increase funds to annualize a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers.*

State General Funds		$5,758,228	$5,758,228

203.6 *The department is directed to prepare and submit a plan to address the backlog of eligibility determinations to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 1, 2025. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

203.7 *Reduce funds for labor and wage data verification services.*

State General Funds			($2,061,147)

203.8 *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds			($1,000,000)

203.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,977,557	$164,735,785	$161,674,638
State General Funds	$158,977,557	$164,735,785	$161,674,638
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,478,579	$449,236,807	$446,175,660

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
State General Funds	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$107,075,957	$107,075,957	$107,075,957
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,651	$152,651	$152,651
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$30,048,837	$30,048,837	$30,048,837
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$449,267,342	$449,267,342	$449,267,342

204.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($143,854)	($143,854)	($143,854)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$126,184	$126,184	$126,184
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,670	$17,670	$17,670
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

204.2 *Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.*

State General Funds		$19,293,420	$21,893,420
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		$3,197,389	$3,628,273
Total Public Funds:		$22,490,809	$25,521,693

204.3 *Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth)*

State General Funds		$400,000	$200,000

204.4 *Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to place foster youth closer to their biological families and provide a report to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on success outcomes of the program by December 31, 2025)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$250,000

204.5 *Increase funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers. (S:Increase funds for a 1% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers)*

State General Funds		$6,135,219	$3,067,610
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		$1,403,804	$701,902
Total Public Funds:		$7,539,023	$3,769,512

204.6 *Increase funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement.*

State General Funds		$371,500	$0

204.7 *Increase funds to support youth aging out of foster care. (S:NO; Await recommendations from the Senate Study Committee on additional services and resources for transition age youth in foster care pursuant to SR310 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds	$325,000	$0

204.1000 Out-of-Home Care			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$342,047,531	$369,072,670	$367,458,561
State General Funds	$342,047,531	$369,072,670	$367,458,561
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$107,219,811	$111,821,004	$111,549,986
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,321	$170,321	$170,321
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$30,175,021	$34,776,214	$34,505,196
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$449,267,342	$480,893,674	$479,008,547

Out-of-School Care Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,500,000	$17,500,000	$17,500,000

205.1 *Reduce funds and recognize $10,000,000 in the Department of Education Student Support Services for out-of-school care grants.*

State General Funds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

205.1000 Out-of-School Care Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

Refugee Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

206.1000 Refugee Assistance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,082,944	$3,082,944	$3,082,944

207.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$315	$315	$315

207.2 *Utilize existing funds ($46,550) for one position to address new licensure and regulation responsibilities due to the creation of two new Child Caring Institution types in SB377 (2024 Session) and HB1201 (2024 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

207.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
State General Funds	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824

Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

208.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726

209.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625
State General Funds	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625

210.1 *Increase funds for personnel.*

State General Funds		$89,937	$89,937

210.1000 Council On Aging **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,625	$466,562	$466,562
State General Funds	$376,625	$466,562	$466,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$376,625	$466,562	$466,562

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

211.1000 Family Connection **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,779,241	$2,779,241	$2,779,241

212.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($452)	($452)	($452)

212.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
State General Funds	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,778,789	$2,778,789	$2,778,789

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,039,595	$11,039,595	$11,039,595

213.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$238	$238	$238

213.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($11,105)	($11,105)	($11,105)

213.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$113,208	$113,208	$113,208

213.998 *Transfer funds and six positions from Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration program to align with work on agency-wide operations.*

State General Funds		$576,042	$576,042

213.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,011,291	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
State General Funds	$3,011,291	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,141,936	$11,717,978	$11,717,978

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

214.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

215.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
State General Funds	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,527,917	$101,527,917	$101,527,917

216.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$153	$153	$153

216.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($29,076)	($29,076)	($29,076)

216.3 *Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($57,500) to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology)*

State General Funds		$125,000	$0

216.998 *Transfer funds and six positions from Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration program to align with work on agency-wide operations.*

State General Funds	($576,042)	($576,042)

216.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,723,369	$25,272,327	$25,147,327
State General Funds	$25,723,369	$25,272,327	$25,147,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,498,994	$101,047,952	$100,922,952

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159

217.1 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2024 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses ($120,110) pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.*

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	($120,110)	($120,110)	($120,110)

217.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762
State General Funds	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,417,883	$243,417,883	$243,417,883
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$182,606,128	$173,762,867	$172,606,128
State General Funds	$182,606,128	$173,762,867	$172,606,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$58,874,177	$67,717,438	$68,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$58,283,283	$67,126,544	$68,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$58,283,283	$67,126,544	$68,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,202,249	$243,202,249	$243,202,249

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
State General Funds	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,720,123	$2,720,123	$2,720,123

218.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($13,849)	($13,849)	($13,849)

218.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,445)	($2,445)	($2,445)

218.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
State General Funds	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,703,829	$2,703,829	$2,703,829

Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
State General Funds	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866

219.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,201)	($4,201)	($4,201)

219.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($742)	($742)	($742)

219.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
State General Funds	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,273,495	$16,273,495	$16,273,495

220.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($45,806)	($45,806)	($45,806)

220.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($8,086)	($8,086)	($8,086)

220.3 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for 45 positions and associated vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	$4,155,057	$4,155,057	$4,155,057

220.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for three vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	($77,826)	($77,826)	($77,826)

220.1000 Fire Safety			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
State General Funds	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,296,834	$20,296,834	$20,296,834

Insurance Regulation			**Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
State General Funds	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,962,285	$9,962,285	$9,962,285

221.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($24,836)	($24,836)	($24,836)

221.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,384)	($4,384)	($4,384)

221.3 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for 45 positions and associated vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	($4,155,057)	($4,155,057)	($4,155,057)

221.1000 Insurance Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
State General Funds	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326

222.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,760)	($7,760)	($7,760)

222.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,370)	($1,370)	($1,370)

222.3 *Reduce funds for the state reinsurance program and the state healthcare exchange and recognize exchange-generated user fees.*

State General Funds	($50,000,000)	($58,843,261)	($60,000,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0

222.1000 Reinsurance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,875,196	$147,031,935	$145,875,196
State General Funds	$155,875,196	$147,031,935	$145,875,196
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000
Sales and Services	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,875,196	$205,875,196	$205,875,196

Special Fraud **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
State General Funds	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,989,788	$7,989,788	$7,989,788

223.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$330	$330	$330

223.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($20,959)	($20,959)	($20,959)

223.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,700)	($3,700)	($3,700)

223.1000 Special Fraud **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
State General Funds	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,965,459	$7,965,459	$7,965,459

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108
State General Funds	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743

Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$352,025,614	$352,025,614	$352,025,614

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$255,493,383	$265,412,322	$255,649,831
State General Funds	$255,493,383	$265,412,322	$255,649,831
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$357,066,889	$366,985,828	$357,223,337

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
State General Funds	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303

Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,859,259	$10,859,259	$10,859,259

224.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,801	$5,801	$5,801

224.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$13,925	$13,925	$13,925

224.3 *Increase funds for new pool car reservation system.*

State General Funds	$10,346	$19,290	$10,346

224.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to statewide security contracts through the Department of Administrative Services.*

State General Funds	$18,075	$57,018	$18,075

224.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,541,503	$10,589,390	$10,541,503
State General Funds	$10,541,503	$10,589,390	$10,541,503
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,907,406	$10,955,293	$10,907,406

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,088,856	$19,088,856	$19,088,856

225.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,498	$7,498	$7,498

225.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$222	$222	$222

225.3 *Increase funds and recognize $1,000,000 appropriated in Amended FY2025 budget for a gang case management system.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000

225.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$8,596,576
State General Funds	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$8,596,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,096,576	$19,096,576	$20,096,576

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
State General Funds	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,765,762	$68,765,762	$68,765,762

226.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$46,867	$46,867	$46,867

226.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,926	$3,926	$3,926

226.3 *Increase funds for one crime lab scientist, one crime lab technician, and one evidence receiving technician at the Central Crime Lab.*

State General Funds	$384,591	$384,591	$384,591

226.4 *Increase funds for one crime lab assistant manager at the Headquarters Crime Lab. (H and S:Increase funds for two crime lab assistant managers at the Headquarters Crime Lab)*

State General Funds	$194,857	$389,714	$389,714

226.5 *Increase funds for additional service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.*

State General Funds	$633,593	$633,593	$633,593

226.6 *Reduce funds for one-time costs related to the Medical Examiner's Office positions in Fiscal Year 2025.*

State General Funds		($28,270)	($28,270)

226.7 *Increase funds for one-time purchase of five handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories and warranties.*

State General Funds			$545,129

226.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,794,374	$67,960,961	$68,506,090
State General Funds	$67,794,374	$67,960,961	$68,506,090
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,029,596	$70,196,183	$70,741,312

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144
State General Funds	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,647,234	$81,647,234	$81,647,234

227.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$687	$687	$687

227.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$56,839	$56,839	$56,839

227.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$13,517	$13,517	$13,517

227.4 *Increase funds to replace federal funds with state funds for three human trafficking positions.*

State General Funds	$294,420	$294,420	$294,420

227.5 *Increase funds for the start-up cost to establish a Strategic Threat Assessment Group responsible for addressing threats to public officials, investigating homeland security matters, and partnering with critical infrastructure partners to provide support during major events occurring in the state.*

State General Funds	$390,789	$390,789	$390,789

227.6 *Increase funds for two crime scene technical leaders and three digital forensic investigators.*

State General Funds	$1,033,531	$1,033,531	$1,033,531

227.7 *Increase funds for on-going maintenance and support of the case management and leads tracking systems.*

State General Funds	$562,135	$562,135	$562,135

227.8 *Reduce funds for one-time costs for the Columbus Gang Task Force positions.*

State General Funds		($2,146,987)	($2,146,987)

227.9 *Increase funds for advanced DNA testing and genetic genealogy testing for the Cold Case Unit.*

State General Funds		$200,000	$100,000

227.10 *Increase funds for eight Criminal Intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC). (S:Increase funds for four Criminal Intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC))*

State General Funds		$1,619,157	$545,930

227.1000 Regional Investigative Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,295,062	$79,967,232	$78,794,005
State General Funds	$80,295,062	$79,967,232	$78,794,005
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,999,152	$83,671,322	$82,498,095

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
State General Funds	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,391,732	$99,391,732	$99,391,732

228.1	*Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds		$12,546	$12,546	$12,546
228.2	*Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue operations at the Receiving Hope Center. (S:YES; Utilize partner resources to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue operations at the Receiving Hope Center)*			
State General Funds		$400,312	$400,312	$0

228.3 *Increase funds for two advocate positions and ongoing maintenance of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline. (S:NO; Explore possibility of utilizing existing resources at the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC))*

State General Funds	$421,608	$421,608	$0

228.4 *Increase funds to offset the loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to provide core services for victims of crimes. (S:YES; Maintain current funding in expectation of receipt of $12,000,000 in additional federal funds)*

State General Funds		$8,125,000	$0

228.5 *Increase funds to implement the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention program pursuant to HB268 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds		$750,000	$0

228.6 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$33,558	$33,558

228.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,457,907	$25,366,465	$15,669,545
State General Funds	$16,457,907	$25,366,465	$15,669,545
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,226,198	$109,134,756	$99,437,836

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
State General Funds	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125

229.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,968	$4,968	$4,968

229.2 *Increase funds to implement Juvenile Treatment Courts per HB873 (2024 Session). (H and S:Increase funds for one training coordinator position and for the implementation of Juvenile Treatment Courts per HB873 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$17,250	$155,375	$155,375

229.3 *Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth.*

State General Funds	$512,544	$1,344,476	$954,890

229.4 *Increase funds for new and existing Juvenile Treatment Courts.*

State General Funds		$153,680	$153,680

229.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,834,887	$38,958,624	$38,569,038
State General Funds	$37,834,887	$38,958,624	$38,569,038
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,834,887	$38,958,624	$38,569,038

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
State General Funds	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646

230.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$428	$428	$428

230.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187
State General Funds	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$394,665,964	$394,665,964	$394,665,964

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$389,519,554	$395,229,317	$393,520,946
State General Funds	$389,519,554	$395,229,317	$393,520,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$396,121,331	$401,831,094	$400,122,723

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
State General Funds	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,935,316	$105,935,316	$105,935,316

231.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$516	$516	$516

231.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$38,166	$38,166	$38,166

231.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,000)	($4,000)	($4,000)

231.4 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$6,833	$0

231.5 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($16,873) for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds		$16,873	$0

231.6 *Increase funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents and relative caregivers. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($175,791) for a 1% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents and relative caregivers)*

State General Funds		$351,582	$0

231.7 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds			($1,054,008)

231.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a

short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$105,025,559	$105,400,847	$103,971,551
State General Funds	$105,025,559	$105,400,847	$103,971,551
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,969,998	$106,345,286	$104,915,990

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262

232.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$13,513	$13,513	$13,513

232.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($952)	($952)	($952)

232.3 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$6,833

232.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($285,908)

232.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,590,823	$28,590,823	$28,311,748
State General Funds	$28,590,823	$28,590,823	$28,311,748
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,590,823	$28,590,823	$28,311,748

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
State General Funds	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,252,504	$101,252,504	$101,252,504

233.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$51,215	$51,215	$51,215

233.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$37,042	$37,042	$37,042

233.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($5,333)	($5,333)	($5,333)

233.4 *Increase funds to increase rates and hours for full-time and contracted psychologist and psychiatrist positions.*

State General Funds	$401,330	$401,330	$401,330

233.5 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$1,931,401	$1,235,069

233.6 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$364,296	$364,296

233.7 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$564,055	$564,055

233.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$99,024,612	$101,884,364	$101,188,032
State General Funds	$99,024,612	$101,884,364	$101,188,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,736,758	$104,596,510	$103,900,178

Secure Detention (RYDCs)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690
State General Funds	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,899,882	$158,899,882	$158,899,882

234.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$76,393	$76,393	$76,393
234.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$57,568	$57,568	$57,568
234.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	($8,761)	($8,761)	($8,761)
234.4 *Increase funds to increase rates and hours for full-time and contracted psychologist and psychiatrist positions.*			
State General Funds	$798,670	$798,670	$798,670
234.5 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*			
State General Funds		$1,235,069	$1,931,401

234.6 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$490,234	$490,234

234.7 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$749,420	$749,420

234.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$156,878,560	$159,353,283	$160,049,615
State General Funds	$156,878,560	$159,353,283	$160,049,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$159,823,752	$162,298,475	$162,994,807

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
State General Funds	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,060,312	$54,060,312	$54,060,312

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,566,969	$9,161,987	$8,930,190
State General Funds	$8,566,969	$9,161,987	$8,930,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,049,021	$54,644,039	$54,412,242

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,014,994	$20,014,994	$20,014,994

235.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,446)	($1,446)	($1,446)

235.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,985)	($2,985)	($2,985)

235.3 *Increase funds for three accountants and related operations.*

State General Funds		$300,521	$300,521

235.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for staff training.*

State General Funds		$62,700	$62,700

235.5 *Increase funds for two constituent services representatives and operations. (S:NO; Allow time for new commissioner to develop operations strategy)*

State General Funds		$231,797	$0

235.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL)			Appropriation (HB 68)
The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,738,725	$2,333,743	$2,101,946
State General Funds	$1,738,725	$2,333,743	$2,101,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,010,563	$20,605,581	$20,373,784

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

236.1000 Labor Market Information			Appropriation (HB 68)
The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,661,870	$32,661,870	$32,661,870

237.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,860)	($6,860)	($6,860)

237.1000 Unemployment Insurance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
State General Funds	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,655,010	$32,655,010	$32,655,010

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667
State General Funds	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$129,617,039	$129,617,039	$129,617,039

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,999,714	$49,999,714	$49,495,901
State General Funds	$49,999,714	$49,999,714	$49,495,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,681,086	$133,681,086	$133,177,273

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259
State General Funds	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,299,299	$124,299,299	$124,299,299

238.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$66,081	$66,081	$66,081

238.2 *Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions. (H:Increase funds for a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions)(S:Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions)*

State General Funds	$1,594,143	$1,594,143	$1,594,143

238.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent due to relocation to the renovated Law building.*

State General Funds	$1,109,919	$1,109,919	$924,570

238.4 *Increase funds for four positions to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Savannah region. (S:Increase funds for two positions to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Savannah region)*

State General Funds	$536,928	$536,928	$268,464

238.5 *Increase funds to annualize six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions.*

State General Funds	$748,143	$748,143	$748,143

238.6 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$212	$212	$212

238.7 *Increase funds to retain an additional $125,000 in Lemon Law fees for a total of $625,000. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$0	$0	$0

238.8 *Transfer funds from the Department of Law to Judicial Council for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs.*

State General Funds			($50,000)

238.1000 Law, Department of			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,306,685	$48,306,685	$47,802,872
State General Funds	$48,306,685	$48,306,685	$47,802,872
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$128,354,725	$128,354,725	$127,850,912

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
State General Funds	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,317,740	$5,317,740	$5,317,740

239.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,219	$2,219	$2,219

239.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($24,419)	($24,419)	($24,419)

239.3 *Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions.*

State General Funds	$30,821	$30,821	$30,821

239.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
State General Funds	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$188,188,840	$188,188,840	$188,188,840
State General Funds	$163,865,387	$163,865,387	$163,865,387
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$360,923,811	$360,923,811	$360,923,811

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,268,827	$183,333,597	$179,536,073
State General Funds	$148,665,572	$159,730,342	$155,932,818
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$345,003,798	$356,068,568	$352,271,044

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
State General Funds	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,527,969	$12,527,969	$12,527,969

240.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($617)	($617)	($617)

240.2 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Tybee Island beach restoration. (H and S:Reduce funds to maintain funding for beach restoration)*

State General Funds	($4,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($3,000,000)

240.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for reef/migratory fish surveys of offshore anglers by Coastal Resources staff.*

State General Funds			$349,000

240.1000 Coastal Resources **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,323,283	$5,323,283	$4,672,283
State General Funds	$3,323,283	$5,323,283	$4,672,283
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,352	$10,527,352	$9,876,352

Departmental Administration (DNR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
State General Funds	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444

241.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,159)	($2,159)	($2,159)

241.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,977)	($3,977)	($3,977)

241.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,803,308
State General Funds	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,803,308
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,803,308

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,930,449	$125,930,449	$125,930,449

242.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,428)	($6,428)	($6,428)

242.2 *Reduce funds for streamlined contracting.*

State General Funds			($581,754)

242.1000 Environmental Protection			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,212,578	$35,212,578	$34,630,824
State General Funds	$35,212,578	$35,212,578	$34,630,824
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,924,021	$125,924,021	$125,342,267

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943

243.1 *Reduce funds for grants and benefits to reflect a decrease in FY2024 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.*

State General Funds	($1,373,807)	($1,373,807)	($1,373,807)

243.2 *Reduce funds for grants and benefits by 20% to reflect a greater than one percent reduction in collections pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.*

State General Funds	($5,753,027)	($1,438,257)	($5,753,027)

243.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$27,326,879	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$27,326,879	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$27,326,879	$23,012,109

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767

244.1 *Reduce funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session) and HB31 (2023 Session).*

Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)

244.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
State General Funds	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,072,344	$37,072,344	$37,072,344

245.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,776)	($6,776)	($6,776)

245.1000 Law Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
State General Funds	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730
State General Funds	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,802,550	$55,802,550	$55,802,550

246.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,877)	($3,877)	($3,877)

246.2 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation)*

State General Funds	($4,000,000)	$0	$2,500,000

246.3 *Reduce funds for the Georgia State Games Commission.*

State General Funds	($45,000)	($45,000)	($45,000)

246.4 *Increase funds for operations of the historic SAM shortline railroad.*

State General Funds	$300,000	$0

246.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,157,853	$20,457,853	$22,657,853
State General Funds	$16,157,853	$20,457,853	$22,657,853
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,753,673	$56,053,673	$58,253,673

Solid Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886

247.1 *Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Scrap Tire Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$1,971,413	$1,971,413	$1,971,413

247.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,626,770	$24,626,770	$24,626,770
State General Funds	$22,849,970	$22,849,970	$22,849,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,095,459	$63,095,459	$63,095,459

248.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,147)	($4,147)	($4,147)

248.2 *Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$216,665	$216,665	$216,665

248.3 *Increase funds for the processing of venison donations. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($300,000) for the processing of venison donations)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0

248.4 *Increase funds to control chronic wasting disease. (S:YES; Continue utilization of existing funds for controlling chronic wasting disease)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0

248.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,839,288	$25,289,288	$24,839,288
State General Funds	$22,845,823	$23,295,823	$22,845,823
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,307,977	$63,757,977	$63,307,977

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
State General Funds	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,193,721
State General Funds	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,193,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,193,721

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
State General Funds	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857

249.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,269)	($1,269)	($1,269)

249.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,395)	($1,395)	($1,395)

249.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures.*

State General Funds	($158,533)

249.1000 Board Administration (SBPP)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,246,660
State General Funds	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,246,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,246,660

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
State General Funds	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969

250.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,398)	($10,398)	($10,398)

250.2 *The State Board of Pardons and Paroles is directed to work with the Department of Corrections to identify and facilitate the transfer of non-violent international prisoners, upon favorable consideration from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, to the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

250.1000 Clemency Decisions			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
State General Funds	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571

Victim Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
State General Funds	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
251.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($359)	($359)	($359)
251.2 *Increase funds for two victim advocate positions.*			
State General Funds	$127,915	$127,915	$127,915
251.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures.*			
State General Funds			($55,545)
251.1000 Victim Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$674,490
State General Funds	$730,035	$730,035	$674,490
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$674,490

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Properties Commission, State		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

252.1000 Properties Commission, State			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.			
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477
State General Funds	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,038,239	$116,038,239	$116,038,239

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,023,595	$83,008,247	$83,164,374
State General Funds	$83,023,595	$83,008,247	$83,164,374

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,534,357	$116,519,009	$116,675,136

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,284,841	$11,284,841	$11,284,841

253.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($19,244)	($19,244)	($19,244)

253.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,899	$3,899	$3,899

253.1000 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
State General Funds	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000

Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,269,496	$11,269,496	$11,269,496

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636
State General Funds	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,753,398	$104,753,398	$104,753,398

254.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$139	$139	$139

254.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($155,933)	($155,933)	($155,933)

254.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$9,152	$9,152	$9,152

254.4 *Increase funds to annualize one Public Defender, one investigator, and two administrative positions for the West Georgia Circuit pursuant to SB424 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$417,813	$417,813	$417,813

254.5 *Increase funds to annualize two Assistant Public Defender positions for additional judgeships in the Tifton and Houston Judicial Circuits.*

State General Funds	$74,963	$74,963	$74,963

254.6 *Increase funds for a Juvenile Conflict Division manager position.*

State General Funds	$226,517	$0	$226,517

254.7 *Reduce funds for one Assistant Public Defender in the Douglas Judicial Circuit due to SB347 failing to pass during the 2024 legislative session.*

State General Funds	($61,188)	($61,188)	($61,188)

254.8 *Increase funds for three Assistant Public Defender positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026. (S:Increase funds for two Assistant Public Defender positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026 and recognize existing Assistant Public Defender position in Augusta Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds	$211,169	$140,779

254.1000 Public Defenders			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,599,099	$73,583,751	$73,739,878
State General Funds	$73,599,099	$73,583,751	$73,739,878
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,264,861	$105,249,513	$105,405,640

Section 38: Public Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$431,886,865	$431,886,865	$431,886,865
State General Funds	$399,946,410	$399,946,410	$399,946,410
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327	$13,864,327	$13,864,327
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Sales and Services	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863
State Funds Transfers	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141

Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$919,356,566	$919,356,566	$919,356,566

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$435,709,502	$437,487,731	$434,469,974
State General Funds	$403,444,130	$405,222,359	$402,204,602
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Sales and Services	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863
State Funds Transfers	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$923,179,203	$924,957,432	$921,939,675

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,770,355	$24,770,355	$24,770,355
State General Funds	$17,873,781	$17,873,781	$17,873,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922

Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,458,410	$59,458,410	$59,458,410

255.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,421	$1,421	$1,421

255.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health to support lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

255.3 *Increase funds for feminine hygiene products for low-income clients at community organizations. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds in Department of Education ($1,500,000) and in Department of Public Health ($200,000) for feminine hygiene grants)*

State General Funds		$50,000	$0

255.4 *Increase funds for an Alzheimer's and related dementia registry. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($150,000) appropriated in the Amended FY2025 budget and coordinate with the Georgia Memory Net for data collection)*

State General Funds		$297,500	$0

255.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,871,776	$25,219,276	$24,871,776
State General Funds	$17,975,202	$18,322,702	$17,975,202
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,559,831	$59,907,331	$59,559,831

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,025	$7,673,025	$7,673,025

256.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$301	$301	$301

256.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,204,400	$32,204,400	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605	$32,072,605	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000

State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,619,150	$38,619,150	$38,619,150

257.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,514	$10,514	$10,514

257.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$13,903	$13,903	$13,903

257.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$20,245	$20,245	$20,245

257.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062
State General Funds	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,663,812	$38,663,812	$38,663,812

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
State General Funds	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141

Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,817,840	$46,817,840	$46,817,840

258.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,587	$1,587	$1,587

258.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health for brain health awareness campaign to match agency budgets with existing contracts.*

State General Funds	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000

258.3 *Increase funds to the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals as cardiac complications are the leading cause of maternal mortality.*

State General Funds		$1,200,000	$0

258.4 *Increase funds to provide that the Department of Public Health shall study the needs of regional emergency transportation and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025. (S:Increase funds to provide that the Department of Public Health shall study the needs of regional emergency transportation and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by December 1, 2025)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$40,000

258.5 *Eliminate funds for the Georgia Coordinating Council.*

State General Funds		($3,065,309)	($3,065,309)

258.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,613,337	$7,848,028	$6,588,028
State General Funds	$9,613,337	$7,848,028	$6,588,028
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,044,427	$45,279,118	$44,019,118

Epidemiology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,362,958	$8,362,958	$8,362,958
State General Funds	$8,242,857	$8,242,857	$8,242,857

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,693,837	$24,693,837	$24,693,837

259.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,278	$1,278	$1,278

259.1000 Epidemiology			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236
State General Funds	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,695,115	$24,695,115	$24,695,115

Immunization			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,495	$26,149,495	$26,149,495

260.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$393	$393	$393

260.1000 Immunization			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
State General Funds	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310
State General Funds	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,927,334	$68,927,334	$68,927,334

261.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$638	$638	$638

261.2 *Increase funds for the cost of mailing Low THC Oil Patient registry cards pursuant to SB495 (2024 Session). (S:NO; Utilize existing funds for delivery of Low THC Oil Patient registry cards through other means available pursuant to SB495 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$437,000	$437,000	$0

261.3 *Increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality.*

State General Funds	$2,980,000	$2,980,000	$2,980,000

261.4 *Utilize existing funds ($97,701) and increase funds for a cardiac obstetric program to increase access to maternal fetal medicine.*

State General Funds	$778,239	$778,239	$778,239

261.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%*

State General Funds	($47,401)	($47,401)	($47,401)

261.6 *Increase funds to support quality improvement at birthing facilities and additional funding to increase the number of birthing facilities with verified maternal and neonatal levels of care.*

State General Funds		$700,000	$0

261.7 *Increase funds for the retention and recruitment of Babies Can't Wait Service Coordinators and Special Instructors.*

State General Funds	$1,101,790	$550,895

261.8 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507.*

State General Funds	$50,476	$0

261.9 *Increase funds for 6 perinatal regional centers to provide for surveillance, training and monitoring of clinical care for high-risk infants and training residents in complex care.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000

261.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,484,786	$35,337,052	$34,598,681
State General Funds	$33,484,786	$35,337,052	$34,598,681
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,075,810	$74,928,076	$74,189,705

Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,176,911	$231,176,911	$231,176,911

262.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,244	$1,244	$1,244

262.2 *Utilize existing funds ($1,007,109) for newborn screening to include one additional disorder that has been approved by the Georgia Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

262.3 *Increase funds for a two-year pilot program to study the impact of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy on the newborn screening panel. (S:Increase funds for a one-year pilot program to study the impact of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy on the newborn screening panel)*

State General Funds		$843,772	$421,886

262.4 *Increase funds for Reach Out and Read Georgia to provide children with books during well-visit appointments.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0

262.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,580,765	$17,674,537	$17,002,651
State General Funds	$16,580,765	$17,674,537	$17,002,651
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,178,155	$232,271,927	$231,600,041

Infectious Disease Control		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,158,245	$126,158,245	$126,158,245

263.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,844	$4,844	$4,844

263.2 *Increase funds to implement the recommendations from the state viral hepatitis plan.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

263.1000 Infectious Disease Control			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,899,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
State General Funds	$45,899,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,163,089	$126,413,089	$126,413,089

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,381,380	$12,381,380	$12,381,380

264.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,315	$2,315	$2,315

264.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
State General Funds	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,383,695	$12,383,695	$12,383,695

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
State General Funds	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,126,713	$237,126,713	$237,126,713
265.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	($18,377)	($18,377)	($18,377)
265.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
State General Funds	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336
Vital Records		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,878,899	$6,878,899	$6,878,899
266.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$326	$326	$326

266.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,642	$1,642	$1,642

266.1000 Vital Records			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
State General Funds	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,880,867	$6,880,867	$6,880,867

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,992,501	$1,992,501	$1,992,501

267.1 *Increase funds to reflect FY2024 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.*

Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$162,683	$162,683	$162,683

267.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,796,104	$29,796,104	$29,796,104
State General Funds	$13,568,164	$13,568,164	$13,568,164
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,302,826	$31,302,826	$31,302,826

268.1 *Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY2024 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Trauma Care Trust Funds	$161,933	$161,933	$161,933

268.2 *Increase funds to reflect FY2024 driver's license reinstatement fee collections.*

State General Funds	$1,041,180	$1,041,180	$1,041,180

268.3 *Eliminate funds for SB515 as it did not pass during the 2024 Session.*

State General Funds	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)

268.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946
State General Funds	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,447,668	$30,447,668	$30,447,668

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024
State General Funds	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$315,394,838	$315,394,838	$315,394,838
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$255,903,940	$256,135,475	$255,538,636
State General Funds	$255,903,940	$256,135,475	$255,538,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$316,471,754	$316,703,289	$316,106,450

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513

269.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,400)	($6,400)	($6,400)

269.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($105)	($105)	($105)

269.3 *Increase funds for two aviation mechanic positions.*

State General Funds	$171,302	$0

269.1000 Aviation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,115,008	$5,286,310	$5,115,008
State General Funds	$5,115,008	$5,286,310	$5,115,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,115,008	$5,286,310	$5,115,008

Capitol Police Services			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

270.1000 Capitol Police Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.			
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
State General Funds	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,585,187	$10,585,187	$10,585,187

271.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($20,261)	($20,261)	($20,261)

271.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($554)	($554)	($554)

271.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
State General Funds	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
State General Funds	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786

State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$164,803,505	$164,803,505	$164,803,505

272.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($256,068)	($256,068)	($256,068)

272.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,788)	($4,788)	($4,788)

272.3 *Increase funds for protection of communities.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000

272.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$160,998,462	$160,998,462	$161,998,462
State General Funds	$160,998,462	$160,998,462	$161,998,462
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$164,542,649	$164,542,649	$165,542,649

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
State General Funds	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381

273.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($13,489)	($13,489)	($13,489)

273.1000 Law Enforcement Training			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
State General Funds	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892

Motor Carrier Compliance			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,678,644	$45,678,644	$45,678,644

274.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($21,680)	($21,680)	($21,680)

274.1000 Motor Carrier Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
State General Funds	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923

Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
State General Funds	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013

275.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$332	$332	$332

275.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,931)	($2,931)	($2,931)

275.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
State General Funds	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

276.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,242	$1,242	$1,242

276.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
State General Funds	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
State General Funds	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249

277.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$735	$735	$735

277.2 *Increase funds for the purchase of a cloud storage solution.*

State General Funds		$37,141	$0

277.3 *Increase funds for the Chiefs of Police ($319,000) and Georgia Sheriffs' Association ($500,000) for state mandated training. (S:NO; Recognize funds appropriated for the Chiefs of Police ($318,000) and the Georgia Sheriff's Association ($325,000) in the Amended FY2025 budget)*

State General Funds		$819,000	$0

277.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,284,984	$7,141,125	$6,284,984
State General Funds	$6,284,984	$7,141,125	$6,284,984
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,284,984	$7,141,125	$6,284,984

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910
State General Funds	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,452,842	$35,452,842	$35,452,842

278.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$224	$224	$224

278.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($23,838)	($23,838)	($23,838)

278.3 *Increase funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB37 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$253,202	$253,202	$189,901

278.4 *Increase funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($6,262,417) appropriated in FY2025 Budget (HB916, 2024 Session) for additional staff and operational needs related to increase in basic law enforcement training hours)*

State General Funds	$478,595	$478,595	$0

278.5 *Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.*

State General Funds	($15,000)	($7,500)	($15,000)

278.6 *Reduce funds for one-time costs for the volunteer firefighter program. (S:Reduce funds for one-time costs for the volunteer firefighting program, and recognize base funding ($140,000))*

State General Funds		($110,000)	($110,000)

278.7 *Reduce funds for one-time costs for the expansion of basic mandate.*

State General Funds		($681,491)	($681,491)

278.8 *Increase funds for the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$0

278.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,664,093	$31,030,102	$30,330,706
State General Funds	$31,664,093	$31,030,102	$30,330,706
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,146,025	$35,512,034	$34,812,638

Highway Safety, Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
State General Funds	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,182,937	$21,182,937	$21,182,937

279.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,013	$2,013	$2,013

279.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$21,333	$21,333	$21,333

279.3 *Increase funds to replace federal funds for the personnel cost of three employees.*

State General Funds	$161,917	$0	$130,000

279.1000 Highway Safety, Office of **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$924,146	$762,229	$892,229
State General Funds	$924,146	$762,229	$892,229
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,368,200	$21,206,283	$21,336,283

Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
State General Funds	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873

280.1 *Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2024 Joshua's Law Collections.*

State General Funds	$522,437	$522,437	$522,437

280.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894
State General Funds	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,050,994	$14,050,994	$14,050,994

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,797,640	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
State General Funds	$12,797,640	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,028,740	$14,411,313	$14,411,313

Commission Administration (PSC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
State General Funds	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

281.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,584)	($4,584)	($4,584)

281.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,014	$1,014	$1,014

281.3 *Increase funds for legal support.*

State General Funds		$30,000	$30,000

281.1000 Commission Administration (PSC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,990,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
State General Funds	$1,990,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,990,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992
State General Funds	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,045,092	$3,045,092	$3,045,092

282.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,022)	($4,022)	($4,022)

282.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,606	$1,606	$1,606

282.3 *Increase funds for state share of pipeline safety inspector positions.*

State General Funds		$102,573	$102,573

282.1000 Facility Protection			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,811,576	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
State General Funds	$1,811,576	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,042,676	$3,145,249	$3,145,249

Utilities Regulation			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111

283.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($20,833)	($20,833)	($20,833)

283.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565

283.3 *Increase funds for targeted salary enhancements for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000

283.4 *Increase funds for the regulation of private water systems pursuant to HB449 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S:NO; Pending passage of HB449 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds		$0	$0

283.1000 Utilities Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,995,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
State General Funds	$8,995,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,995,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304
State General Funds	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Sales and Services	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$422,136,675
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,604,842,035	$3,602,957,388	$3,593,204,569
State General Funds	$3,604,842,035	$3,602,957,388	$3,593,204,569
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,778,586,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Sales and Services	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,994,137,279
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$423,336,675

Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,413,569,018	$10,411,684,371	$10,403,131,552

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806
Intergovernmental Transfers	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,913,507	$126,913,507	$126,913,507

284.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$205,404	$205,404	$205,404

284.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($14,859)	($14,859)	($14,859)

284.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$268,908	$268,908	$268,908

284.4 *Increase funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Services faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology Initiative.*

State General Funds		$450,000	$0

284.5 *Increase funds for a peach/citrus breeder technician, blueberry breeder technician, turfgrass breeder technician, turfgrass extension specialist technician, and soybean/corn/small grains extension specialist technician.*

State General Funds		$450,000	$450,000

284.6 *Increase funds to match private funding for bulb plant disease research.*

State General Funds			$70,000

284.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,872,661	$55,772,661	$55,392,661
State General Funds	$54,872,661	$55,772,661	$55,392,661
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806
Intergovernmental Transfers	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,372,960	$128,272,960	$127,892,960

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867
Intergovernmental Transfers	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Sales and Services	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867

285.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.			
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867
Intergovernmental Transfers	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000

Sales and Services	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027
State General Funds	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$87,413,245	$87,413,245	$87,413,245

286.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$281,664	$281,664	$281,664

286.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,906)	($10,906)	($10,906)

286.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$437,700	$437,700	$437,700

286.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$468,129	$468,129	$468,129

286.5 *Increase funds for a North Georgia Hay and Forage Extension Specialist.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000

286.1000 Cooperative Extension Service **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,986,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
State General Funds	$51,986,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,589,832	$88,739,832	$88,739,832

Enterprise Innovation Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Sales and Services	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,155,598	$30,155,598	$30,155,598

287.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$43,059	$43,059	$43,059

287.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($139)	($139)	($139)

287.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$40,667	$40,667	$40,667

287.4 *Increase funds for workforce innovation initiative. (S:YES; Utilize existing base funds of $1,500,000 to leverage private matching funds)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0

287.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,089,185	$13,339,185	$13,089,185
State General Funds	$13,089,185	$13,339,185	$13,089,185
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Sales and Services	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,239,185	$30,489,185	$30,239,185

Forestry Cooperative Extension		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906
State General Funds	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678
Intergovernmental Transfers	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,408,584	$2,408,584	$2,408,584

288.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$4,670	$4,670	$4,670
288.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*			
State General Funds	$8,817	$8,817	$8,817
288.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*			
State General Funds	$10,388	$10,388	$10,388

288.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
State General Funds	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678
Intergovernmental Transfers	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,432,459	$2,432,459	$2,432,459

Forestry Research			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424
State General Funds	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,229,667	$17,229,667	$17,229,667

289.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$10,689	$10,689	$10,689

289.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($770)	($770)	($770)

289.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$19,235	$19,235	$19,235

289.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$22,502	$22,502	$22,502

289.1000 Forestry Research			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
State General Funds	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,281,323	$17,281,323	$17,281,323

Georgia Archives			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889
State General Funds	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749
Intergovernmental Transfers	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
Sales and Services	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,502,638	$5,502,638	$5,502,638

290.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$8,864	$8,864	$8,864

290.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$9,195	$9,195	$9,195

290.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$8,573	$8,573	$8,573

290.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
State General Funds	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749
Intergovernmental Transfers	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
Sales and Services	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,529,270	$5,529,270	$5,529,270

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513
State General Funds	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$1,560,496
Intergovernmental Transfers	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
Sales and Services	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,190,814	$4,190,814	$4,190,814

291.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$12,957	$12,957	$12,957

291.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$17,932	$17,932	$17,932

291.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$916	$916	$916

291.4 *Replace funds in recognition of Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center's commitment to be self-sustaining.*

State General Funds	($1,200,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200,000
Total Public Funds:	$0

291.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,463,318	$2,463,318	$1,263,318
State General Funds	$2,463,318	$2,463,318	$1,263,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$2,760,496
Intergovernmental Transfers	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
Sales and Services	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$2,434,055
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$2,434,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,222,619	$4,222,619	$4,222,619

Georgia Research Alliance		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
State General Funds	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082

292.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,367	$3,367	$3,367

292.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$3,349	$3,349	$3,349

292.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$4,178	$4,178	$4,178

292.4 *Increase funds for research grants.*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$0

292.1000 Georgia Research Alliance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$7,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$7,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$7,138,976	$5,138,976

Georgia Tech Research Institute			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,503,854	$998,503,854	$998,503,854

293.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,899	$10,899	$10,899

293.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$23,952	$23,952	$23,952

293.3 *Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry.*

State General Funds		$350,000	$350,000

293.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,184,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
State General Funds	$7,184,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,538,705	$998,888,705	$998,888,705

Marine Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126
State General Funds	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,757,957	$1,757,957	$1,757,957

294.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$5,523	$5,523	$5,523

294.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,020)	($1,020)	($1,020)

294.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$6,353	$6,353	$6,353

294.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$7,568	$7,568	$7,568

294.1000 Marine Institute			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
State General Funds	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,776,381	$1,776,381	$1,776,381

Marine Resources Extension Center			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529
State General Funds	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,362,529	$4,362,529	$4,362,529

295.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$9,245	$9,245	$9,245

295.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($301)	($301)	($301)

295.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$14,244	$14,244	$14,244

295.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$10,371	$10,371	$10,371

295.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
State General Funds	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,396,088	$4,396,088	$4,396,088

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

296.1 *Eliminate one-time funds for state match for MCG 3+ Program Endowment.*

State General Funds	($8,708,036)	($8,708,036)	($8,708,036)

296.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

Public Libraries **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754
State General Funds	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,798,257	$69,798,257	$69,798,257

297.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$261,679	$261,679	$242,550

297.2 *Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.*

State General Funds	$372,012	$372,012	$334,446

297.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$15,548	$15,548	$15,548

297.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $1,580 to $1,885.*

State General Funds	$1,836,378	$1,836,378	$1,829,796

297.5 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$16,727	$16,727	$16,727

297.1000 Public Libraries **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,735,098	$52,735,098	$52,671,821
State General Funds	$52,735,098	$52,735,098	$52,671,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,300,601	$72,300,601	$72,237,324

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
State General Funds	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591

298.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$75,314	$75,314	$75,314

298.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$112,948	$112,948	$112,948

298.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

298.4 *Increase funds to support continued excellence at Georgia's nationally recognized public law schools at the University of Georgia ($1,500,000) and Georgia State University ($1,500,000). (S:NO; Recognize continued funds for legal clinics)*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$0	$0

298.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a planning grant to study the development of a school of civil thought and leadership within the University System of Georgia.*

State General Funds		$375,000	$375,000

298.6 *Reduce funds for summer programming.*

State General Funds		($2,500,000)	($2,500,000)

298.7 *Reduce funds to realize savings due to delayed program implementation.*

State General Funds		($700,000)	$0

298.8 *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to the Department of Agriculture for the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB495 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds		($1,631,692)	($1,631,692)

298.9 *Increase funds for computer science professional development pursuant to SB108 (2019 Session). (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($2,150,000) for computer science professional development pursuant to SB108 (2019 Session))*

State General Funds	$600,000	$0

298.10 *Increase funds for the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000

298.11 *Increase funds for dental clinic training.*

State General Funds	$577,681	$500,000

298.12 *Reduce funds for the Center for International Trade.*

State General Funds	($199,066)

298.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,722,853	$35,543,842	$35,367,095
State General Funds	$41,722,853	$35,543,842	$35,367,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,722,853	$35,543,842	$35,367,095

Regents Central Office		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,652,898	$11,652,898	$11,652,898

299.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$20,249	$20,249	$20,249

299.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$17,444	$17,444	$17,444

299.3 *Increase funds to explore alternative college admissions tests.*

State General Funds	$15,000

299.1000 Regents Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,370,591	$11,370,591	$11,385,591
State General Funds	$11,370,591	$11,370,591	$11,385,591
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,690,591	$11,690,591	$11,705,591

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522
State General Funds	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194
Intergovernmental Transfers	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,894,716	$7,894,716	$7,894,716

300.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$5,539	$5,539	$5,539
300.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	($1,329)	($1,329)	($1,329)
300.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*			
State General Funds	$6,451	$6,451	$6,451
300.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*			
State General Funds	$3,970	$3,970	$3,970
300.5 *Increase funds to offset the austerity reduction for Skidaway Institute of Oceanography.*			
State General Funds		$326,292	$0

300.6 *Increase funds for a dock electrical supply line replacement.*

State General Funds	$193,072	$193,072

300.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,230,153	$3,749,517	$3,423,225
State General Funds	$3,230,153	$3,749,517	$3,423,225
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194
Intergovernmental Transfers	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,909,347	$8,428,711	$8,102,419

Teaching			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100
State General Funds	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Sales and Services	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384

301.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$11,004,024	$11,004,024	$11,004,024

301.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,198,972)	($1,198,972)	($1,198,972)

301.3 *Increase funds to reflect a 2.7% increase in enrollment ($167,834,602) and a 0.5% increase in square footage ($1,697,277).*

State General Funds	$169,531,879	$169,531,879	$169,531,879

301.4 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for FY2025 cost-of-living adjustment.*

State General Funds	$17,750,865	$17,750,865	$17,750,865

301.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$19,374,110	$19,374,110	$19,374,110

301.6 *Increase funds for Georgia Capitol history publication. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds for Georgia Capitol History publication)*

State General Funds		$125,000	$0

301.7 *Reduce funds to reflect savings from implementation of HB196 (2025 Session) to reimburse a pharmacy for drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in an amount equal to the national average drug acquisition cost (NADAC) on the day of claim administration and a professional dispensing fee.*

State General Funds	($3,800,000)

301.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for information technology funding.*

State General Funds	($1,160,173)

301.9 *Reduce funds for the Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation.*

State General Funds	($127,613)

301.10 *Reduce funds for the Education Economics Center.*

State General Funds	($49,713)

301.11 *Reduce funds for language services at the Small Business Development Center.*

State General Funds	($49,500)

301.1000 Teaching			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,281,477,006	$3,281,602,006	$3,276,290,007
State General Funds	$3,281,477,006	$3,281,602,006	$3,276,290,007
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Sales and Services	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,885,020,290	$8,885,145,290	$8,879,833,291

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499
State General Funds	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,082,499	$7,082,499	$7,082,499

302.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$20,109	$20,109	$20,109

302.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($237)	($237)	($237)

302.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$24,125	$24,125	$24,125

302.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$20,008	$20,008	$20,008

302.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
State General Funds	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,146,504	$7,146,504	$7,146,504

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855
State General Funds	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,591,855	$32,591,855	$32,591,855

303.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,474	$4,474	$4,474

303.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$3,216	$3,216	$3,216

303.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for the FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$1,306	$1,306	$1,306

303.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
State General Funds	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,600,851	$32,600,851	$32,600,851

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
State General Funds	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161

304.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$152	$152	$152

304.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,853)	($1,853)	($1,853)

304.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
State General Funds	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
State General Funds	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215

305.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($951)	($951)	($951)

305.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
State General Funds	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545

306.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$14,308	$14,308	$41,863

306.2 *Increase formula funds for enrollment, training, and experience.*

State General Funds	$254,726	$254,726	$378,420

306.3 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885.*

State General Funds	$304,200	$304,200	$93,000

306.4 *Increase funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds			$447

306.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,470,779	$6,470,779	$6,411,275
State General Funds	$6,470,779	$6,470,779	$6,411,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,470,779	$6,470,779	$6,411,275

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968

307.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$530	$530	$530

307.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,822)	($1,822)	($1,822)

307.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($683)	($683)	($683)

307.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
State General Funds	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$225,088,779	$225,088,779	$225,088,779
State General Funds	$221,915,502	$221,915,502	$221,915,502
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$228,394,509	$228,394,509	$228,394,509
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$231,827,153	$231,246,985	$243,463,186
State General Funds	$228,718,399	$228,138,231	$240,354,432
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$235,132,883	$234,552,715	$246,768,916

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
State General Funds	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782

308.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$22,968	$22,968	$22,968

308.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,901	$2,901	$2,901

308.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$7,886	$7,886	$7,886

308.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
State General Funds	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

309.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($5,083,799)

309.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$33,989,695
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$33,989,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$33,989,695

Industry Regulation		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,902,324	$9,902,324	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541	$9,468,541	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,758,358	$10,758,358	$10,758,358
310.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$16,914	$16,914	$16,914
310.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$1,818	$1,818	$1,818

310.1000 Industry Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056
State General Funds	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090

Local Government Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,291,502	$7,291,502	$7,291,502
State General Funds	$4,552,008	$4,552,008	$4,552,008
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,502	$7,711,502	$7,711,502

311.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$8,945	$8,945	$8,945

311.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,089	$1,089	$1,089

311.3 *Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Fireworks Trust Funds	($64,523)	($64,523)	($64,523)

311.4 *Increase funds to provide local reimbursement for timber severance tax per passage of SB52/HB223 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds			$17,300,000

311.1000 Local Government Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,237,013	$7,237,013	$24,537,013
State General Funds	$4,562,042	$4,562,042	$21,862,042
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,657,013	$7,657,013	$24,957,013

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

312.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($580,168)	($580,168)

312.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791

313.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$25,763	$25,763	$25,763

313.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$6,959	$6,959	$6,959

313.3 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	$2,624,900	$2,624,900	$2,624,900

313.4 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.*

State General Funds	$315,619	$315,619	$315,619

313.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
State General Funds	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,392,590	$6,392,590	$6,392,590

314.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,413	$6,413	$6,413

314.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,257	$1,257	$1,257

314.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
State General Funds	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,477,374	$64,477,374	$64,477,374

315.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$96,152	$96,152	$96,152

315.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$12,492	$12,492	$12,492

315.3 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).*

State General Funds	$3,595,426	$3,595,426	$3,595,426

315.1000 Tax Compliance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
State General Funds	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784

Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425

316.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$9,033	$9,033	$9,033

316.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$971	$971	$971

316.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
State General Funds	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,759,018	$27,759,018	$27,759,018

317.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$39,801	$39,801	$39,801

317.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,590	$5,590	$5,590

317.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
State General Funds	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622
State General Funds	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,677,942	$45,677,942	$45,677,942
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,000,701	$35,122,658	$35,935,388
State General Funds	$35,000,701	$35,122,658	$35,935,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,743,021	$40,864,978	$41,677,708

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

318.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,893,891	$8,893,891	$8,893,891

319.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$265	$265	$265

319.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,489)	($1,489)	($1,489)

319.3 *Increase funds for unexpected precinct card mailing due to passage of SB424 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds			$4,640

319.1000 Elections			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,292,667	$8,292,667	$8,297,307
State General Funds	$8,292,667	$8,292,667	$8,297,307
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,892,667	$8,892,667	$8,897,307

Investigations			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758

320.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,579)	($1,579)	($1,579)

320.1000 Investigations			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
State General Funds	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179

Office Administration (SOS)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,482,485	$3,482,485	$3,482,485

321.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($961)	($961)	($961)

321.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$354	$354	$354

321.1000 Office Administration (SOS)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
State General Funds	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878

321.1001 Special Project - Office Administration (SOS): The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).

State General Funds	$250,000

Professional Licensing Boards			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
State General Funds	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,031,280	$11,031,280	$11,031,280

322.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,452)	($3,452)	($3,452)

322.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$199	$199	$199

322.1000 Professional Licensing Boards			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
State General Funds	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,028,027	$11,028,027	$11,028,027

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,245	$1,205,245	$1,205,245

323.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($401)	($401)	($401)

323.1000 Securities			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
State General Funds	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,844	$1,204,844	$1,204,844

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
State General Funds	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973

324.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$251	$251	$251

324.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,108	$1,108	$1,108

324.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$67,541	$67,541	$67,541

324.4 *Increase funds for merit-based retention initiatives.*

State General Funds		$121,957	$80,000

324.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,766,873	$1,888,830	$1,846,873
State General Funds	$1,766,873	$1,888,830	$1,846,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,766,873	$1,888,830	$1,846,873

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

325.1 *The Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board is directed to work with the Georgia Building Authority to identify office locations that optimize a match for square footage necessary for operations, space utilization, and allocated budget. (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

325.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

Real Estate Commission		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,230,111	$3,230,111	$3,230,111
326.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$3,243	$3,243	$3,243

326.1000 Real Estate Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
State General Funds	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354

State Elections Board		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
State General Funds	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
327.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for an audit pilot program.*			
State General Funds	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)
327.2 *Increase funds for operations.*			
State General Funds			$600,047

327.1000 State Elections Board			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$789,236	$789,236	$1,389,283
State General Funds	$789,236	$789,236	$1,389,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$789,236	$789,236	$1,389,283

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040
State General Funds	$136,860,079	$136,860,079	$136,860,079
Lottery Proceeds	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345
	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,761,214	$1,299,341,797	$1,367,711,214
State General Funds	$299,314,875	$199,895,458	$299,264,875
Lottery Proceeds	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339	$1,068,446,339
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,409,674,519	$1,310,255,102	$1,378,624,519

College Completion Grants			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

328.1000 College Completion Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,266,499	$11,266,499	$11,266,499

329.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$6,088	$6,088	$6,088

329.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	$7,183	$7,183	$7,183

329.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	($360)	($360)	($360)

329.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
Lottery Proceeds	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,279,410	$11,279,410	$11,279,410

Dual Enrollment		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
State General Funds	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
330.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*			
State General Funds	$21,436,838	$17,436,838	$21,436,838

330.1000 Dual Enrollment			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$112,732,275	$108,732,275	$112,732,275
State General Funds	$112,732,275	$108,732,275	$112,732,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,732,275	$108,732,275	$112,732,275

Engineer Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

331.1000 Engineer Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

Georgia Foster Care Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$0	$0
State General Funds		$0	$0

332.1 *Establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB85 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

332.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

333.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

HERO Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
State General Funds	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

334.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)

334.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$330,000	$280,000	$280,000
State General Funds	$330,000	$280,000	$280,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,000	$280,000	$280,000

HOPE Grant			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
335.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*			
Lottery Proceeds	$17,215,905	$17,215,905	$17,215,905

335.1000 HOPE Grant			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

336.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Lottery Proceeds	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

337.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$3,308,837	$3,308,837	$3,308,837

337.2 *Increase funds to increase the HOPE Scholarship Private award amount to match the Zell Private award amount in order to provide parity in HOPE Public and HOPE Private award policies.*

Lottery Proceeds		$10,147,510	$0

337.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,091,678	$88,239,188	$78,091,678
Lottery Proceeds	$78,091,678	$88,239,188	$78,091,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,091,678	$88,239,188	$78,091,678

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061

338.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$60,058,725	$49,911,215	$29,058,725

338.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$905,966,786	$895,819,276	$874,966,786
Lottery Proceeds	$905,966,786	$895,819,276	$874,966,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$905,966,786	$895,819,276	$874,966,786

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

339.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Memorial Grants **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0

340.1 *Transfer funds from the Public Safety Memorial Grant program to the Memorial Grants program. (S:NO; Recognize funds for the Public Safety Memorial Grant in the Public Service Memorial Grant program)*

State General Funds	$540,000	$0

340.2 *Utilize $36,000 in existing funds to establish the Public School Employee Memorial Grant program pursuant to HB56 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S:NO; Recognize funds for the Public School Employee Memorial Grant in the Public Service Memorial Grant program)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

340.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant. (S:NO)*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

340.1000 Memorial Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant. (S:NO)

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0
State General Funds	$540,000	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$0

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

341.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

North Georgia ROTC Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

342.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Public Service Memorial Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

343.1 *Transfer funds from the Public Safety Memorial Grant program to the Memorial Grants program.*

State General Funds	($540,000)	$0

343.2 *Utilize $36,000 in existing funds to establish the Public School Employee Memorial Grant program pursuant to HB56 (2025 Session). (S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

343.998 *Change the name of the Public Safety Memorial Grant program to the Public Service Memorial Grant program. (S:YES)*

State General Funds $0

343.999 ***SAC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.*

State General Funds $0

343.1000 Public Service Memorial Grant			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$540,000

REACH Georgia Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

344.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Promise Scholarship		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

345.1 *Add funds to fully fund the Promise Scholarship Program as established pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session). (H:Increase funds to implement the Promise Scholarship program as established pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session))(S:Add funds to fully fund the Promise Scholarship program as established pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds $141,016,057 $45,646,640 $141,016,057

345.999 ***SAC****: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*
House*: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*
Governor*: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

345.1000 Promise Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057
State General Funds	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,891,296

346.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,891,296

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

347.1 *Utilize existing funds to increase award amount from $1,100 to $1,150. (H:YES)(S:NO)*

State General Funds	$0	$0

347.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
State General Funds	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,777	$1,635,777	$1,635,777

348.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$1,901	$1,901	$1,901

348.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
State General Funds	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678

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	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527

Local/Floor COLA			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

349.1000 Local/Floor COLA			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.			

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

350.1000 System Administration (TRS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 21.91% for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833
State General Funds	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466
Intergovernmental Transfers	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Sales and Services	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930

State Funds Transfers	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
State General Funds	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466
Intergovernmental Transfers	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Sales and Services	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
State Funds Transfers	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,273,668,400	$1,273,668,400	$1,273,668,400

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
State General Funds	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Sales and Services	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
State Funds Transfers	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,068,775	$58,068,775	$58,068,775

351.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,332	$10,332	$10,332

351.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,119	$1,119	$1,119

351.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,072	$5,072	$5,072

351.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
State General Funds	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Sales and Services	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
State Funds Transfers	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,085,298	$58,085,298	$58,085,298

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321

352.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$2,179	$2,179	$2,179

352.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,300	$7,300	$7,300

352.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$796	$796	$796

352.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
State General Funds	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596

Economic Development and Customized Services		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
State Funds Transfers	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,749,513	$52,749,513	$52,749,513

353.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$9,299	$9,299	$9,299

353.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,377	$1,377	$1,377

353.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,149	$3,149	$3,149

353.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
State General Funds	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
State Funds Transfers	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,763,338	$52,763,338	$52,763,338

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,538,512	$21,538,512	$21,538,512

354.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$6,450	$6,450	$6,450

354.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$10,542	$10,542	$10,542

354.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$994	$994	$994

354.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
State General Funds	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,556,498	$21,556,498	$21,556,498

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287
State General Funds	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004
Intergovernmental Transfers	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Sales and Services	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
State Funds Transfers	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$943,726,465	$943,726,465	$943,726,465

355.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$331,885	$331,885	$331,885

355.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($213,460)	($213,460)	($213,460)

355.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$89,052	$89,052	$89,052

355.4 *Increase funds to reflect a 10.6% increase in enrollment ($33,486,954) and a 0.02% decrease in square footage (($13,581)).*

State General Funds	$33,473,373	$33,473,373	$33,473,373

355.5 *Transfer funds from the Technical Education program to the Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project program to recognize all state funds budgeted to fully fund supplemental earnings for high-cost programs.*

State General Funds	($8,472,027)	($8,472,027)	($8,472,027)

355.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
State General Funds	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004
Intergovernmental Transfers	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Sales and Services	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
State Funds Transfers	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$968,935,288	$968,935,288	$968,935,288

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
State General Funds	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541

356.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,783	$3,783	$3,783

356.2 *Increase funds to reflect growth in aviation, commercial truck driving, and nursing program enrollment at targeted supplemental credit hour rates.*

State General Funds	$15,813,747	$15,813,747	$15,813,747

356.3 *Transfer funds from the Technical Education program to the Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project program to recognize all state funds budgeted to fully fund supplemental earnings for high-cost programs.*

State General Funds	$8,472,027	$8,472,027	$8,472,027

356.1000 Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

Workforce Development		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669
State General Funds	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$132,431,278	$132,431,278	$132,431,278
357.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*			
State General Funds	$982	$982	$982
357.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$2,084	$2,084	$2,084
357.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	$3,696	$3,696	$3,696
357.4 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session). (S:Transfer funds ($120,000) from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development and reduce funds ($130,000) for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session))*			
State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)
357.5 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB982 (2024 Session).*			
State General Funds	($194,756)	($194,756)	($194,756)

357.1000 Workforce Development			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
State General Funds	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988

Sales and Services	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$131,993,284	$131,993,284	$131,993,284

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670
State General Funds	$41,346,890	$41,346,890	$41,346,890
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,687,165,385	$2,695,645,684	$2,692,805,327
State General Funds	$36,010,841	$44,491,140	$41,650,783
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,474,902,480	$4,483,382,779	$4,480,542,422

Airport Aid		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942
358.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$812	$812	$812
358.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	($179)	($179)	($179)
358.3 *Increase funds for Airport Aid.*			
State General Funds		$3,639,942	$3,639,942

358.1000 Airport Aid			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,360,058	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$26,360,058	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,875,575	$76,515,517	$76,515,517

Capital Construction Projects		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$885,544,844	$885,544,844	$885,544,844
Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563	$135,971,563	$135,971,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536

359.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$102,647,286	$102,647,286	$102,647,286

359.2 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session) for additional projects.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$4,764,172	$4,764,172	$4,764,172

359.1000 Capital Construction Projects			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865
State Motor Fuel Funds	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994

Capital Maintenance Projects		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$194,745,643	$194,745,643	$194,745,643
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$476,696,217	$476,696,217	$476,696,217

360.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for resurfacing projects.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$110,000,000	$110,000,000	$110,000,000

360.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,211,835	$12,211,835	$12,211,835

361.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,101	$3,101	$3,101

361.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for required costs associated with federal reporting.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$9,020	$9,020	$9,020

361.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,033,375	$102,033,375	$102,033,375

362.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$239,069	$239,069	$239,069

362.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for costs associated with information technology security.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,070,247	$2,070,247	$2,070,247

362.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601

363.1 *Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$27,497,680	$27,497,680	$27,497,680

363.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
State Motor Fuel Funds	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281

Local Road Assistance Administration		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

364.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for pedestrian safety and traffic improvements in the Cumberland Community Improvement District.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000

364.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$6,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$2,000,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$64,002,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,900,880	$4,900,880	$4,900,880
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,900,880	$2,900,880	$2,900,880
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,673,675	$27,673,675	$27,673,675

365.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$6,526	$6,526	$6,526

365.1000 Planning			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201

Ports and Waterways		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
State General Funds	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
366.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State General Funds	$1,924	$1,924	$1,924
366.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*			
State General Funds	($424)	($424)	($424)

366.1000 Ports and Waterways			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
State General Funds	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641

Program Delivery Administration		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$193,468,032	$193,468,032	$193,468,032
367.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*			
State Motor Fuel Funds	$542,498	$542,498	$542,498

367.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased program capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,635,529	$3,635,529	$3,635,529

367.1000 Program Delivery Administration			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059

Rail		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
State General Funds	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,794,878	$13,794,878	$13,794,878

368.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,791	$2,791	$2,791

368.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($616)	($616)	($616)

368.3 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2024 collections of locomotive fuel sales tax pursuant to HB588 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	($4,840,357)	$0	($4,840,357)

368.1000 Rail			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,252,142	$13,092,499	$8,252,142
State General Funds	$8,252,142	$13,092,499	$8,252,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,956,696	$13,797,053	$8,956,696

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$560,239,451	$560,239,451	$560,239,451

369.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$754,986	$754,986	$754,986

369.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue due to increased contracting and material costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$32,912,374	$32,912,374	$32,912,374

369.1000 Routine Maintenance	**Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to

maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
State Motor Fuel Funds	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$166,363,140	$166,363,140	$166,363,140

370.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$118,158	$118,158	$118,158

370.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for safety and technology projects.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$7,912,289	$7,912,289	$7,912,289

370.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
State Motor Fuel Funds	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,334,199	$42,334,199	$42,334,199
State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226	$9,421,226	$9,421,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,051,505	$108,051,505	$108,051,505

371.1 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transportation Trust Funds	$4,892,295	$4,892,295	$4,892,295

371.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Hired Transport Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transit Trust Funds	$5,592,384	$5,592,384	$5,592,384

371.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Chatham area transit infrastructure.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

371.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

372.1 *Evaluate the function of planning, as transit ridership remains below pre-pandemic levels and transit SPLOST adoption in the region is minimal, and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

Transportation Trust Funds	$0	$0

372.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,199,368	$76,199,368	$76,199,368

373.1 *Increase funds to meet Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.*

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$8,360	$8,360	$8,360
Transportation Trust Funds	$150	$150	$150
Total Public Funds:	$8,510	$8,510	$8,510

373.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126
State General Funds	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,136,863	$56,136,863	$56,136,863

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,468,285	$32,144,535	$32,144,535
State General Funds	$28,468,285	$32,144,535	$32,144,535
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,144,022	$59,820,272	$59,820,272

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634

374.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,349)	($9,349)	($9,349)

374.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$488	$488	$488

374.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$3,241,773
State General Funds	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$3,241,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$3,241,773

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,384,214	$1,384,214	$1,384,214

375.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$63,638	$0	$0

375.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,572)	($5,572)	($5,572)

375.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$291	$291	$291

375.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,114,675	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
State General Funds	$1,114,675	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,442,571	$1,378,933	$1,378,933

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353
State General Funds	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,969,268	$40,969,268	$40,969,268

376.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($842)	($842)	($842)

376.2 *Work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to identify ways the Milledgeville Sub-Acute Therapy Unit could be used to best serve Georgia veterans. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Recognize $2,000,000 provided in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) for the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

376.3 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds		$63,638	$63,638

376.4 *Increase funds to address rising costs of healthcare.*

State General Funds		$1,556,250	$1,556,250

376.5 *Increase funds for 40 additional beds and submit a plan to reach maximum occupancy to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$2,120,000	$2,120,000

376.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,374,511	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
State General Funds	$14,374,511	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,968,426	$44,708,314	$44,708,314

Veterans Benefits		**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
State General Funds	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,532,747	$10,532,747	$10,532,747

377.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($43,824)	($43,824)	($43,824)

377.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,329	$2,329	$2,329

377.1000 Veterans Benefits			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
State General Funds	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
State General Funds	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,322	$22,149,322	$22,149,322

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
State General Funds	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,463,371	$15,463,371	$15,463,371

378.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$152	$152	$152

378.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($34,231)	($34,231)	($34,231)

378.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
State General Funds	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292

Board Administration (SBWC)			**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,951	$6,685,951	$6,685,951

379.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($8,041)	($8,041)	($8,041)

379.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,590)	($2,590)	($2,590)

379.1000 Board Administration (SBWC)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
State General Funds	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$669,480,228
Lottery Proceeds			$31,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228

Capital Projects Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

380.1 *Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY2025 budget (HB916, 2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($866,598,978)	($866,598,978)	($866,598,978)

380.2 *Increase funds for capital projects statewide.*

State General Funds	$150,000,000	$75,000,000	$0

380.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$14,902,958	$0	$14,902,958

380.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$17,596,881	$0	$17,596,881

380.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$146,010,984	$0	$146,010,984

380.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$7,345,070	$0	$7,345,070

380.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase school buses, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase school buses, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$0	$20,000,000

380.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment and associated demolition for renovation of the Billy C Black Building, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,900,000	$1,900,000	$1,900,000

380.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for Nursing and Health Science Addition, College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Glynn County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000

380.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000

380.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for the Eastman Campus Expansion, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000

380.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for Pafford Building Renovation, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

380.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding and recognize $8,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) to complete project funding)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

380.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation of the Lakeview Nursing and Dental Hygiene building, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$9,700,000	$9,700,000	$9,700,000

380.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for the replacement of Natural Sciences Laboratory facilities, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$16,100,000	$16,100,000	$16,100,000

380.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$23,000,000	$23,000,000	$23,000,000

380.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, equipment, and associated demolition for the Space Science and Robotics Facility - Main Campus, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$12,200,000	$12,200,000	$12,200,000

380.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the Skiles Critical Infrastructure Renewal and Upgrade, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

380.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization, Phase IV Biological Sciences - North Wing), University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

380.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and associated demolition for the Water Tank Replacement, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,900,000	$2,900,000	$2,900,000

380.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for the Building B - Roof Replacement, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000

380.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the HVAC and Envelope Renewal - Architecture East and West Buildings, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the Research Support Building - Kennesaw Campus, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Cobb County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

380.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase aviation equipment for Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000

380.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment and R&D infrastructure, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Old Capital Building Paver Repairs Phase IV, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$290,000	$290,000	$290,000

380.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Sibley Cone Library Boiler Replacement, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

380.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Cordell Event Center Roof Replacement, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$565,000	$565,000	$565,000

380.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of Transmitters and Radio Frequency (RF) Systems (Phase I), statewide. [Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission]*

State General Funds	$955,000	$955,000	$955,000

380.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding for system-wide equipment refresh, statewide. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$13,435,000	$13,435,000	$13,435,000

380.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for renovation and expansion of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex at Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$23,370,000	$23,370,000	$23,370,000

380.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for New Health Sciences Building at Coastal Pines Technical College, Jesup, Wayne County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$2,880,000	$2,880,000	$2,880,000

380.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for expansion of Hugh M. Gillis Medical Building, Vidalia, Toombs County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000

380.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,200,000	$1,200,000	$1,200,000

380.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for trade-industry buildings renovation at Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, Bibb County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,640,000	$1,640,000	$1,640,000

380.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for industrial technologies renovation at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,505,000	$1,505,000	$1,505,000

380.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for BLDG B Advanced Technology Renovation at Lanier Technical College, Cumming, Forsyth County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$930,000	$930,000	$930,000

380.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Building B Simulated Training Hospital renovation and expansion at Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Covington, Newton County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$9,550,000	$9,550,000	$9,550,000

380.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Automotive Building Expansion at Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$8,640,000	$8,640,000	$8,640,000

380.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Building A Renovation Phase II, Lagrange, Troup County. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Building A Renovation Phase II, West Georgia Technical College, Lagrange, Troup County)[Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$11,450,000	$11,450,000	$11,450,000

380.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding to address Regional State Hospitals' significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey partially funded in HB915 (2024 Session), statewide. [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

380.42 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment to renovate the Georgia Hall kitchen and dining room and Roosevelt Hall auditorium and stage at Roosevelt Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Meriwether County. [Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency]*

State General Funds	$7,487,711	$7,487,711	$7,487,711

380.43 *Increase funds for one-time funding to eliminate safety hazards and replace outdated electrical infrastructure and a damaged underground water line at Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge, Decatur County. [Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency]*

State General Funds	$1,725,626	$1,725,626	$1,725,626

380.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding for improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories, statewide. [Department of Public Health]*

State General Funds	$1,165,000	$1,165,000	$1,165,000

380.45 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design and construct a new facility for the Columbus Day Reporting Center and Field Office, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Department of Community Supervision]*

State General Funds	$6,800,000	$6,800,000	$6,800,000

380.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$6,200,000	$0	$6,200,000

380.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$15,500,000	$0	$15,500,000

380.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs, maintenance and sustainment, statewide. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

380.49 *Increase funds for one-time funding for site improvements and renovations for six readiness centers, statewide. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

380.50 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Medical Examiner Annex at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$5,184,500	$5,184,500	$5,184,500

380.51 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000

380.52 *Increase funds for one-time funding for seven vehicles for new positions, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$508,146	$508,146	$508,146

380.53 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,765,000	$2,765,000	$2,765,000

380.54 *Increase funds for one-time funding for minor repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000

380.55 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction funds for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction funds for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$3,500,000	$0	$3,500,000

380.56 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction and additional design of a 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for design of a 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$82,695,500	$0	$3,630,500

380.57 *Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S:Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$0	$5,000,000

380.58 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 30 vehicles, statewide. (H and S:YES; Redirect unutilized funds from land acquisition (HB916, 2024 Session) to replace 30 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$1,172,750	$0	$0

380.59 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$1,405,000	$1,405,000	$1,405,000

380.60 *Increase funds for one-time funding to provide funds for maintenance, renovations, and repairs at Waycross Post 22, Ware County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

380.61 *Increase funds for one-time funding for aviation maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

380.62 *Increase funds for one-time funding for fencing and security upgrades, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.63 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a new Basic Law Enforcement Training building, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$15,921,103	$15,921,103	$15,921,103

380.64 *Increase funds for one-time funding for elevator modernization of the main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$1,265,000	$1,265,000	$1,265,000

380.65 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of an additional braking exercise to support the expanded basic program, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$783,200	$783,200	$783,200

380.66 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of a new Department of Public Safety Training building and range, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$13,442,000	$13,442,000	$13,442,000

380.67 *Increase funds for one-time funding for two vehicles for new positions, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$112,000	$112,000	$112,000

380.68 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace scanners and copiers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$891,000	$891,000	$891,000

380.69 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace six vehicles and one semi-truck, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

380.70 *Increase funds for one-time funding to renovate the Rincon Customer Service Center, Rincon, Effingham County. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

380.71 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 10 self-service kiosks, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$431,000	$431,000	$0

380.72 *Increase funds for one-time funding for generator and HVAC replacement, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$542,000	$542,000	$542,000

380.73 *Increase funds for one-time funding for maintenance, repairs, and renovations at facilities, statewide. [Department of Labor]*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

380.74 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 10 vehicles for the Prosecution Division, statewide. [Department of Law]*

State General Funds	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000

380.75 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction and equipment to complete the renovation of the Agriculture Building, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia Building Authority]*

State General Funds	$44,477,954	$44,477,954	$44,477,954

380.76 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovations at Tifton Laboratory for recommissioning, Tifton, Tift County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$1,033,250	$1,033,250	$1,033,250

380.77 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace equipment for Consumer Protection program, statewide. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$844,738	$844,738	$844,738

380.78 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds match, statewide. [Georgia Environmental Finance Authority]*

State General Funds	$24,900,000	$24,900,000	$24,900,000

380.79 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,410,000	$1,410,000	$1,410,000

380.80 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace equipment and vehicles, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000

380.81 *Increase funds for one-time funding for completion of Liberty-Long Office, Ludowici, Long County. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$814,000	$814,000	$814,000

380.82 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$7,780,000	$12,780,000	$12,780,000

380.83 *Increase funds for one-time funding for new construction of a consolidated Region 2 office, Gainesville, Hall County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$13,600,000	$13,600,000	$13,600,000

380.84 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace Environmental Protection Division (EPD) vehicles and lab equipment, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,120,000	$1,120,000	$1,120,000

380.85 *Increase funds for one-time funding to provide state matching funds to replace air handling units and roofing, repair flooring and drives, and install cameras at the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home and Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding to provide state matching funds to complete elevator upgrades in Augusta and Milledgeville, and replace air handling units and roofing, repair flooring and drives, and install cameras at the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home and Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County)[Department of Veterans Service]*

State General Funds	$2,071,607	$2,071,607	$2,071,607

380.86 *Utilize state matching funds ($3,155,000) appropriated in HB916 (2024 Session) for elevator upgrades and Milledgeville campus improvements to replace three of six elevators and apply for federal match to complete both projects, Augusta and Milledgeville, Richmond and Baldwin Counties. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)[Department of Veterans Service]*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

380.87 *Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Dawson County. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$15,500,000	$0
Lottery Proceeds			$31,000,000
Total Public Funds:		$15,500,000	$31,000,000

380.88 *Increase funds for one-time funding to renovate the Education Center, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$2,500,000

380.89 *Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Colonel Ralph Puckett Veterans Education Center Transition Resource (VECTR) Workforce Development Center at Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds		$3,000,000	$3,000,000

380.90 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Building at Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Columbia County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds		$2,100,000	$2,100,000

380.91 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$2,500,000

380.92 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Technology Grants to Public Libraries. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,000,000 $1,000,000

380.93 *Increase funds for one-time funding for addition of the Shurling Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library System, Macon, Bibb County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $900,000 $900,000

380.94 *Increase funds for one-time funding for addition of the South Cobb Regional Library, Cobb County Library System, Mableton, Cobb County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,500,000 $1,500,000

380.95 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of the Doraville Library, DeKalb County Library System, Doraville, DeKalb County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $400,000 $400,000

380.96 *Increase funds for one-time funding for addition of the Dalton-Whitfield County Library, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, Dalton, Whitfield County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,000,000 $1,000,000

380.97 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the East Side Branch, Athens Regional Library System, Athens, Clarke County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $1,000,000 $1,000,000

380.98 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for new Regulatory Lab Building, Forest Park, Clayton County. (S:Increase funds for one-time funding for design for new Regulatory Lab Building, Forest Park, Clayton County)[Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds $20,000,000 $4,000,000

380.99 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Capitol Hill renovation, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia Building Authority]*

State General Funds $17,078,643 $0

380.100 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Cooperative Extension Service Research and Education Center infrastructure and facility upgrades, statewide. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $5,000,000

380.101 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of park entrance redesign at Tallulah Gorge State Park, Tallulah Falls, Rabun County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds $1,300,000

380.102 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds $2,350,000

380.1000 Capital Projects Fund			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$669,480,228
Lottery Proceeds			$31,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046

	Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,071,423,882	$1,109,936,944	$1,072,636,010
State General Funds	$969,859,126	$1,008,372,188	$971,071,254
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,084,818,117	$1,123,331,179	$1,086,030,245

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046

381.1 *Reduce funds for debt service to reflect the savings from retirement of state general obligation debt.*

State General Funds	($106,345,614)	($106,345,614)	($106,345,614)
State Motor Fuel Funds	($13,371,961)	($13,371,961)	($13,371,961)
Total Public Funds:	($119,717,575)	($119,717,575)	($119,717,575)

381.2 *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	$171,646	$8,546,062	$5,546,062

381.3 *Recognize prepayment of debt service in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session).*

State General Funds		($2,081,144)	($4,162,288)

381.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,071,423,882	$1,077,717,154	$1,072,636,010
State General Funds	$969,859,126	$976,152,398	$971,071,254
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,084,818,117	$1,091,111,389	$1,086,030,245

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Total Debt Service

5 year at 6.25%

State General Funds	$3,171,792	$0

10 year at 6.5%

State General Funds	$3,062,400	$0

20 year at 6.5%

State General Funds	$25,985,598	$0

Total Amount

State General Funds	$32,219,790	$0

Total Principal Amount

5 year at 6.25%

State General Funds	$13,260,000	$0

10 year at 6.5%

State General Funds	$22,000,000	$0

20 year at 6.5%

State General Funds	$286,185,000	$0

Total Amount

State General Funds	$321,445,000	$0

Education, Department of

382.101 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Provide $145,795,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$13,238,186	$0

Education, Department of

382.102 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. (H:Provide $14,900,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,352,920	$0

Education, Department of

382.103 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. (H:Provide $17,595,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,597,626	$0

Education, Department of

382.104 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase career, technical, and agricultural education equipment, statewide. (H:Provide $8,260,000 in 5-year bonds to purchase career, technical, and agricultural education equipment, statewide)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,975,792	$0

Education, Department of

382.105 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 10 years at 6.5%: Purchase school buses, statewide. (H:Provide $20,000,000 in 10-year bonds to purchase school buses, statewide)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$2,784,000	$0

Education, Department of

382.106 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 10 years at 6.5%: Fund incentive to purchase alternative fuel school buses. (H:Provide $2,000,000 in 10-year bonds to incentivize the purchase of alternative fuel school buses)*

State General Funds	$278,400	$0

Corrections, Department of

382.371 *GDC multi-projects: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund design and construction of long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County. (H:Provide $6,200,000 in 20-year bonds to design and construct a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$562,960	$0

Corrections, Department of

382.372 *GDC multi-projects: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County. (H:Provide $15,500,000 in 20-year bonds for additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,407,400	$0

Juvenile Justice, Department of

382.411 *Muscogee Youth Development Campus: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund additional construction for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County. (H:Provide $3,500,000 in 20-year bonds for additional construction for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$317,800	$0

Juvenile Justice, Department of

382.412 *Macon Youth Development Campus: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund design and construction of an 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County. (H:Provide $82,695,000 in 20-year bonds to design and construct an 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County)(S:NO; Reflect funds for design in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$7,508,706	$0

Juvenile Justice, Department of

382.413 *DJJ Multi-Projects: $0 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide. (H:Provide $5,000,000 in 5-year bonds for upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide)(S:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,196,000	$0

382.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$32,219,790	$0
State General Funds	$0	$32,219,790	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$0	$32,219,790	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated
Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments
The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment of four percent for correctional officers, education staff, chaplains, food service staff, and facility maintenance staff of the Georgia Department of Corrections. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

2.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment of eight percent for behavioral health counselors at the Georgia Department of Corrections. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

3.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in the Department of Human Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Law, and Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission. The amount for these items is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

4.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in classes of jobs in Court of Appeals, Judicial Council, Georgia State-wide Business Court, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council staff and assistant district attorneys, and Supreme Court. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2026.

5.) Effective January 1, 2026, the salary for each justice of the Supreme Court shall be $243,300.

6.) Effective January 1, 2026, the salary for each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be $240,867.

7.) Effective January 1, 2026, the salary for the judge of the State-wide Business Court shall be $231,135.

8.) Effective January 1, 2026, the salary for each superior court judge shall be $201,060.

Section 54: Refunds
In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases
In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation
The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number (regardless of whether program or special project number has a number higher or lower than 1000 after the decimal) and a program or special project name. In each

case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex
Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the

amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House disagree to the Senate substitute to HB 68.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 141. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for an extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 2, relating to administration, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (c) and subparagraph (c)(6)(A) of Code Section 48-2-35, relating to refunds, claims, and notice to political subdivision designee, as follows:

"(2) In the event the taxpayer desires a conference or hearing before the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate in connection with any claim for refund, he or she shall

specify such desire in writing in the claim and, if the claim conforms with the requirements of this Code section, the commissioner shall grant a conference at a time he or she shall reasonably specify. A taxpayer may contest any claim for refund that is denied in whole or in part by filing with the commissioner a written protest at any time within ~~30~~ 45 days from the date of notice of refund denial or partial payment. Such ~~30~~ 45 day period shall be extended for such additional period as may be agreed upon in writing between the taxpayer and the commissioner during the initial ~~30~~ 45 day period or any extension thereof. In the event the taxpayer wishes to request a conference, that request shall be included in the written protest. All protests shall be prepared in the form and contain such information as the commissioner shall reasonably require and shall include a summary statement of the grounds upon which the taxpayer relies, an identification of the transactions being contested, and the reasons for disputing the findings of the commissioner. The commissioner shall grant a conference before the commissioner's designated officer or agent at a time specified and shall make reasonable rules governing the conduct of conferences. The discretion given in this Code section to the commissioner shall be reasonably exercised on all occasions."

"(6)(A) No action or proceeding for the recovery of a refund under this Code section shall be commenced before the expiration of one year from the date of filing the claim for refund unless the commissioner or the commissioner's delegate renders a decision on the claim within that time, nor shall any action or proceeding be commenced after the later of:

(i) The expiration of two years from the date the claim is denied; or

(ii) If a valid protest is filed under paragraph (2) of this subsection, ~~30~~ 45 days after the date of the department's notice of decision on such protest."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-2-38, relating to due date and interest on deferred taxes, as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, all state taxes and licenses except ad valorem and income taxes shall be due and payable either with the return or within ~~30~~ 45 days after notice, as the case may be."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-2-45, relating to service of notice of assessment, as follows:

"(a)(1) In all cases in which the commissioner is required by law to provide an opportunity to appeal, the assessment of a tax or license fee shall become final if no written appeal is filed by the taxpayer with the commissioner within ~~30~~ 45 days of the date of the notice of assessment.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the notice shall be deemed to have been given if written notice is sent by registered or certified or first-class mail or by statutory overnight delivery and addressed to the taxpayer at his or her last known address, as shown on the records of the department."

SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 48-2-46, relating to procedures for protests, as follows:

"48-2-46.

Any taxpayer may contest any proposed assessment or license fee made or determined by the commissioner by filing with the commissioner a written protest at any time within ~~30~~ 45 days from the date of notice of the proposed assessment or license fee or within such other time limit as may be specified within the notice of proposed assessment or license fee, if a different time limit is specified. All protests shall be prepared in the form and contain such information as the commissioner shall reasonably require and shall include a summary statement of the grounds upon which the taxpayer relies and his or her reasons for disputing the finding of the commissioner. The filing of a written protest, a petition for redetermination of a deficiency, or a written request by the taxpayer for additional time for filing such a petition shall toll the period of limitations for making an assessment until the petition is denied by the commissioner or the request is withdrawn in writing by the taxpayer. In the event the taxpayer desires a conference or hearing, the fact of such desire must be set out in the protest. The commissioner shall grant a conference before his or her officers or agents as he or she may designate at a time he or she shall specify and shall make such reasonable rules governing the conduct of conferences as he or she may deem proper. The discretion given in this Code section to the commissioner shall be reasonably exercised on all occasions."

SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 48-2-54, relating to action by commissioner to collect unpaid tax, as follows:

"48-2-54.

In the event any taxpayer fails to pay any tax due, the commissioner shall notify the taxpayer and his or her surety or sureties by mailing a letter to their post office addresses last known to the commissioner. If, after ~~30~~ 45 days of mailing the notice, the amount due remains unpaid, the commissioner shall bring an action to collect the amount due, including, but not limited to, penalties, interest, and costs. It shall not be necessary to make the defaulting taxpayer a party to any action that may be brought against his or her surety or sureties."

SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 48-2-59, relating to appeals, payment of taxes admittedly owed, bond, and costs, as follows:

"(b) The taxpayer shall commence an appeal by filing a petition with the Georgia Tax Tribunal in accordance with Chapter 13A of Title 50 or the superior court within ~~30~~ 45 days from the date of decision by the commissioner or at any time after the department records a state tax execution pursuant to Code Section 48-3-42.

(c) Before the superior court shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal filed by any aggrieved taxpayer, the taxpayer shall file with the clerk of the superior court a written statement whereby the taxpayer agrees to pay on the date or dates the taxes become due all taxes for which the taxpayer has admitted liability. Additionally, the taxpayer shall file with the clerk of the superior court within ~~30~~ 45 days from the date of decision by the commissioner, except when the value of the appellant's title or interest in real property owned in this state is in excess of the amount of the tax in dispute, a surety bond or other security in an amount satisfactory to the clerk, conditioned to pay any tax over and above that for which the taxpayer has admitted liability and which is found to be due by a final judgment of the court, together with interest and costs. It shall be ground for dismissal of the appeal if the taxpayer fails to pay all taxes admittedly owed upon the due date or dates as provided by law. This subsection shall not apply to appeals filed with the Georgia Tax Tribunal as provided in Chapter 13A of Title 50."

SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended in Article 3 of Chapter 6, relating to intangible recording tax, by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 48-6-76, relating to procedure for protesting intangible recording tax, payment under protest, special escrow fund, filing claim, approval or denial by commissioner, and action for refund, as follows:

"(c) The taxpayer making a payment under written protest may file at any time within ~~30~~ 45 days after the date of the payment a claim for refund of the protested amount of the payment with the commissioner. Each claim shall be in writing, shall be in the form and contain such information as the commissioner requires, and shall include a summary statement of the grounds upon which the taxpayer relies in contending that the collection of the amount was erroneous or illegal. A copy of the claim shall be filed by the taxpayer within the ~~30~~ 45 day period with the collecting officer or said officer's successor who collected the protested amount."

SECTION 1-8.

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 7, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, by revising subparagraph (d)(2)(C) of Code Section 48-7-31, relating to taxation of corporations and computation, allocation, and apportionment of income, as follows:

"(C) If the allocation and apportionment provisions provided for in this paragraph do not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this state, the taxpayer may petition the commissioner for, or the commissioner may by regulation require, with respect to all or any part of the taxpayer's business activity, if reasonable:

(i) Separate accounting;

(ii) The exclusion of any one or more of the factors;

(iii) The inclusion of one or more additional factors that will fairly represent the taxpayer's business activity within this state; or

(iv) The employment of any other method to effectuate an equitable allocation and apportionment of the taxpayer's income.

The denial of a petition under this subparagraph shall be appealable pursuant to Code Section 48-2-59. Such an appeal shall be filed within ~~30~~ 45 days of the date of the commissioner's notice of denial;"

SECTION 1-9.

Said title is further amended in Article 4 of Chapter 7, relating to payment, deficiencies, assessment, and collection, by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 48-7-82, relating to periods of limitation for assessment of taxes, collection by execution, and change or correction of net income, as follows:

"(e)(1) Except as provided in Code Section 48-7-53, when a taxpayer's amount of net income for any year under this chapter as returned to the United States Department of the Treasury is changed or corrected by the commissioner of internal revenue or other officer of the United States of competent authority, the taxpayer, within 180 days after the final determination date of the changed or corrected net income, shall make a return to the commissioner of the changed or corrected income, and the commissioner shall make assessment within one year from the date the return required by this paragraph is filed or the taxpayer shall claim a refund based on the change or correction within one year from the date the return required by this paragraph is filed. If the taxpayer does not make the return reflecting the changed or corrected net income and the commissioner receives from the United States government or one of its agents a report reflecting the changed or corrected net income, the commissioner shall make assessment for taxes due based on the change or correction within five years from the date the report from the United States government or its agent is actually received. If he or she chooses, the commissioner shall have the authority to establish a de minimis amount upon which a taxpayer shall not be required to comply with this subsection. For purposes of this subsection the final determination date shall be determined as follows:

(A) Except as provided in ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph, the final determination date is the first day on which no changes or corrections for a particular audit remain to be finally determined, whether by agreement, or, if appealed or contested, by a final decision with respect to which all rights of appeal have been waived or exhausted. For agreements required to be signed by the commissioner of internal revenue and the taxpayer, the final determination date is the date on which the last party signed the agreement; ~~or~~

(B) If the taxpayer filed as a member of a combined or consolidated group, the final determination date is the first day on which no related changes or corrections for a particular audit remain to be finally determined for the entire group; or

(C) If the federal adjustment results from filing an amended federal return, a federal refund claim, or an administrative adjustment request, or if it is a federal adjustment reported on an amended federal return or other similar report filed pursuant to Section 6225(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, the final determination date is the day on which the amended return, refund claim, administrative adjustment request, or other similar report was filed.

(2) In the event the taxpayer fails to notify the commissioner of the final determination of his or her United States income taxes, the commissioner shall proceed to determine, upon evidence that the commissioner has brought to his or her attention or that he or she otherwise acquires, the corrected income of the taxpayer for the fiscal or calendar year. If additional tax is determined to be due, the tax shall be assessed and collected. If it is determined that there has been an overpayment of tax for the year, the taxpayer, by his or her failure to notify the commissioner as required in paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall forfeit his or her right to any refund due by reason of the change or correction. A taxpayer who so fails to notify the commissioner, however, shall be entitled to equitable recoupment of 90 percent of any overpayment so determined against any additional tax liability so determined, the remaining 10 percent of the overpayment being totally forfeited as a penalty for failure to make a return as required by paragraph (1) of this subsection."

SECTION 1-10.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 9, relating to motor fuel tax, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-9-12, relating to powers of commissioner, notice of license cancellation, retention of bonds, public inspection of records, estimated assessments, time extensions, and list of licensed distributors, as follows:

"(5) Reinstate a canceled license when information is provided at a hearing or otherwise within ~~30~~ 45 days of cancellation which satisfies the commissioner that the license should be reinstated;"

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 5, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (h) of Code Section 48-5-7.2, relating to preferential assessment for rehabilitated historic property, as follows:

"(4) The expiration of nine years during which the property was classified and assessed as rehabilitated historic property; provided, however, that any such property may qualify thereafter as rehabilitated historic property if such property is subject to subsequent rehabilitation and qualifies under the provisions of this Code section; provided, further, that, if approved by the governing authority of the county, the classification and assessment under this Code section may continue for a period of up to an additional 12 years for income-producing real property, and such property's fair market value shall continue to be calculated pursuant to division (3)(C)(ii) of Code Section 48-5-2 during such period."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(E) of Code Section 48-5-7.3, relating to preferential assessment for landmark historic property, as follows:

"(E) The expiration of nine years during which the property was classified and assessed as landmark historic property; provided, however, that any such property may qualify thereafter as landmark historic property if such property is subject to subsequent rehabilitation and qualifies under other portions of the historic properties tax incentive program contained within the provisions of this Code section; provided, further, that, if approved by the governing authority of the county, the classification and assessment under this Code section may continue for a period of up to an additional 12 years for income-producing real property, and such property's fair market value shall continue to be calculated pursuant to division (3)(D)(ii) of Code Section 48-5-2 during such period."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 256. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, so as to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain acquisitions and other information to its members within a certain time frame; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

SB 140. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Still of the 48th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to provide for doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 and Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies and optometrists, respectively, so as to provide for doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients

under certain conditions; to provide for a definition; to provide for compliance with certain rules and regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-130, relating to dispensing drugs, compliance with labeling and packaging requirements, records available for inspection by board, and renewal of licenses, as follows:

"(2) 'Practitioner' or 'practitioner of the healing arts' means, notwithstanding Code Section 26-4-5, a person licensed as a dentist, optometrist, physician, podiatrist, or veterinarian under Chapter 11, 30, 34, 35, or 50, respectively, of Title 43."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, is amended by revising subparagraph (H) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(H)(i) ~~Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a~~ A doctor of optometry ~~to~~ shall be authorized to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents, other than controlled substances, that are related to the treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi and are for a legitimate medical purpose to patients, provided that a doctor of optometry shall:

(I) Be on the premises when any pharmaceutical agent is dispensed to a patient and be actively involved in the dispensing process;

(II) Inform the patient on the appropriate use of the pharmaceutical agent being dispensed;

(III) Document in the patient's record the name, strength, quantity, and appropriate use of the pharmaceutical agent dispensed;

(IV) Maintain a readily retrievable record system by manual or electronic means of all the pharmaceutical agents purchased for administration, dispensing, or selling in the course of the professional practice; and

(V) Comply with the requirements under Code Section 26-4-130 and the rules and regulations established pursuant thereto by the State Board of Pharmacy.

(ii) Nothing in this subparagraph shall expand the administrative or prescriptive authority of a doctor of optometry."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-30-13, relating to construction of chapter, as follows:

"(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to physicians and surgeons duly licensed to practice medicine~~, nor~~; to prevent persons from selling spectacles or eyeglasses on prescription from any duly qualified optometrist or physician~~, nor~~; to prevent any person from selling glasses as articles of merchandise or from using test cards in connection with the sale of such glasses at a permanently located place when not trafficking or attempting to traffic upon assumed skill in optometry; ~~nor shall anything in this chapter be construed~~ or to authorize any registered optometrist to use, dispense, sell, prescribe, or administer drugs except as permitted by law ~~or~~, to practice medicine or surgery in any manner as defined by the laws of this state~~; nor shall this chapter be construed to authorize any such person~~ , or to use the title of 'M.D.' or any other title mentioned in Code Section 43-34-21 or 43-34-22."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran

Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 93. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Esteves of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-153.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," so as to prohibit the three-cuing system from inclusion in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy; to prohibit public schools from employing the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading; to provide for criteria for core curricula for state approved educator preparation programs; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-153.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," so as to provide for criteria for core curricula for state approved educator preparation programs aligned to the science of reading to guide curricula and instruction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-153.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d.1) The Professional Standards Commission shall adopt rules which establish criteria for core curricula for each state approved educator preparation program. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) The use of content standards established by the State Board of Education that are aligned to the science of reading to guide curricula and instruction;

(2) Evidence based standards for the teaching of reading that:

(A) Are exclusively aligned with the science of reading;

(B) Prepare teachers to provide explicit, systematic, sequential, and cumulative approaches to teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and text comprehension; and

(C) Employ multisensory and multimodal intervention strategies;

(3) Content literacy and mathematics practices;

(4) Strategies appropriate for the instruction of English language learners;

(5) Strategies appropriate for the instruction of students with disabilities;

(6) Strategies to differentiate instruction based on student needs;

(7) Strategies and practices to support research based content aligned to state standards and grading practices;

(8) Strategies appropriate for the early identification of a student with a reading deficiency; and

(9) Strategies to support the use of technology in education and distance learning."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M

Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 121. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-7-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, so as to increase the minimum uninsured motorist coverage required under motor vehicle liability policies for a individual convicted of driving under the influence or reckless driving; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 33 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to increase the minimum coverage required under a motor vehicle liability policy for an individual convicted of driving under

the influence; to provide for duration of coverage; to require proof of insurance; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 7, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risk, and reinsurance, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-7-16.

(a) No individual who is convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams or higher, drugs, or other intoxicating substances in violation of Code Section 40-6-391 or an equivalent law in another state shall operate any motor vehicle in this state unless such individual has motor vehicle liability insurance that, at a minimum, provides for:

(1) Bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, not less than $50,000.00;

(2) Bodily injury to or death of all persons in any one accident, not less than $100,000.00; and

(3) Loss of, damage to, or destruction of property in any one accident, not less than $50,000.00.

(b) No individual who is convicted of a second or subsequent offense of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams or higher, drugs, or other intoxicating substances in violation of Code Section 40-6-391 or an equivalent law in another state shall operate any motor vehicle in this state unless such individual has motor vehicle liability insurance that, at a minimum, provides for:

(1) Bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, not less than $100,000.00;

(2) Bodily injury to or death of all persons in any one accident, not less than $300,000.00; and

(3) Loss of, damage to, or destruction of property in any one accident, not less than $100,000.00.

(c) Any individual who is required to obtain the motor vehicle liability coverage provided for in subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall maintain no less than such coverage uninterrupted for a period of three years from the date of conviction.

(d) The coverages provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section shall be in lieu of the minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage required under Code Section 33-7-11.

(e) As used in this Code section, the term 'conviction' means a jury's finding of guilty, a guilty plea, or a plea of nolo contendere."

SECTION 2.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-6-10, relating to insurance requirements for operation of motor vehicles generally, by adding a new paragraph in subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(1.3) Any individual who is required to maintain increased liability coverage as provided for in Code Section 33-7-16 shall keep proof or evidence of such coverage during the operation of any motor vehicle. Such proof or evidence of such coverage may be produced in either paper or electronic format, including a display of electronic images on a mobile electronic device."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to any convictions on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Y Momtahan	Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
N Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 157, nays 11.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 8. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for arrest warrant requirements when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	N Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
N Barrett	Y Dempsey	N Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	E Douglas	N Howard, K	Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	N Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
N Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	N Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	N Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 79, nays 87.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to SB 8.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	E Douglas	N Howard, K	Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 94, nays 74.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 1:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate insists on its substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 860. By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Marie Lewis Garrett; and for other purposes.

HR 861. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Gunter of the 8th, Silcox of the 53rd, McDonald III of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Trooper Chase Winston Redner; and for other purposes.

HR 862. By Representative Au of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lambert High School Economics Team for winning the 2024 World Economics Cup; and for other purposes.

HR 863. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 25th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 6, 2025, as The Georgia Cup Day and celebrating The Georgia Cup's 28th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 864. By Representative Cheokas of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION honoring Melissa Montgomery; and for other purposes.

HR 865. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Emanuel Pitts on winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Diving Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 866. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th and Holland of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School girls and boys basketball teams for winning the 2025 GHSA Class A-AAA Private State Championships; and for other purposes.

HR 867. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Robert Carnaroli upon his retirement as Principal of North Forsyth High School; and for other purposes.

HR 868. By Representatives Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Creekside High School girls basketball team for winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 869. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Samantha Patton on winning the State Championship in the Girls 130LB Weight Class Division at the 2024 GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 870. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Williams of the 148th, Blackmon of the 146th, Jones of the 143rd and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jade Thomas, one of 10 finalists for the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 871. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Artemis Eaton on winning the Wrestling State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 872. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Jasperse of the 11th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jackson Moffit on winning the 2025 GHSA Class 4A State Wrestling Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 873. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Logan Otteson on winning the 2024 Gymnastics State Championship in balance beam; and for other purposes.

HR 874. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Denmark High School boys cross country team for winning the 2024 GHSA Class 6A State Cross Country Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 875. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, McDonald III of the 26th, Barrett of the 24th, Clark of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Owen Cooper on winning the 50 and 100 Freestyle State Championships; and for other purposes.

HR 876. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd and Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing July 2025 as American History Month; and for other purposes.

HR 877. By Representatives New of the 40th, Burns of the 159th, Parsons of the 44th, Smith of the 138th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bill Hembree; and for other purposes.

HR 878. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Silcox of the 53rd, Clifton of the 131st, Willis of the 55th, Chastain of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; and for other purposes.

HR 879. By Representatives McClain of the 109th, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Mitchell of the 88th and Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Monique LaSean Jackson; and for other purposes.

HR 880. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, New of the 40th, Smith of the 18th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Lydia Hallmark; and for other purposes.

HR 881. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Kelley of the 16th, New of the 40th, Smith of the 18th, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending McKenna Farms Therapy Services; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of

funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House insist on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute to HB 68 and that a Committee of Conference be appointed on the part of the House to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th.

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 756	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 851	Do Pass
HB 852	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 1. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide generally for competitively fair and safe student participation in middle school, high school, and college sports; to promote fair and safe competition; to provide for equal athletic opportunities and safety; to provide for specific designations of teams operated or sponsored by local school systems, public schools, participating private schools, and

postsecondary educational institutions in this state; to prohibit males from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competitions on teams designated as female; to prohibit females from participating in competition on intercollegiate teams designated as male, subject to exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to enact the "Riley Gaines Act of 2025"; to provide generally for competitively fair and safe student participation in school and college sports; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to promote fair and safe competition; to provide for equal athletic opportunities and safety; to provide for specific designations of teams operated or sponsored by local school systems, public schools, participating private schools, and postsecondary educational institutions in this state; to prohibit males from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competitions on teams designated as female; to prohibit females from participating in competition on intercollegiate teams designated as male, subject to exceptions; to provide for such exceptions; to provide for interscholastic coed team designations; to provide for the use of student eligibility rules, standards, and classifications; to provide for exceptions to general provisions; to require multiple occupancy restrooms and changing areas and sleeping quarters to be designated for exclusive use by males or females; to provide for reasonable accommodations; to provide for exceptions; to prohibit postsecondary educational institutions that are covered entities from hosting or sponsoring intercollegiate competitions that allow males to participate with teams designated as female or use multiple occupancy restrooms or changing areas and sleeping quarters designated for use by females; to prohibit such covered entities from awarding to males scholarships intended for female team members; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for investigation of complaints of noncompliance; to provide for sanctions; to provide for a cause of action; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Riley Gaines Act of 2025."

SECTION 2.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) There are inherent physical differences between males and females;

(2) Decisions regarding the regulation of sports should be based on promoting and preserving competitive fairness and protecting student safety;

(3) Protecting student athletes from harm and promoting and preserving the competitive fairness of sports are important state interests; and

(4) Requiring the designation of separate, sex-specific athletic teams and sports is necessary to protect student athletes from harm and to promote and preserve the competitive fairness of sports.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) Student athletes have competitively fair and safe opportunities to participate and succeed in sports; and

(2) Female student athletes have fair opportunities to demonstrate their strength, skills, and athletic abilities and to obtain recognition, accolades, college scholarships, and the numerous other long-term benefits that result from participating and competing in sports.

SECTION 3.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-315, relating to gender discrimination prohibited, authorized separate gender teams, equal athletic opportunity, physical education classes, employee designated to monitor compliance, grievance procedures, and reporting requirements, as follows:

"20-2-315.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Riley Gaines Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Coed' means the inclusion of both males and females.

(2) 'Compete,' 'competitive,' or 'competition' means a contest, game, match, tournament, or jamboree of teams in a sport. Such term shall not include practices, exhibitions, or scrimmages.

(3) 'Contact sport' means a sport the purpose or a substantial component of which involves bodily contact. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to, basketball, boxing, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, martial arts, soccer, softball, rugby, volleyball, and wrestling.

(4) 'Covered entity' means local school systems, public schools, and participating private schools.

(5) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, will have, or, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, would have the reproductive system capable of producing human ovum.

(6) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, will have, or, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, would have the reproductive system capable of producing human sperm.

(7) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a covered entity's building that is designed or designated to be used by one or more individuals of the same sex at the same time and in which one or more individuals may be in various

stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Restrooms;

(B) Locker rooms;

(C) Changing rooms; and

(D) Shower rooms.

(8) 'Participating private school' means a private school in this state which operates or sponsors one or more teams that compete against one or more teams operated or sponsored by a local school system or public school in this state or that participate in competitions that are organized, sanctioned, or scheduled by an athletic association with members that include public schools.

(9) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

(10) 'Sleeping quarters' means a room or other limited access designated space within a building or facility, such as a limited access designated space within a gymnasium, cafeteria, or auditorium or other performance space, in which more than one individual is housed overnight.

(11) 'Sport' means an organized activity involving skill and physical effort undertaken by one or more teams according to established rules. Such term includes each such organized activity regardless of whether it is designated as a sport, an activity, or another similar designation by an athletic association that meets the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-316 through 20-2-316.3, 20-2-319, and 20-2-319.6.

(12) 'Student athlete' means a student enrolled at a covered entity who participates or is eligible to participate on any sport or team. A student who is permanently ineligible to participate on a particular sport or team is not a student athlete for the purposes of such sport or team.

(13) 'Team' means a single student or a group of students operated and sponsored by a covered entity for the purpose of participating in a sport.

~~(a)~~(c)(1) No student shall, on the basis of sex ~~gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another student, or otherwise~~ be discriminated against in any interscholastic or intramural ~~athletics offered~~ sport operated or sponsored by a local school system or a public school~~, and no local school system shall provide any such athletics separately on such basis~~.

~~(b)~~(2) A ~~Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, a~~ local school system or public school shall be authorized to ~~may~~ operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each ~~gender~~ sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill, competitive fairness, student safety, or the ~~activity~~ sport involved is a contact sport. ~~However, where a local school system operates or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one gender but operates or sponsors no such team for members of the other gender, and athletic opportunities for members of that gender in that particular sport have previously been limited, members of the excluded gender must be allowed to try out for the team offered unless the sport involved is a~~

~~contact sport. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system to operate or sponsor a single team for a contact sport that includes members of both genders. As used in this subsection, the term 'contact sport' includes boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and any other sport the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.~~

(d)(1) For all interscholastic competitions, each covered entity shall designate each team operated or sponsored by such covered entity as one of the following:

(A) Male;

(B) Female; or

(C) Coed.

(2) Males shall not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition on any team that is designated as female.

(3) Females shall not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition on any team that is designated as male; provided, however, that females may be allowed to participate in an interscholastic competition on a team that is designated as male if a corresponding team designated for females is not offered or available for interscholastic competitions.

(4) Any student shall be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition on a team that is designated as coed.

(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit males from participating in practices, exhibitions, or scrimmages with teams designated as female.

(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize a covered entity or an athletic association, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-316, to verify or confirm a student's sex through visual inspection of such student's external sex organs for purposes of participation in competitions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not prohibit reliance on medical records or other standard school medical procedures to verify or confirm a student's sex.

~~(e)~~(e)(1) A local school system or public school which operates or sponsors interscholastic or intramural ~~athletics~~ teams shall undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both ~~genders~~ sexes. In determining whether equal opportunities are available, the following factors shall be considered:

~~(1)~~(A) Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of members of both ~~genders~~ sexes;

~~(2)~~(B) The provision of equipment and supplies;

~~(3)~~(C) Scheduling of games and practice time;

~~(4)~~(D) Travel allowance;

~~(5)~~(E) Opportunity to receive coaching and academic tutoring;

~~(6)~~(F) Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors;

~~(7)~~(G) Provision of ~~locker rooms~~ multiple occupancy restroom or changing areas and practice and competitive facilities;

~~(8)~~(H) Provision of medical and training facilities and services; and

~~(9)~~(I) Publicity.

(2) Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each ~~gender~~ sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams if a local school system or public school operates or sponsors separate teams ~~will~~ shall not constitute noncompliance with this subsection~~, but~~; provided, however, that the failure to provide essential funds for the basic operations of teams for one ~~gender~~ sex may be considered in assessing equality of opportunity for members of each ~~gender~~ sex.

(3) Nothing in Code Section 20-2-411 shall be construed to limit the authority of a local school system or public school to expend school tax funds as authorized by Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution in order to comply with the requirements of this Code section.

~~(d)~~(f)(1) Each covered entity shall ~~A local school system may~~ provide separate ~~toilet, locker room, and shower facilities~~ multiple occupancy restrooms or changing areas and sleeping quarters on the basis of ~~gender, but~~ sex, and such facilities shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other ~~gender~~ sex.

(2)(A) No covered entity shall operate or sponsor one or more teams in any interscholastic competition involving a local school system or public school that permits a male to use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for females in conjunction with such competition.

(B) No covered entity shall operate or sponsor one or more teams in any interscholastic competition involving a local school system or public school that permits a female to use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for males in conjunction with such competition.

(3)(A) To ensure the privacy and safety of student athletes, each covered entity that operates or sponsors one or more teams in any interscholastic competition involving a local school system or public school shall, in conjunction with such competition:

(i) Designate each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area and sleeping quarters for exclusive use by males or for exclusive use by females; and

(ii) Provide a reasonable accommodation to individuals who are unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for each such individual's sex.

(B) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph may include, but shall not be limited to, allowing such individual to access a single occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters.

(C) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall not include allowing such individual to access a multiple or single occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters that is designated for use by members of the other sex while members of the other sex of the individual are present or may be present in such restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed or applied to prohibit an individual from entering a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for use by individuals of the opposite sex when he or she enters such area for one of the following reasons:

(A) For authorized custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(B) To render emergency medical assistance;

(C) To address an ongoing emergency, including, but not limited to, a physical altercation;

(D) A minor child is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian who deems such entry necessary for the child's safety, welfare, or assistance; or

(E) The performance of official duties and responsibilities as authorized coaches and trainers for purposes directly related to a competition or other official activity of a team, including practice.

(5)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, a covered entity that sponsors or supervises an overnight trip in conjunction with a competition involving public school students shall ensure that each public school student attending such overnight trip either:

(i) Shares sleeping quarters with a member or, if necessary, multiple members, of the same sex; or

(ii) Is provided single-occupancy sleeping quarters.

(B) A public school student attending an overnight trip in conjunction with a competition may share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex if the member of the opposite sex is a member of such student's immediate family.

~~(e)~~(g) This Code section ~~does~~ shall not prohibit the grouping of students in physical education classes by ~~gender~~ sex.

~~(f)~~(h)(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, if a local school system or public school sponsors ~~an athletic activity or~~ a sport at a particular school that is similar to a sport for which an institution in the University System of Georgia offers an athletic scholarship, it ~~must~~ shall sponsor the ~~athletic activity or~~ sport for which a scholarship is offered at that school. This paragraph ~~does~~ shall not affect academic requirements for participation nor prevent the local school system or public school from sponsoring activities in addition to those for which scholarships are provided.

(2) Two ~~athletic activities or~~ sports that are similar may be offered simultaneously.

(3) If a local school system or public school demonstrates by a bona fide survey of eligible students at the school, which is approved by the Department of Education for compliance with generally accepted opinion survey principles regarding neutral wording and other matters, that there is insufficient interest among students at the school to field a team described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the local school system or public school shall not be required to sponsor such ~~athletic activity or~~ sport at that school. The exemption provided for by this paragraph shall be valid for 24 months following the date when the most recent bona fide student survey demonstrating a lack of student interest was completed, unless a new bona fide student survey is conducted within the 24 month period that demonstrates sufficient interest to field a team. If such a new bona fide student survey demonstrates such sufficient interest, then the local school system or public school shall ~~must~~ comply with paragraph (1) of this subsection during the ~~local school system's~~ next ~~fiscal~~ school year and until such time as a new bona fide student survey demonstrates insufficient interest to field a team

described in paragraph (1) of this subsection. A local school system or public school shall conduct the bona fide student survey described in this paragraph regarding interest in a team described in paragraph (1) of this subsection upon the request of nine students at the school, but no more frequently than once every 12 months.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preclude the application of generally applicable policies or rules regarding the cancellation of ~~an athletic activity or~~ a sport due to lack of student participation in scheduled practices or ~~contests~~ competitions.

~~(g)~~(i) Each ~~local school system~~ covered entity shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this Code section, including the investigation of any complaint communicated to such ~~local school system~~ covered entity alleging its noncompliance with this Code section. The employee designated under this subsection may be the same ~~person~~ individual required to be designated under 34 C.F.R. Section 106.8, as it existed on June 30, 2024. Each covered entity ~~The local school system annually~~ shall annually notify all its students of the name, office address, and office telephone number of the employee or employees appointed pursuant to this subsection. Such notification may be included in a student ~~handbook~~ code of conduct distributed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-736.

~~(h)~~(j) Each local ~~school system~~ covered entity shall adopt and publish grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of written student complaints, including complaints brought by a parent or guardian on behalf of his or her minor child who is a student, alleging any action which would be a violation of this Code section. Such procedures shall require that:

(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the ~~The~~ employee designated under subsection ~~(g)~~ (i) of this Code section shall render his or her decision in writing no later than 30 days after receipt of the complaint, and such decision shall set forth the essential facts and rationale for the decision;

(B)(i) A student who is aggrieved by an alleged violation or anticipated violation of this Code section or his or her parent or guardian shall have a right to file a complaint with the employee designated in subsection (i) of this Code section with a request for an expedited preliminary determination as to whether a violation of this Code section exists or is about to occur.

(ii) If an alleged violation or anticipated violation of this Code section is preliminarily determined by the employee designated in subsection (i) of this Code section to have occurred or is reasonably likely to occur, such designated employee shall issue a preliminary decision immediately and shall be authorized to direct in writing that the alleged violation or anticipated violation cease and desist pending a final resolution of such complaint.

(iii) If a complaint with a request for an expedited preliminary determination brought pursuant to this subparagraph is rejected in whole or in part by the employee designated in subsection (i) of this Code section, such designated employee shall render his or her decision rejecting such complaint in writing to the complainant, and such decision shall set forth the essential facts and rationale for the decision;

(2) A copy of such decision shall be provided to the complainant ~~within five days of~~ as soon as practicable but not later than the second business day following the date of the decision; and

(3) A complainant shall have a right to appeal such decision to the local board of education or other public school governing body, in the case of a public school, or the participating private school's governing body, in the case of a participating private school, within 35 days of the date of the decision. A ruling on such appeal shall be rendered in writing in writing no later than 35 days after receipt of the appeal, and such decision shall set forth the essential facts and rationale for the ruling.

~~(i)~~(k)(1) A complainant may appeal a decision ~~of a local board~~ that is rendered under subsection ~~(h)~~ (j) of this Code section in accordance with the procedures specified in Code Section 20-2-1160. If the State Board of Education determines that a local school system or public school has failed to comply with this Code section, then the state board shall provide the local school system or public school with opportunities to prepare a corrective plan. If the state board determines that a corrective plan of the local school system or public school adequately plans and provides for future compliance with this Code section, then the state board shall approve the plan and direct the local school system or public school to implement such plan.

(2) If, upon a complaint filed pursuant to subsection ~~(h)~~ (j) of this Code section after one year following the date of a state board order directing implementation of a corrective plan pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection but within four years of the date of such order, the state board determines that the local school system or public school which was subject to such order has willfully failed to comply with this Code section, the state board may, after consideration of the local school system's or public school's efforts to implement the corrective plan approved in the earlier proceeding and of any other corrective plan that may be submitted by the local school system or public school, transmit a certification of such determination to the Department of Community Affairs. If the state board's determination of noncompliance is later reversed or vacated upon appeal, the state board shall immediately notify the Department of Community Affairs of such action.

(3) If, upon a complaint filed pursuant to subsection ~~(h)~~ (j) of this Code section after one year following the date of a state board certification to the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection but within four years of the date of such order, the state board determines that the local school system or public school which was subject to such order has willfully failed to comply with this Code section, the state board may, after consideration of the local school system's or public school's efforts to implement a corrective plan approved in an earlier proceeding and of any other corrective plan that may be submitted by the local school system or public school, order that a team or teams within the local school system or public school ~~within the local school system~~ shall not participate in interscholastic postseason ~~athletic contests~~ competitions and that participation in violation of such an order may result in withholding of state funds allotted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-186. An order of the

state board barring participation in interscholastic postseason ~~athletic contests~~ competitions shall be made and announced before the beginning of a school year.

(4) If, upon a complaint filed pursuant to subsection ~~(h)~~ (j) of this Code section after one year following the date of a state board order prohibiting participation in interscholastic postseason ~~athletic contests~~ competitions pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection but within four years of the date of such order, the state board determines that the local school system or public school which was subject to such order has willfully failed to comply with this Code section, the state board may, after consideration of the local school system's or public school's efforts to implement a corrective plan approved in an earlier proceeding and of any other corrective plan that may be submitted by the local school system or public school, withhold state funds that are allotted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-186 in an amount that the state board determines is sufficient to secure the local school system's or public school's compliance with this Code section. In the event that state funds are withheld pursuant to this paragraph, such funds shall later be allotted to the local school system or public school at such time as the state board determines that the local school system or public school is in compliance with this Code section.

~~(j)~~(l) The Department of Education may publish an annual report of local school systems and public schools which may ~~to~~ include information regarding expenditures and participation rates for each ~~gender~~ sex and such other information as the state board and department deem relevant.

(m)(1) In addition to any other rights or remedies otherwise provided by law, any student:

(A) Who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers any harm as a result of a violation of this Code section shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law. If an aggrieved student or such student's parent or guardian is the prevailing party in such action, such student or such student's parent or guardian shall be entitled to an award of monetary damages, including for any psychological, emotional, or physical harm suffered, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and expenses of litigation, and any other appropriate relief; or

(B) Who is subject to retaliation or other adverse action by a covered entity or a local, state, regional, or national athletic conference or association as a result of reporting a violation of this Code section to an employee or representative such covered entity, athletic association or conference, or to any state or federal agency with oversight over covered entities in this state, shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law. If an aggrieved student or such student's parent or guardian is the prevailing party in such action, the student or student's parent or guardian is the prevailing party in such action, such student shall be entitled to an award of monetary damages, including for any psychological, emotional, or physical harm suffered, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and expenses of litigation, and any other appropriate relief.

(2) All civil actions brought under this subsection shall be initiated within two years after the alleged harm occurred.

(n) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize or require a local school system, a public school, or any employee or agent thereof to confirm the sex of a student by visual inspection of such student's exterior sex organs.

(o) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to abrogate or otherwise affect the operation or application of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and subparagraph (c)(1)(E) of Code Section 20-2-316, relating to involvement of athletic association in high school athletics, as follows:

"(1) The athletic association shall comply with the requirements of subsections (a) through ~~(f)~~ (h) of Code Section 20-2-315, as those requirements relate to the athletic association's functions of organizing, sanctioning, scheduling, or rule making for events in which public high schools participate;"

"(E) The authority and duties of the executive oversight committee shall include:

(i) To meet in person or remotely not less than twice each school year;

(ii) To meet in person or remotely upon the call of the chairperson or a majority of the executive oversight committee;

(iii) To establish policies and procedures for the executive oversight committee;

(iv) To conduct any independent audit, review, or investigation the executive oversight committee deems necessary, including, but not limited to, the audit, review, or investigation of the classifications of participating schools and ~~travel-related~~ travel related issues of participating schools; and

(v) ~~If the athletic association determines that it is necessary and appropriate to prohibit students whose gender is male from participating in athletic events that are designated for students whose gender is female, then the athletic association may adopt a policy to that effect; provided, however, that such policy shall be applied to all of the athletic association's participating public high schools; and~~

~~(vi)~~ To conduct an annual evaluation of the athletic association as a whole and present a report of its findings, recommendations, and conclusions to the General Assembly's High School Athletics Overview Committee; and"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by designating Code Section 20-3-1, relating to definitions, as Part 1, and by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 3

20-3-15.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Competition' means a contest, game, match, tournament, or jamboree of teams in a sport. Such term shall not include practices, exhibitions, or scrimmages.

(2) 'Covered entity' means Georgia state schools and participating nonstate schools.

(3) 'Female' means an individual who has, had, will have, or, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, would have the reproductive system capable of producing human ovum.

(4) 'Georgia state school' means a postsecondary educational institution which is:

(A) An institution of the University System of Georgia; or

(B) A unit of the Technical College System of Georgia.

(5) 'Governing body' means the individual or entity responsible for establishing the policies, rules, and regulations for a covered entity, including, but not limited to, such policies, rules, and regulations for the operation of such covered entity's athletic department, if any, and the operation or sponsorship of such covered entity's intercollegiate competitions, sports, and teams. Such term shall not include any local, state, regional, or national athletic conference or athletic association.

(6) 'Male' means an individual who has, had, will have, or, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, would have the reproductive system capable of producing human sperm.

(7) 'Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area' means an area in a postsecondary educational institution's building that is designed or designated to be used by one or more individuals of the same sex at the same time and in which one or more individuals may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. Such term includes, but shall not be limited to:

(A) Restrooms;

(B) Locker rooms;

(C) Changing rooms; and

(D) Shower rooms.

(8) 'Participating nonstate school' means a private postsecondary educational institution that is eligible for tuition equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 20-3-411 or any other private or public postsecondary educational institution that is not a Georgia state school whose students or teams participate in intercollegiate competitions against students or teams from a Georgia state school in this state; provided, however, that such term shall apply to such an institution only when and to the extent that such institution is participating in an intercollegiate competition against a Georgia state school in this state; and provided, further, that such term shall not apply to institutions when participating in intercollegiate competitions in this state exclusively against one or more other such institutions.

(9) 'Sex' means an individual's biological sex, either male or female. An individual's sex can be observed or clinically verified at or before birth and in no case is an individual's sex determined by stipulation or self-identification.

(10) 'Sleeping quarters' means a room or other limited access designated space within a building or facility, such as a limited access designated space within a gymnasium, cafeteria, or auditorium or other performance space, in which more than one individual is housed overnight.

(11) 'Sport' means an organized activity involving skill and physical effort undertaken by one or more teams according to established rules.

(12) 'Student athlete' means a student enrolled at a covered entity who participates in or is eligible to participate on any sport or team. A student who is permanently ineligible to participate on a particular sport or team is not a student athlete for the purposes of such sport or team.

(13) 'Team' means a single student or a group of students operated and sponsored by a covered entity for the purpose of participating in a sport.

20-3-16.

(a) Each governing body in this state shall adopt such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to ensure the following for all intercollegiate competitions involving covered entities in this state:

(1) Each covered entity shall designate each team operated or sponsored by such covered entity as one of the following:

(A) Male; or

(B) Female;

(2)(A) Males shall not be allowed to participate in any intercollegiate competition in this state on any team that is designated as female.

(B) Females shall not be allowed to participate in any intercollegiate competition in this state on any team that is designated as male; provided, however, that females may be allowed to participate in an intercollegiate competition in this state on a team that is designated as male if a corresponding team designated for females is not offered or available for intercollegiate competitions;

(3)(A) Multiple occupancy restrooms or changing areas and sleeping quarters shall be available to student athletes on the basis of sex and such facilities shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

(B) No covered entity shall operate or sponsor one or more teams in any intercollegiate competition in this state that permits a male to use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for use by females in conjunction with such competition.

(C) No covered entity shall operate or sponsor one or more teams in any intercollegiate competition in this state that permits a female to use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for use by males in conjunction with such competition.

(D) To ensure the privacy and safety of student athletes, each covered entity that operates or sponsors one or more teams in any intercollegiate competition shall, in conjunction with such competition:

(i) Designate each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area and sleeping quarters for exclusive use by males or for exclusive use by females; and

(ii) Provide a reasonable accommodation to individuals who are unwilling or unable to use a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for each such individual's sex; and

(E)(i) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph may include, but shall not be limited to, allowing such individual to access a single occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters.

(ii) A reasonable accommodation under this paragraph shall not include allowing such individual to access a multiple or single occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters that is designated for use by members of the other sex while members of the other sex of the individual are present or may be present in such restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters;

(4) No covered entity shall host, sponsor, or participate in any intercollegiate competition in this state that permits a male to:

(A) Participate in any intercollegiate competition in this state on any team that is designated as female; or

(B) Use any multiple occupancy restroom or changing area or sleeping quarters designated for use by females in conjunction with such competition;

(5) Nothing in subparagraph (a)(3)(D) or (a)(4)(B) of this Code section shall be construed or applied to prohibit an individual from entering a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area designated for use by individuals of the opposite sex when he or she enters such area for one of the following reasons:

(A) For authorized custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(B) To render emergency medical assistance;

(C) To address an ongoing emergency, including, but not limited to, a physical altercation;

(D) A minor child is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian who deems such entry necessary for the child's safety, welfare, or assistance; or

(E) The performance of official duties and responsibilities as authorized coaches and trainers for purposes directly related to a competition or other official activity of a team, including practice; and

(6) No covered entity shall award to a male an athletic scholarship allocated to, associated with, or otherwise intended for a female team member.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit males from participating in practices, exhibitions, or scrimmages with teams designated as female; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit a male to receive a scholarship in conjunction with such participation.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize a covered entity or governing body to verify or confirm a student athlete's sex through visual inspection of

such student athlete's external sex organs for purposes of participation in competitions; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not prohibit reliance on medical records or other standard school medical procedures to verify or confirm a student's athlete's sex.

(d) Any covered entity or governing body that violates any provision of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be subject to the withholding of state funding. Such withholding of state funding may include funds provided to one or more postsecondary educational institutions or governing bodies directly, as well as funding for scholarships, loans, and grants pursuant to this chapter for students of such postsecondary educational institutions.

(e)(1) In addition to any other rights or remedies otherwise provided by law, any student:

(A) Who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers any harm as a result of a violation of this Code section shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law. If an aggrieved student is the prevailing party in such action, such student shall be entitled to an award of monetary damages, including for any psychological, emotional, or physical harm suffered, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and expenses of litigation, and any other appropriate relief; or

(B) Who is subject to retaliation or other adverse action by a covered entity, a governing body, or a local, state, regional, or national athletic conference or athletic association as a result of reporting a violation of this Code section to an employee or representative such covered entity, governing body, athletic conference or athletic association, or to any state or federal agency with oversight over postsecondary educational institutions in this state, shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law. If an aggrieved student is the prevailing party in such action, such student shall be entitled to an award of monetary damages, including for any psychological, emotional, or physical harm suffered, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and expenses of litigation, and any other appropriate relief.

(2) All civil actions brought under this subsection shall be initiated within two years after the alleged harm occurred.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to abrogate or otherwise affect the operation or application of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191."

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	E Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	E Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	E Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	E Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 100, nays 64.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate:

SB 356. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Polk County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the greater of 50 percent or $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older, in the amount of the greater of 75 percent or $80,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, and in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 77 years of age or older, all with a temporary cap on the annual aggregate exemption amount; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 358. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Harrell of the 40th, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), an Act approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3900), an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6137), an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), and an Act approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4069), so as to revise administrative procedures related to verification of ethics complaints; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 17th, Strickland of the 42nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, so as to revise and restate provisions regarding the code of ethics; to revise provisions related to the chairperson of the board of commissioners and county manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 150. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Gaines of the 120th, Barrett of the 24th, Scoggins of the 14th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from individuals or entities related to China; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 199. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information removed or redacted from public records; to require state and local governments to remove personally identifiable information from public records when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 750. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Clark of the 100th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 114. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operations of motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and drivers and safe transportation of hazardous materials, so

as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 116. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to change the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; to require law enforcement officers within such division be trained, sworn, and certified; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 137. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hawkins of the 27th, Yearta of the 152nd, Leverett of the 123rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts for public works, so as to increase the dollar value of certain public works contracts exempt from provisions relating to retention of contractual payments; to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to contracts and purchases by public schools; to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public school property and facilities; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state, county, and municipal road systems; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public works bidding; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general authority, duties, and procedure for state purchasing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 749. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Smith of the 70th, Huddleston of the 72nd and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act amending, revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws pertaining to the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, approved February 28, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3546), as amended, so as to change the annual salary of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for contractual expenditures; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 772. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Beckles of the 96th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to increase the homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Norcross who own and occupy their residences; to increase the homestead exemption from city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Norcross who are 62 years of age or older and who own and occupy their residences, approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3941), so as to raise the exemption amounts; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 774. By Representatives Crawford of the 89th, Drenner of the 85th, Mitchell of the 88th, Barnes of the 86th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of DeKalb County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 780. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Greensboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 781. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 785. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 787. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Chickamauga ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or older and have been residents of that city for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 788. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Macon County and to provide for its powers and duties, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4532), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3946), so as to rename the position of chief election official as the chief election supervisor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 789. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new charter for the City of Oglethorpe, approved March 11, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 2630), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to certain hearings of the governing authority; to revise provisions related to the powers of the mayor pro tem; to revise provisions related to filling vacancies on the mayor and council; to update provisions related to the municipal court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 790. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Macon County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 791. By Representative Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Butts County ad valorem taxes in the amount of $4,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of the county who are 62 years of age or over, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4289), so as to increase the exemption amount to $20,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 793. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Sainz of the 180th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Brunswick ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in a designated percentage off such assessed value based upon length of ownership of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 794. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Neal of the 79th, Burnough of the 77th, Flournoy of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4178), so as to revise and update provisions relating to the code of ethics and the board of ethics; to provide for administrative and support services; to provide for budgetary independence of such board; to provide for returns to grand jury; to provide for examination and approval and failure of such returns; to provide for

employment of ethics officer and ethics administrator; to provide for hearings; to provide for petitions; to provide for referral of potential criminal activity to law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 797. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Chatham-Savannah; to provide for a short title and definitions; to provide for findings; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office; to provide for meetings; to provide for a quorum; to provide for venue; to provide for tax exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 798. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Spalding County, formerly known as the City Court of Griffin, approved December 14, 1897 (Ga. L. 1897, p. 462), as amended, so as to modernize, update, and readopt provisions governing such court and its judges, clerk, solicitor-general, and other personnel; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 170. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Interagency Council for the Homeless; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such council; to provide for reporting of activities; to provide for compensation; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for a grant program for the purpose of providing funding to certain rural hospitals for acquiring or installing backup generators to ensure continuity of operation during a state of emergency; to provide that the department shall consult with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in establishing grant criteria; to provide for the department to establish grant amounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-2-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affected rural hospital' means an acute care hospital located in a rural county that contains fewer than 100 beds and is located in any region of the state in which the Governor declared a state of emergency after July 1, 2024.

(2) 'Rural county' means a county in this state that has a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2020 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(b) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or other available funding, the department shall establish a grant program to provide funding to affected rural hospitals for the purpose of acquiring, installing, or both acquiring and installing backup generators to ensure continuity of operation during a state of emergency. The department, in consultation with the director of emergency management and homeland security shall establish grant criteria and make award decisions; provided, however, that the department and the director of emergency management and homeland security shall, to the greatest extent possible, prioritize the approval of applications of those affected rural hospitals lacking backup generators and the means by which to install them. The department shall be authorized to establish the grant amount awarded to each recipient on a case-by-case basis."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	E Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 82. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions; to require the Office of Charter School Compliance to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions; to revise reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter School Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for the State Board of Education in collaboration with the State Charter Schools Commission to establish a program for the purposes of promoting and supporting the approval of new local charter school petitions by local boards of education and to provide incentive grants to local boards of education that approve new local charter school petitions; to provide for the award and use of such incentive grants; to provide for the Department of Education to implement and administer such incentive programs and for the Office of Charter School Compliance to provide technical assistance to local school systems; to require local boards of education to provide certain written statements to the State Board of Education and the Office of Charter School Compliance upon denying a local charter school petition whereupon the corresponding state charter school petition is approved by the State Charter Schools Commission, subject to an exception; to provide for accountability for local boards of education that deny two or more local charter school petitions whereupon the corresponding state charter school petition is approved by the State Charter Schools Commission during a certain period; to provide for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions; to require the Office of Charter School Compliance to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions; to revise reporting; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for automatic repealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

(a) The General Assembly finds that charter schools, including locally authorized charter schools, provide innovative and effective educational opportunities for students in Georgia.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

(1) Encourage local school systems to serve as local authorizers of charter schools;
(2) Provide financial incentives to local school systems that authorize and oversee charter schools; and
(3) Ensure accountability for local school systems that consistently deny charter petitions that are subsequently approved by the State Charter Schools Commission.

SECTION 2.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025."

SECTION 3.

Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter School Act of 1998," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-2064, relating to approval or denial of petition relative to the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," as follows:

"20-2-2064.

(a) A charter petitioner seeking to create a conversion charter school ~~must~~ shall submit a petition to the local board of the local school system in which the proposed charter school will be located. The local board ~~must~~ shall by a majority vote approve or deny a petition no later than 90 days after its submission unless the petitioner requests an extension; provided, however, that a denial of a petition by a local board shall not preclude the submission to the local board of a revised petition that addresses deficiencies cited in the denial; and provided, further, that the local board shall not act upon a petition for a conversion charter school, including, but not limited to, a conversion charter for a high school cluster, until such petition:

(1)(A) Has been freely agreed to, by secret ballot, by a majority of the faculty and instructional staff members of the petitioning local school at a public meeting called with two weeks' advance notice for the purpose of deciding whether to submit the petition to the local board for its approval; and

(B) Has been freely agreed to, by secret ballot, by a majority of the parents or guardians of students enrolled in the petitioning local school present at a public meeting called with two weeks' advance notice for the purpose of deciding whether to submit the petition to the local board for its approval; or

(2) If for a high school cluster, has been approved by a majority of the school councils in the high school cluster and has been freely agreed to, by secret ballot, by at least 60 percent of the combined vote of the faculty and instructional staff members of the high school cluster and the parents or guardians of students who reside in the attendance zone of such high school cluster present at a public meeting called with two weeks' advance notice for the purpose of deciding whether to submit the petition to the local board for its approval. Each school council within the high school cluster shall appoint two representatives to a committee that shall conduct the vote.

(3) The provisions of this ~~This~~ subsection shall not apply to a system charter school petitioning to be a conversion charter school.

(b) A charter petitioner seeking to create a start-up charter school ~~must~~ shall submit a petition to the local board of the local school system in which the proposed charter school will be located. The local board ~~must~~ shall by a majority vote approve or deny a petition no later than 90 days after its submission unless the petitioner requests an extension. A denial of a petition by a local board shall not preclude the submission ~~to the local board~~ of a revised petition to the local board that addresses deficiencies cited in the denial.

(c) A system charter school's school council or governing council, as applicable, may petition to become a conversion charter school. The petition shall be submitted to the local board of the charter system in which the school is located. The local board ~~must~~ shall by a majority vote approve or deny a petition no later than 90 days after its submission unless the petitioner requests an extension; provided, however, that a denial of a petition by a local board shall not preclude the submission ~~to the local board~~ of a revised petition to the local board that addresses deficiencies cited in the denial.

(d)(1) A local board shall approve a petition that complies with the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures promulgated in accordance with Code Section 20-2-2063 and the provisions of this title and is in the public interest.

(2) If a local board denies a petition, it ~~must~~ shall within ~~60~~ 20 business days provide a written statement of denial to the charter petitioner, the state board, and the Office of Charter School Compliance specifically ~~state~~ stating the reasons for the denial~~, list~~ and listing all deficiencies with respect to Code Section 20-2-2063, detailing existing access to school choice options for students in the local school system, and assessing the academic performance of existing local schools in the area the charter school proposed to serve. Within three days of such written statement being received by the Office of Charter School Compliance, such written statement shall be published on the public website of the Office of Charter School Compliance ~~and provide a written statement of the denial to the charter petitioner and the state board~~.

(3) If a local board denies a local charter school petition with a single-school system attendance zone and the corresponding state charter school petition with single-school system attendance zones is subsequently approved by the State Charter Schools Commission as provided in Code Section 20-2-2084:

(A) The Office of Charter School Compliance shall notify the local board of such approval; and

(B) The state board and the Office of Charter School Compliance may, upon review of the local school system's written statement of denial provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection and the State Charter Schools Commission's rationale for approving the charter petition, provide guidance to or recommend authorizer training for the local school system, as appropriate.

(4)(A) Except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, if the local board of a local school system with enrollment of 10,000 to 60,000 students based on such local school system's full-time equivalent program count calculated as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-160, denies two or more local charter school petitions with single-school system attendance zones, and the corresponding state charter school petitions with single-school system attendance zones are subsequently

approved by the State Charter Schools Commission as provided in Code Section 20-2-2084 during the same term of such local school system's charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract, such local school system shall not be eligible or authorized to renew its charter system status granted under Code Section 20-2-2063.2 or any strategic waivers granted under Article 4 of this chapter for up to three years following the termination or expiration of its current charter system contract or strategic waivers school systems contract, or until the state board determines the local school system has demonstrated its commitment to increasing student performance and encouraging innovation through high quality local charter petition authorizations.

(B) Except as provided for in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, if the local board of a local school system with enrollment of more than 60,000 students, based on such local school system's full-time equivalent program count calculated as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-160, denies three or more local charter school petitions with single-school system attendance zones, and the corresponding state charter school petitions with single-school system attendance zones are subsequently approved by the State Charter Schools Commission as provided in Code Section 20-2-2084 during the same term of such local school system's charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract, such local school system shall not be eligible or authorized to renew its charter system status granted under Code Section 20-2-2063.2 or any strategic waivers granted under Article 4 of this chapter for up to three years following the termination or expiration of its current charter system contract or strategic waivers school systems contract, or until the state board determines the local school system has demonstrated its commitment to increasing student performance and encouraging innovation through high quality local charter petition authorizations.

(C) The provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph shall not apply to a local school system with a charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract that, according to the terms of such contract in place on January 1, 2025, will expire on or before July 1, 2025, until the term of such local school system's new or renewed charter system contract or strategic waivers school system contract begins.

(5) This paragraph and paragraphs 3 and 4 of this subsection shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2035.

(e) The state board or the Charter Advisory Committee, if directed by the state board to do so, may mediate between the local board and a charter petitioner whose petition was denied to assist in resolving issues which led to denial of the petition by the local board."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-2064.2.

(a) The State Board of Education in collaboration with the State Charter Schools Commission shall establish a program for the purposes of promoting and supporting the approval of new local charter school petitions by local boards of education and to provide incentive grants to local boards of education that approve new local charter school

petitions. The State Charter Schools Commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions and intent of this Code section.

(b)(1) Subject to appropriations, for each new local charter school petition approved by a local board of education after June 30, 2025, such local board of education shall receive an incentive grant of $250,000.00 by August 1 of each of the three years following such approval, provided that such local charter school remains authorized by such local board of education. In the event that available appropriations are not sufficient to cover the total amount of such incentive grants provided for in this subsection, the amount of each such grant shall be reduced proportionally, providing incentive grants in equal amounts to each such local board of education.

(2) Incentive grants provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be provided only for the approval of new local charter school petitions and not for the approval or renewal of an existing local charter school.

(c) Incentive grants awarded pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section may be used by the receiving local board of education for expenses incurred by the local board of education in its role as a local charter school authorizer, which may include, but shall not be limited to, hiring qualified personnel and providing for oversight, compliance monitoring, and professional development related to local charter school authorization.

(d) The Department of Education shall implement and administer the incentive grant program provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section and the Office of Charter School Compliance shall provide technical assistance necessary to local school systems in support of compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

(e) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed on July 1, 2035."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 20-2-2069, relating to the Office of Charter School Compliance and the Office of District Flexibility, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) There is established within the State Charter Schools Commission an Office of Charter School Compliance, which shall be staffed with personnel as provided for in subsection (d.1) of Code Section 20-2-2082, who shall report directly to the State Board of Education for purposes of this subsection. The responsibilities of such office shall be to:

(1) Prepare charter school guidelines to be approved by the state board;

(2) Distribute charter school petition information to inquiring parties;

(3) Process all charter school petitions and coordinate with the Charter Advisory Committee established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2063.1 to facilitate its review and recommendations to the state board;

(4) Administer any state or federal charter school implementation grant program;

(5) Contract with an independent party to evaluate the performance of charter schools, as such performance relates to fulfilling the terms of their charters;

(6) Compile information necessary to produce the annual report required by Code Section 20-2-2070, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, information regarding the effectiveness of the incentives and the adherence of local school systems to the requirements provided for in Code Sections 20-2-2064 and 20-2-2064.2; ~~and~~

(7) Prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions. Such guidelines shall be published on the public website of the Department of Education and shall include:

(A) Criteria for evaluating the academic, operational, and financial plans of the charter petitioner;

(B) Best practices for conducting a thorough and objective review of charter petitions;

(C) Procedures for public hearings and community input on charter petitions; and

(D) A standardized evaluation rubric for use by local boards of education during the evaluation of charter petitions; and

(8) Provide technical assistance to ~~Assist~~ local school systems as charter school authorizers ~~as challenges arise~~, support local school systems as needed to implement best practices in charter school authorization, and regularly engage with local school systems to promote charter school authorization at the local level."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-2070, relating to annual report to General Assembly, as follows:

"20-2-2070.

No ~~The state board shall report to the General Assembly no~~ later than December 31 ~~of~~ each year, the state board shall submit a report on the status of the charter school program to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the President of the Senate; the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee; and the Office of Planning and Budget."

SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	E Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 107, nays 62.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate adheres to its substitute and has appointed a Committee of Conference on the following bill of the House:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, and Tillery of the 19th.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 268. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to create an Office of Safe Schools within the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide technical assistance for local school systems to develop policies and procedures for their threat management teams; to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of threatening the death of or serious injury to individuals who are or likely to be at school; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 288. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Chapter 4 of Title 9, Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15, and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appellate practice, declaratory judgments, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal trials, respectively, so as to provide for declaratory judgments in instances involving accusations made by a prosecuting attorney regarding the credibility of a peace officer; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for review by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of accusations of peace officer impairment as a witness; to provide for definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to grand juries, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 303. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Mitchell of the 88th, Lupton of the 83rd, Jackson of the 68th and Willis of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a monument to honor the Original 33; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 495. By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Burns of the 159th, Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Greene of the 154th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 18, relating to the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation; to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to transfer the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation to the Department of Agriculture; to provide for a director; to provide for assumption of business and responsibilities of the Centers of Innovation Agribusiness and collaboration with other entities; to provide for the Georgia Rural Development Council; to provide for duties and satellite offices; to provide for funds; to provide for reporting and approval of strategic plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 38th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 99 Crimes and Offenses; definition of law enforcement officer; provide (Substitute)(PS&HS-Reeves-99th) Robertson-29th

SB 125 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements (RegI-Hawkins-27th) Walker III-20th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 55 0639S)

SB 130 Health; medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; expand (Hth-Townsend-179th) Hodges-3rd

SB 162 Georgia Composite Medical Board; implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; provide (Substitute) (P&CH-Cooper-45th) Hufstetler-52nd (Rules Committee Substitute LC 33 9816S)

SB 191 Employment Security; certain notice provisions relating to benefits and appeals; revise (I&L-Howard-71st) Still-48th

SB 199 State Ethics Commission; shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; provide (GAff-Cannon-172nd) Watson-11th

SB 201 Consumer Transactions; increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; provide (Substitute)(A&CA-Hagan-156th) Walker III-20th

SB 213 "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," commercial cheating services that target students and examinees seeking a professional license as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice; ban (RegI-Martin-49th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 241 Funeral Directors; organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies; provide (RegI-Powell-33rd) Williams-25th

SB 293 License Plates for Certain Veterans; the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; increase (Substitute)(MotV-Bonner-73rd) Anderson-24th

SB 298 Judgements and Rulings; certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Leverett-123rd) Robertson-29th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 48 1601S)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 125. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Setzler of the 37th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 208. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Corbett of the 174th, Stephens of the 164th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of two free license plates for veterans who are totally disabled or disabled; to provide for application; to provide for conforming changes; to establish a specialty license plate honoring the Shepherd Center; to establish a specialty license plate benefiting the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation; to establish a specialty license plate honoring Southern University Alumni; to establish a specialty license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; to establish a specialty license plate honoring alumni of Alabama State University; to establish a specialty license plate supporting the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources; to establish a specialty license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-69, relating to license plates for veterans qualifying as totally disabled, as follows:

"40-2-69.

(a) ~~Any disabled veteran who is a citizen and resident of this state shall, upon application therefor, be issued a free motor vehicle license plate.~~ As used in this Code section, the term ~~'disabled veteran' shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in~~ 'totally disabled veteran' means an individual who qualifies as a disabled veteran pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-48.

(b) Any totally disabled veteran shall, upon proper application therefor, be issued ~~a~~ free motor vehicle license ~~plate~~ plates for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter in his or her name upon presentation of proof that he or she qualifies as a totally disabled veteran. A totally disabled veteran ~~who claims that his or her disability is permanent~~ applying for license plates pursuant to this Code section shall furnish proof of such ~~permanent~~ disability through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(c)(1) Once a totally disabled veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle license plates ~~as a result of being permanently disabled~~ pursuant to this Code section, he or she shall be entitled to receive free license plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years ~~on any automobile, private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of three-quarter tons or less~~ for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this

chapter that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse or minor child own or acquire in the future.

~~(2) Once a disabled veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle license plates but his or her disability has not been determined to be a permanent disability, he or she shall be entitled to receive free plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years upon furnishing, on an annual basis, proof of his or her status as a disabled veteran through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Such free plates or free revalidation decals shall apply to any automobile, private passenger pickup truck, motorcycle, station wagon, or van type vehicle of three-quarter tons or less that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse or minor child own or acquire in the future.~~

~~(3)~~(2)(A) Up to two ~~Two~~ license plates or revalidation decals each year shall be furnished for motor vehicles other than motorcycles to totally disabled veterans qualifying under this Code section unless the originals are lost. Such ~~plates~~ license plate shall be fastened to ~~both the front and~~ the rear of the motor vehicle.

(B) Up to two license plates or revalidation decals ~~One license plate or revalidation decal~~ each year shall be furnished for motorcycles to totally disabled veterans qualifying under this Code section unless the original is lost. Such license plate shall be fastened to the rear of the motor vehicle.

~~(4)~~(3) In the event of the death of the person who received the special license plates pursuant to this Code section, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, his or her unremarried surviving spouse or minor child may continue to receive the free special license plates authorized by this Code section and revalidation decals until the remarriage of the surviving spouse or death of the surviving spouse or minor child."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-70, relating to license plates for veterans not qualifying as totally disabled, as follows:

"40-2-70.

(a) Any citizen and resident of ~~the State of Georgia~~ this state who has been discharged from the armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable or who is currently serving in the armed forces, who is disabled ~~to any degree specified and enumerated in Code Section 40-2-69, and who is the owner of a private passenger motor vehicle, but who cannot qualify under~~ but does not qualify as totally disabled pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-48 for purposes of qualification for a license plate issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-69, shall be entitled to ~~a~~ special and distinctive ~~automobile license plate~~ license plates for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter in his or her name. Such license ~~plate~~ plates shall be transferred to another vehicle acquired by such veteran or jointly by such veteran and his or her spouse as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. Such veteran shall be entitled to ~~such plate~~ license plates issued pursuant to this Code section regardless of

whether he or she is suffering from a service connected or nonservice connected disability.

(b) Upon proper application and ~~Such veteran must apply for such license plate and, upon~~ compliance with the state motor vehicle laws for licensing of motor vehicles and without payment of the regular license fee for plates as prescribed under Article 7 of this chapter, ~~such veteran~~ a disabled veteran who does not qualify for license plates pursuant to Code Section 40-2-69 shall be issued similar license plates as prescribed in Code Section 40-2-71 for ~~private passenger cars~~ up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use. ~~There shall be no charge for the additional plate issued such veteran under this Code section.~~ There shall be no charge for revalidation decals for ~~such plates~~ license plates issued pursuant to this Code section.

(c) For purposes of applying for license plates issued pursuant to this Code section, ~~If~~ a veteran who has not been certified as disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, ~~such veteran~~ may submit to the Department of Veterans Service such veteran's discharge papers and a certified statement from a physician, licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, certifying that, in the opinion of such physician, such veteran is disabled ~~to a degree enumerated in Code Section 40-2-69~~. If the certificate from the physician indicates the qualifying disabilities ~~which~~ meet the standards of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the commissioner of veterans service shall submit a letter to the state revenue commissioner indicating that the veteran meets the requirements of this Code section and qualifies for ~~a~~ special license ~~plate~~ plates as provided in this Code section.

(d) Once a disabled veteran has established his or her eligibility to receive free motor vehicle license plates pursuant to this Code section but his or her disability has not been determined to be a permanent disability, he or she shall be entitled to receive free license plates or free revalidation decals in succeeding years upon furnishing, on an annual basis, proof of his or her status as a disabled veteran through a letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Such free license plates or free revalidation decals shall be for up to two motorcycles or passenger cars for personal use registered pursuant to this chapter that he or she may own or jointly with his or her spouse or minor child own or acquire in the future."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-71, relating to design of disabled veteran license plates and restrictions on issuance and transfer, as follows:

"40-2-71.

(a) The commissioner is directed to furnish the license plates provided for in Code Sections 40-2-69 and 40-2-70. Such plates shall be printed in three colors: red, white, and blue. The commissioner is authorized and directed to design the license plate. Each license plate shall contain, in bold characters, the name of the state, or abbreviation thereof, the year, the serial number, either the words 'Disabled Veteran' or 'Disabled Vet,' and an image of the International Symbol of Access which is at least one inch in height and is white on a blue background.

(b) ~~Such license plates so issued shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80.~~

~~(c)~~ No disabled veteran shall be entitled to own or operate more than ~~one vehicle~~ two vehicles with the free license plates provided by Code Sections 40-2-69, 40-2-70, and this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 40-2-86, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (l) to read as follows:

"(71) A special license plate honoring the Shepherd Center. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to Shepherd Center, Inc."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended in said Code section by adding new paragraphs to subsections (l), (m), and (n) to read as follows:

"(72) A special license plate honoring Georgia veterans and their families. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation.

(73) A special license plate honoring Southern University Alumni. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Atlanta Metropolitan Chapter of Southern University Alumni Federation of Georgia, Inc.

(74) A special license plate honoring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Delta Life Development Center.

(75) A special license plate honoring alumni of Alabama State University. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Alabama State University Metro Atlanta Alumni Chapter."

"(18) A special license plate to support the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources in its protection, management, and maintenance of this state's natural, historical, and cultural resources while providing opportunities for public enjoyment and education. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Department of Natural Resources for use by the state parks and historic sites division for the purposes provided for in this paragraph. Such license plate shall not include a space for a county name decal but shall instead bear the legend 'Georgia State Parks' in lieu of the name of the county of issuance."

"(10) A special license plate promoting conservation and enhancement of black bass populations. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation to supplement black bass research, restoration, habitat improvement, stocking, and other management programs."

SECTION 6.

In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI(n) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 7.

(a) Except as otherwise provided for in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.
(b) Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 8.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Smith of the 70th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 208.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 113. By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities; to provide for a list of such goods; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to repeal provisions related to contracting with China; to provide for powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to prohibit the state or its agencies from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities; to provide for a list of such goods; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to repeal provisions related to contracting with China; to provide for powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure, by revising Code Section 50-5-84.1, relating to contracting with companies owned by Russia or Belarus, as follows:

"50-5-84.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) ~~'Company' means any sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned~~

~~subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit~~ 'Concerned goods' means goods, including component parts, services, and technology, produced by a foreign company of concern deemed by the Georgia Technology Authority to pose a security threat to this state or its residents.

(2) ~~'Government of Belarus' means the Republic of Belarus~~ 'Foreign company of concern' means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit and is:

(A) Organized or incorporated in a foreign country of concern;

(B) Owned or controlled by the government, a political subdivision, or a political party of a foreign country of concern; or

(C) Has a principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

(3) ~~'Government of Russia' means the Russian Federation~~ 'Foreign country of concern' means a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4.

~~(4) 'Scrutinized company' means any company owned or operated by the government of Russia or the government of Belarus.~~

(b) ~~A scrutinized company shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on or submit a proposal for a contract with a state agency for goods or services~~ Pursuant to the authority provided in subparagraph (a)(27)(B) of Code Section 50-25-4, the Georgia Technology Authority shall maintain an up-to-date list of concerned goods produced by a foreign company of concern or a foreign country of concern.

(c) ~~A state agency shall require a company that submits a bid or proposal with respect to a contract for goods or services to certify that the company is not a scrutinized company~~ The state or a state agency shall not purchase concerned goods from a foreign company of concern, a foreign country of concern, or a third-party vendor or reseller.

(d) ~~If the Department of Administrative Services determines that a company has submitted a false certification under subsection (c) of this Code section~~ If a company of concern, directly or through a third-party vendor or reseller, sells concerned goods to the state or a state agency:

(1) The foreign company of concern or third-party vendor or reseller shall be liable for a civil penalty in an amount that is equal to the greater of $250,000.00 or ~~twice~~ triple the amount of the ~~contract for which a bid or proposal was submitted~~ entire purchase value;

(2) The state agency or the Department of Administrative Services shall terminate the contract with the foreign company of concern or third-party vendor or reseller; and

(3) The foreign company of concern or third-party vendor or reseller shall be ineligible ~~to, and shall not, bid on a state contract~~ for an award of future state contracts for a period determined by the Georgia Technology Authority."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in said part by repealing Code Section 50-5-84.2, relating to contracting with companies owned by China.

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 25, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, by revising paragraph (27) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-25-4, relating to general powers, as follows:

"(27)(A) To establish and enforce standard specifications which shall apply to all technology and technology resource related supplies, materials, and equipment purchased or to be purchased for the use of the state government or any of its agencies, which specifications shall be based on and consistent with industry accepted open network architecture standards; and

(B) To evaluate security risks associated with the purchase of technology-related goods and services made pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 5 of this title and to determine to what extent the purchase of goods and services, in part or in whole, directly or indirectly, poses a potential security threat to this state or its residents;"

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 113.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 146, nays 18.

The motion prevailed.

HB 196. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Hugley of the 141st, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration under a state health plan be reimbursed using a transparent, index based price, plus a dispensing fee; to provide for enforcement authority by the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-22.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Independent pharmacy' means an entity contracted with the PBM pursuant to an agreement with a single retail pharmacy, or is contracted with the PBM through a pharmacy services administrative organization.

(2) 'Insurer' means a corporation licensed to transact accident and sickness or major medical insurance business in this state, a healthcare corporation, a health maintenance organization, a pharmacy benefits manager, or any other entity that provides healthcare coverage or services pursuant to a state health plan. Such term shall not include any licensed group model health maintenance organization with an exclusive medical group contract and which operates its own pharmacies which are licensed under Code Section 26-4-110.

(3) 'National average drug acquisition cost' means the monthly survey of retail pharmacies conducted by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to determine average acquisition cost for Medicaid covered outpatient drugs.

(4) 'Pharmacy' means a pharmacy or pharmacist licensed or holding a nonresident pharmacy permit pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26.

(5) 'Pharmacy benefits manager' or 'PBM' means a person, business entity, or other entity that performs pharmacy benefits management as such term is defined in Chapter 64 of Title 33. The term 'pharmacy benefits manager' includes a person or entity acting for a pharmacy benefits manager in a contractual or employment relationship in the performance of pharmacy benefits management for a health plan, including operating or administering a prescription card or prescription discount program directly or on behalf of a pharmacy benefits manager or insurer for covered persons for drugs not covered or being reimbursed by the covered person's pharmacy benefits manager or health plan. Such term shall not include services provided by pharmacies operating under a hospital pharmacy license. Such term shall not include health systems while providing pharmacy services for their patients, employees, or beneficiaries, for indigent care, or for the provision of drugs for outpatient procedures. Such term shall not include services provided by pharmacies affiliated with a facility licensed under Code Section 31-44-4 or a licensed group model health maintenance organization with an exclusive medical group contract and which operates its own pharmacies which are licensed under Code Section 26-4-110.

(6) 'State health plan' means:

(A) The state employees' health insurance plan established pursuant to this article;

(B) The health insurance plan for public school teachers and the health insurance plan for public school employees established pursuant to Subparts 2 and 3, respectively, of Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20; and

(C) The health benefit plan established for members, employees, and retirees of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 31-2-4.

(b)(1) On and after January 1, 2026, an insurer shall reimburse a pharmacy for a drug dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in the state health plan in an amount equal to:

(A) The national average drug acquisition cost on the day of claim administration or, if unavailable, a discounted percentage of the average wholesale price or wholesale acquisition cost on the day of claim administration as determined by the state health plan based on current competitive market rates or, if unavailable, the wholesale acquisition cost; and

(B) A professional dispensing fee that is not less than $10.50 for chain pharmacies and $11.50 for independent pharmacies.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a state health plan from authorizing reimbursement by an insurer to a pharmacy for a drug or drugs in excess of but not lower than the amount required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) An insurer shall not circumvent the requirements regarding pharmacy reimbursement in this Code section in any manner, including without limitation by adjudicating claims through a prescription drug discount card or program.

(d) The Commissioner of Insurance shall have enforcement authority over this Code section and to take any other actions pursuant to any authority granted under Chapter 64 of Title 33, relating to the regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers. Such authority shall be in addition to any authority granted to the applicable state health plan under contract or law."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Kelley of the 16th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 196.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M

Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 351. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Smith of the 70th, Smith of the 138th and Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding solid waste management, so as to modify the powers and duties of the Board of Natural Resources; to revise definitions; to modify solid waste permitting; to provide for submission of written verification regarding compliance with local zoning and land use regulations; to remove certain restrictions on permits; to revise provisions regarding public meetings and notice; to remove outdated terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to amend HB 351 (LC 44 3100S):

by Inserting the following after line 320:

"This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 10."

Representative Corbett of the 174th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 351.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
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Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

House of Representatives

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5/31/2025

House of Representatives Office of the Clerk,

On 3/31/2025, my voting machine got stuck while voting on HB 351. For the record I would like my vote to reflect a YES vote. Thank you in advance.

Representative Dr. Anissa M. Jones

HB 307. By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to amend Code Section 20-1-44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to include provisions for students significantly at risk of not achieving grade level reading proficiency or with characteristics of dyslexia; to provide for support plans for such students; to provide for notice to parents and guardians of such students; to require the Department of Education to publish and distribute information relevant to dyslexia and students with characteristics of dyslexia; to require local school systems and public schools to distribute information relevant to dyslexia and students with characteristics of dyslexia; to provide for reporting; to prohibit the three-cueing systems model from being featured or promoted in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy for students in kindergarten through third grade; to prohibit public schools from employing curricula, instructional materials, instructional practices, and other interventions that utilize the three-cueing systems model; to repeal a provision relating to reading recovery programs; to provide for written notification to parents and guardians; to repeal certain provisions setting deadlines applicable to the State Board of Education and the Department of Education that

have expired; to provide for ongoing review and updating of required and authorized actions; to require additional reports by the Department of Education; to revise a short title; to repeal Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting; to provide for the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee within the Office of Student Achievement; to provide for duties and responsibilities for such council; to expand the purposes of the Georgia Council on Literacy to improving literacy outcomes for Georgia adults as well as students; to revise provisions for compensation of members of the Georgia Council on Literacy; to extend the automatic repealer on the Georgia Council on Literacy from 2026 to 2030; to provide for and revise definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to expense allowance and travel cost reimbursement for members of certain boards and commissions, so as to include the Georgia Council on Literacy in the list of boards and commissions that receive certain expense allowance and reimbursement; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-153, relating to early intervention program for students at risk of not reaching or maintaining academic grade level, as follows:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall describe by rules and regulations such additional services, resources, support, or strategies as may be provided by the local school system. The specifications for delivery of early intervention services shall be the responsibility of local boards of education except that the program rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education shall be followed in designing the program delivery models. ~~Delivery models may include, but are not limited to, class augmentation, pull-out or self-contained classes, and the Reading Recovery Program delivered by certificated personnel.~~"

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further amended in said part by revising Code Section 20-2-153.1, relating to Georgia Early Literacy, uniform grade appropriate metrics to measure literacy, universal reading screeners, high-quality instructional materials aligned with the science of reading, support for literacy instruction, and reading intervention plans, as follows:

"20-2-153.1.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the State Board of Education.

~~(1.1)~~(2) 'Center' means the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy.

(3) 'Characteristics of dyslexia' means persistent weaknesses in one or more areas of foundational reading skills and inadequate response to targeted intervention that indicates a need for more intensive intervention.

~~(1.2)~~(4) 'Council' means the Georgia Council on Literacy.

~~(2)~~(5) 'Department' means the Department of Education.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Dyslexia' means a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. Dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

(7) 'Foundational literacy skills' means phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, alphabet knowledge, phonics, oral reading fluency, spelling, vocabulary, reading comprehension, ~~spelling,~~ oral language, and ~~the intersection of reading and writing~~ rapid automatized naming.

~~(4)~~(8) 'High-quality instructional materials' means instructional materials aligned to the science of reading that instruct students in foundational literacy skills and grade-appropriate English language arts and reading standards approved by the ~~State Board of Education~~ board. Instructional materials that feature or promote the use of the three-cueing system shall not constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(9) 'Parent' or 'guardian' means an individual who has legal authority to act on behalf of a child as a natural or adoptive parent, a legal guardian, or a legal agent. Such term shall also include a kinship caregiver, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-1-15.

~~(5)~~(10) 'Reading intervention' means evidence based strategies frequently used to remediate reading deficiencies and includes, but is not limited to, individual and small-group instruction~~, multisensory approaches, tutoring, mentoring, or the use of technology~~ that targets specific reading skills and abilities.

~~(6)~~(11) 'Science of reading' means the body of research that identifies evidence based approaches of explicitly and systematically teaching students to read, including foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy.

~~(7)~~(12) 'Significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency' ~~'Significant reading deficiency'~~ means for students in kindergarten through third grade that such student's ~~score on a universal reading screener is within the range of scores determined by the department to demonstrate a lack of proficiency in foundational~~

~~literacy skills~~ foundational literacy skills, as measured by scores on a universal reading screener and other quantitative and qualitative data, indicate that the student is at high risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency.

~~(8)~~(13) 'Structured literacy' means an evidence based approach to teaching oral and written language aligned to the science of reading founded on the science of how children learn to read and characterized by explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic instruction in phonology, sound-symbol association, syllable instruction, morphology, syntax, and semantics. An approach to teaching oral and written language that features or promotes the three-cueing system shall not constitute structured literacy.

(14) 'Three-cueing system' means any model for teaching students word reading based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues. Such models are also referred to as 'MSV.'

~~(9)~~(15) 'Tiered reading intervention plan' means a plan that describes the evidence based reading intervention services a student will receive to ~~remediate such student's reading deficit and to ensure that such student becomes proficient~~ support the student in reaching grade level proficiency in foundational literacy skills.

~~(10)~~(16) 'Universal reading screener' means a uniform tool that screens and monitors a student's progress in foundational literacy skills that is administered to students multiple times during the school year.

(c)(1) The board, in consultation with the department and the Office of Student Achievement, shall establish such policies, rules, and regulations as necessary to implement uniform grade-appropriate metrics for measuring literacy.

(2) As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the board shall:

(A) Approve high-quality instructional materials to be used for teaching students in kindergarten through third grade to read; and

(B) Establish a procedure for each public school and local school system to annually certify to the department that such school or school system's locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials.

(3)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2024, the department shall establish~~ Every three years beginning in 2027, the center shall review and update, as appropriate, qualifications, ~~time lines~~ timelines, and submission procedures for education service providers to submit one or more universal reading screeners to be considered for inclusion on the board's list of approved universal reading screener providers provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) As soon as practicable but not later than May 15, 2025, the board shall approve the memorandum of agreement between the council and the department, as provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a list of no more than five universal reading screeners, one of which shall be a free universal reading screener, for use by public schools and local school systems as part of their comprehensive literacy programs which meet the following criteria:

(i) Capable of providing relevant information to assist teachers with targeting instruction based on student needs;

(ii) Capable of measuring foundational literacy skills;

(iii) Capable of identifying students who ~~have a significant reading deficiency~~ are significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, including, but not limited to, identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(iv) Prescribed parameters on the time required to administer a universal reading screener with the primary objective of such prescription being to minimize impacts on instructional time; and

(v) Capable of progress monitoring.

(4)(A) ~~As soon as practicable but not later than~~ By July 15~~, 2025~~ each year, the department shall publish on its public website the free universal reading screener and the list of other approved universal reading screeners, one of which each public school and local school system shall adopt and administer in order to comply with the requirements of subparagraph ~~(d)(3)(C) of this Code section~~ (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(B) The council, in collaboration with the center and the Office of Planning and Budget, shall identify a free universal reading screener that meets the criteria established by the board as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection. The council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the department to make such universal reading screener available for use free of charge to public schools and local school systems.

(5) The department shall publish on its public website and distribute by July 15 each year by electronic means to each local school system and public school in this state a dyslexia informational handbook that includes guidance, technical assistance, and training to assist all schools in the implementation of evidence based practices for instructing students with characteristics of dyslexia. Such handbook shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

(A) Evidence based practices designed specifically for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(B) Guidance on developing support plans for students with characteristics of dyslexia;

(C) A list and brief description of the dyslexia related training programs accredited by the International Dyslexia Association and any other nationally or internationally recognized accrediting organization; and

(D) A list of dyslexia endorsement programs approved by the Professional Standards Commission.

(6) The department shall, in consultation with the University System of Georgia, the Professional Standards Commission, the Office of Student Achievement, Georgia's ~~Regional Education Service Agencies~~ regional education service agencies, and literacy experts, develop or procure one or more training programs for kindergarten through third grade teachers on the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy. Such training programs shall be developed or procured to promote teachers' knowledge and skills for teaching all students to read, including students with

dyslexia, and to ensure teachers have the knowledge and skills necessary to use approved universal reading screeners and to use assessment data to inform instruction based on student needs.

~~(6)~~(7) The department shall provide technical assistance to aid public schools and local school systems in implementing the provisions of this Code section.

~~(7)~~(8)(A) Beginning April 1, 2026, the department shall provide an annual report on the impacts of the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, including, but not limited to, reporting the results by school and school system of:

~~(A) The research based formative assessments with a summative component that is tied to performance indicators in English language arts and reading in grades one and two provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281;~~

~~(B)~~(i) The comprehensive summative assessment program for third grade students provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281; and

~~(C) The nationally norm-referenced instruments in reading for third grade students provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-281; and~~

~~(D)~~(ii) The formative reading assessments for first and second grade students provided for in Code Section 20-2-280.

(B) Such report shall also include analyses of the impact of use of universal reading screeners, the use of high-quality instructional materials, and instructional practices grounded in the science of reading. Such report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Education, the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the House Committee on Higher Education, the Senate Higher Education Committee, and the board, and shall be made available on the department's public website for access by the public.

(d)(1) Local boards of education and public school governing bodies shall by August 1 each year:

(A) Approve ~~By December 1, 2024, approve~~ high-quality instructional materials for students in kindergarten through third grade; ~~and~~

(B) Certify ~~By December 15, 2024, and by August 1 each year thereafter, certify~~ to the department that its locally approved instructional materials and content, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-1017, constitute high-quality instructional materials~~.~~;

(C) Report to the department the total number and percentage of students in kindergarten through third grade who were identified during the previous school year as having characteristics of dyslexia, including, but not limited to, total numbers and percentages by grade level; and

(D) Certify in writing to the department that a copy of the dyslexia informational handbook provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section has been distributed by electronic means to each school administrator, teacher, and other school personnel employed by such local school system or public school.

(2)(A) Each public school and local school system shall provide instructional support for kindergarten through third grade teachers that shall include:

(i) Onsite teacher training on the science of reading, structured literacy, foundational literacy skills, and evidence based decision making;

(ii) Demonstrated lessons; and

(iii) Prompt feedback for improving instruction.

(B)(i) Any public school or local school system claiming that a lack of sufficient funding prevents such public school or local school system from providing instructional support as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall promptly and in writing notify the ~~Department of Education~~ department and shall describe all efforts such school or school system has undertaken to secure sufficient funding from local, state, federal, and private sources.

(ii) The ~~Department of Education~~ department shall provide technical assistance and other guidance to public schools and local schools systems in identifying local, state, federal, and private funding sources to provide for instructional support as required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(3)(A) Three ~~Beginning August 1, 2024, three~~ times each school year each public school and local school system shall administer a universal reading screener to each student in kindergarten through third grade, with the first administration occurring within 30 school days of the beginning of the school year~~; provided, however, that for students in first and second grades such public school or local school system shall be authorized to substitute one administration of a universal reading screener with an administration of a formative reading assessment as provided for in Code Section 20-2-280~~.

(B) ~~Reserved.~~

~~(C)~~ After each administration of a universal reading screener, each public school or local school system shall report the results to:

(i) Parents and guardians of students who participated in the administration; and

(ii) The department for analysis.

~~(D)~~(C) The results of the universal reading screeners administered to students shall not be used as part of any education assessment accountability program provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title.

(4)(A) Beginning August 1, 2024, public schools and local school systems shall implement tiered reading intervention plans for public school students in kindergarten through third grade who at any time during the school year ~~exhibit a significant reading deficiency~~ are determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency, as measured by performance on a universal reading screener approved by the board and other qualitative and quantitative data. Each such tiered reading intervention plan shall be implemented no later than 30 school days after ~~a student~~ such determination has been made ~~identified as exhibiting a significant reading deficiency~~ and shall describe the evidence based reading intervention services the student will receive to ~~remedy the reading deficit~~ address the student's difficulties and ensure the student becomes proficient in foundational literacy skills. Such tiered reading intervention plans ~~may~~ should be incorporated into and included as part of

the school's existing ~~multi-tiered~~ multitiered system of supports or response to intervention frameworks.

(B) Each student who has been ~~identified as exhibiting a significant reading deficiency~~ determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency shall receive intensive reading intervention until such student is determined to no longer ~~identified as exhibiting a significant reading deficiency~~ be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency.

(C) The parent or guardian of any student in kindergarten through third grade who at any time during the school year ~~exhibits a significant reading deficiency~~ has been determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency shall be notified in writing by the student's school no later than 15 school days after such determination has been made ~~the identification of the possible deficiency~~. Such written notification shall include:

(i) That the student has been ~~identified as exhibiting a significant reading deficiency~~ determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency;

(ii) That a tiered reading intervention plan will be implemented by ~~the student's teacher~~ an educator at the student's school;

(iii) Results of the student's performance on the universal reading screeners administered to date and other data used to make such determination;

(iv) A description of the current services provided to the student;

(v) A description of proposed evidence based reading interventions and supplemental instructional services and supports to be provided to the student that are designed to remedy the identified area or areas ~~of significant reading deficiency~~ in which the student is significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency to ensure the student becomes proficient in foundational literacy skills;

(vi) Notification that the parent or guardian will be informed in writing of the student's progress toward grade level reading; and

(vii) Strategies for parents and guardians to use at home to help their child succeed in reading.

(D) For each student who has been determined to be significantly at risk of not attaining grade level reading proficiency and who does not make adequate progress toward grade level reading despite receiving evidence based reading interventions and supplemental instructional services and supports, additional quantitative and qualitative data shall be collected and examined in conjunction with universal reading screener data to identify whether the student may have characteristics of dyslexia.

(5) The parent or guardian of any student in kindergarten through third grade who at any time during the school year is identified as having characteristics of dyslexia shall be notified in writing by the student's school no later than 15 school days after the identification. Such written notification shall include:

(A) That the student has been identified as having characteristics of dyslexia;

(B) That a support plan for students with characteristics of dyslexia will be implemented by the student's teacher;

(C) A description of the qualitative and quantitative data used to make the identification, including the student's rate of progress toward grade level reading with prior intervention support;

(D) A description of proposed changes or additions to the evidence based reading interventions and supplemental instructional services and supports to be provided to the student that are designed to ensure the student becomes proficient in foundational literacy skills;

(E) Notification that the parent or guardian will be informed in writing of the student's progress toward grade level reading;

(F) Information and resource material regarding dyslexia;

(G) Strategies for parents and guardians to use at home to help their child succeed in reading; and

(H) Notification that the parent or guardian shall have the right to elect, in writing, that the student not receive the support plan and the proposed changes or additions to the evidence based reading interventions and supplemental instructional services and supports.

(6)(A) No local school system or public school shall use a program of foundational skills instruction for students in kindergarten through third grade that is based on any curriculum, instructional materials, instructional practices, or other interventions that utilize the three-cueing systems model for teaching word reading.

(B) Each local school system and public school shall ensure that all instructional materials used to teach students in kindergarten through third grade:

(i) Are high-quality instructional materials; and

(ii) Do not utilize the three-cueing system model for teaching word reading.

(C) Instruction in public schools and local school systems shall not employ the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading. Instruction may include visual information and strategies which improve background and experiential knowledge, add context, and increase oral language and vocabulary to support comprehension, but shall not be used to teach word reading.

~~(5)~~(7) By ~~July~~ August 1, 2025, all kindergarten through third grade teachers shall complete a training program developed or procured pursuant to paragraph ~~(c)~~(5) (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e)(1) There is established within the Office of Student Achievement the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee. Such committee shall comprise, at a minimum, the Georgia Literacy Coach, the Coordinator of Georgia Literacy Coaching, a representative of the Department of Education, at least one representative of Georgia's regional education services agencies, a representative of a research based education organization with subject matter expertise identified by the Georgia Council on Literacy, and other subject matter experts identified by the Georgia Literacy Coach or the Georgia Council on Literacy.

(2) The Office of Student Achievement shall employ:

(A) The Georgia Literacy Coach; and

(B) The Coordinator of Georgia Literacy Coaching, who shall be responsible for:

(i) Serving as the chairperson of the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee;
(ii) Coordinating state-wide literacy coaching efforts;
(iii) Serving as the primary liaison with the Department of Education with respect to state-wide literacy coaching efforts;
(iv) Direction and oversight of literacy coaches affiliated with the Department of Education or a regional education service agency whose positions are supported with state or federal funds; and
(v) Coordinating with designated organizations affiliated with the Georgia Council on Literacy with respect to research, best practices, and proactive intervention strategies for birth to adult language and literacy learning.

~~(e)~~(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to abrogate or otherwise affect the operation or application of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

~~(f)~~(g) This Code section shall not be subject to waivers pursuant to Code Section 20-2-82 for a strategic waivers school system, Code Section 20-2-244 for a local board of education, Code Section 20-2-2063.2 for a charter system, or Code Section 20-2-2065 for a charter school established pursuant to Article 31 or Article 31A of this chapter, a charter system, or schools within a charter system, or any state special school."

SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended in said part by repealing Code Section 20-2-159.6, relating to screening for dyslexia and related disorders, training and professional development, pilot program evaluating early intervention, and data reporting.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Article 4 of Chapter 1, relating to Council on Literacy, by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 20-1-40, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Evidence based literacy instruction methods and curricula' means instructional materials, instructional practices, and curricula that are scientifically based ~~reading instruction, or multisensory language instruction~~, including oral language development, phonological awareness, and phonics instruction that includes decoding and encoding, fluency, writing, vocabulary, reading, and comprehension. Instructional materials that feature or promote the use of the three-cueing system, as such term is defined in Code Section 20-2-153.1, shall not constitute high-quality instructional materials."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-1-41, relating to council created, as follows:

"20-1-41.

There is established the Georgia Council on Literacy for the purpose of conducting comprehensive reviews of birth to postsecondary programs, the alignment of state support for such programs, and other issues related to improving the literacy outcomes of Georgia students and adults."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-1-43, relating to meetings, executive committee of voting members, and expenses, as follows:

"(c) Legislative members of the council shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Nonlegislative members of the council shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members of the council who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the council, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the council in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or state employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this article shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-1-44, relating to duties and authority relative to the Georgia Council on Literacy, as follows:

"(1) Work in partnership with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to implement the requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act as provided for in Code Section 20-2-153.1;"

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 20-1-45, relating to termination, as follows:

"20-1-45.

The council shall be abolished and this article shall stand repealed on December 31, ~~2026~~ 2030."

SECTION 2-6.

Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating expense allowance and travel cost reimbursement for members of certain boards and commissions, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(2.3) Georgia Council on Literacy;"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Ballard of the 147th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 307.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
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Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 199. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Park of the 107th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information removed or redacted from public records; to require state and local governments to remove personally identifiable information from public records when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information restricted from public disclosure; to require state and local governments to restrict from public disclosure personally identifiable information when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, is amended by revising Article 8, relating to protection of personally identifiable data of judges and spouses, as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

15-5-110.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Personally identifiable information' means any ~~phone number or address affirmatively identified by a protected person for inclusion in the data base established and maintained pursuant to Code Section 15-5-111~~ personal phone number, home address, or property or tax records of a protected person.

(2) 'Protected person' means any current or former:

(A) Judge ~~Elected or appointed judge~~ or justice of this state and his or her spouse;

(B) Judge ~~Elected or appointed judge~~ of any county or municipality of this state and his or her spouse; and

(C) Judge ~~Appointed judge~~ or justice of the United States and his or her spouse.

~~(3) 'Public posting or display' means to communicate information or otherwise make information available to the general public.~~

~~(4)~~(3) 'Publicly available content' means any written or electronic document or record that provides information or that serves as a document or record maintained, controlled, or in the possession of a state or local government entity that may be obtained by any person from the ~~internet~~ state or local government entity's public website or from such state or local government agency upon request whether free of charge or for a fee.

~~(5)~~(4) 'State or local government entity' means any:

(A) Agency of the executive branch of this state; or

(B) Any ~~local governing authority of a~~ county or municipality of this state, including, but not limited to, any county or municipal court clerk's office, board of elections, board of tax assessors, or board of ethics.

15-5-111.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall:

(1) Establish a method for obtaining information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts as necessary for purposes of this article;

(2) Develop a form for a protected person to use when requesting the restriction from public disclosure of personally identifiable information pursuant to this article. Such form may include a process for verification of the election or appointment of such person as a judge or justice of this state or the United States or verification of such person's status as the spouse of a person serving as a judge or justice of this state or the United States ~~Establish and maintain a data base of protected persons and personally identifiable information~~;

(3) Make the form provided for in paragraph (2) of this Code section available to protected persons on its public website ~~Develop and manage a process to regularly identify each state or local government entity that possesses personally identifiable information~~; and

~~(4) Establish a procedure for protected persons to submit phone numbers and addresses for inclusion in a data base as personally identifiable information to be restricted from publicly available content and public posting or display; and~~

~~(5)~~(4) Coordinate ~~statewide~~ state-wide training and information sharing related to security procedure and practices relative to the judicial branch of government.

15-5-112.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity shall restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information that specifically identifies a protected person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall include, but shall not be limited to, records or filings in the office of the Secretary of State and the State Ethics Commission. ~~Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has been elected or appointed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that directs such entity to restrict access to such personally identifiable information pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.~~

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity that possesses records, filings, or other publicly available content that does not specifically identify a person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof but that includes personally identifiable information of such a protected person shall, upon request of the protected person, restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information. A protected person may request that his or her personally identifiable information be restricted from public disclosure pursuant to this subsection by submitting a request in writing to the state or local government entity on the form provided for in Code Section 15-5-111. A state or local government entity receiving such request shall restrict from public disclosure the personally identifiable information within 30 days of receiving a valid request. ~~Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has resigned, retired, or been removed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that informs such entity that the restriction required pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section is no longer applicable.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, within 30 days of receipt of written notice from the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, a state or local government entity that has received such notice shall restrict personally identifiable information from publicly available content and public posting or display unless such entity has:~~

~~(1) Obtained written consent from the protected person that his or her phone number and address may be made available to the general public; or~~

~~(2) Received notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality thereof has resigned, retired, or been removed.~~

~~(d)~~(c) Any protected person may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any officer or employee of the state or local government entity in his or her individual capacity for failure to comply with subsection ~~(c)~~ (a) or (b) of this Code section. Any relief granted by such action shall be limited to injunctive relief."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Kelley of the 16th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 199.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
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Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 551. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathis of the 133rd and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to amend Code Section 43-47-8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to license applications for used motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle parts dealers, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental licenses, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to revise provisions relative to the operation of an unregistered motor vehicle or vehicle without a current license plate, revalidation decal, county decal, or temporary operating permit; to authorize the development and maintenance by third parties of an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system for issuance of temporary operating permits; to provide for utilization of such system by dealers for issuance of temporary operating permits; to provide for the suspension of access to such system by the department for certain violations; to authorize access to certain information with the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers for certain purposes; to revise a definition; to provide for notice and hearings; to amend Code Section 43-47-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to revise the definition of established place of business; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to property, so as to authorize the regulation of motor vehicle immobilization operators by the Department of Public Safety; to limit the immobilization of trespassing vehicles to jurisdictions that have authorized such activity by ordinance or resolution; to provide for fees; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for licenses; to remove authority to impose a civil penalty; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to provide for enhanced penalty for an owner of a passive entity that fails to pay alternative ad valorem tax; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising Code Section 40-2-8, relating to operation of unregistered vehicle or vehicle without current license plate, revalidation decal, or county decal and temporary operating permit issued by dealers of new or used motor vehicles, as follows:

"40-2-8.

(a) No person shall own, rent, lease, or operate any vehicle required to be registered pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 upon a highway in this state without registering such vehicle. Any person who becomes a resident of this state shall register his or her vehicle within 30 days of becoming a resident. Any person who fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of $100.00 for each day in which the vehicle is in violation. ~~Any person owning or operating any vehicle described in Code Section 40-2-20 on any public highway or street without complying with that Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, provided that a person shall register his or her motor vehicle within 30 days after becoming a resident of this state. Any person renting, leasing, or loaning any vehicle described in Code Section 40-2-20 which is being used on any public highway or street without complying with that Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of $100.00 for each violation; and each day that such vehicle is operated in violation of Code Section 40-2-20 shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.~~

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in this state pursuant to Code Section 40-2-20 without a valid numbered license plate properly validated with a current revalidation decal, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary operating permit issued as provided by ~~paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ Code Section 40-2-8.1 may operate such vehicle on the ~~public~~ highways ~~and streets~~ of this state without a current valid license plate during the period ~~within which the purchaser is required by Code Section~~ authorized by Code Sections 40-2-8.1 and 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

~~(2)(A) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles shall issue to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of sale thereof, unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan, a temporary operating permit as provided for by~~

~~department rules or regulations which may bear the dealer's name and location and shall bear an expiration date 45 days from the date of purchase. The expiration date of such a temporary operating permit may be revised and extended by the county tag agent upon application by the dealer, the purchaser, or the transferee if an extension of the purchaser's initial registration period has been granted as provided by Code Section 40-2-20. Such temporary operating permit shall not resemble a license plate issued by this state and shall be issued without charge or fee. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to a dealer whose primary business is the sale of salvage motor vehicles and other vehicles on which total loss claims have been paid by insurers.~~

~~(B) All temporary operating permits issued by dealers to purchasers of vehicles shall be of a standard design prescribed by regulation promulgated by the department. The department may provide by rule or regulation for the sale and distribution of such temporary operating permits by third parties in accordance with paragraph (3) of this subsection.~~

~~(3) All sellers and distributors of temporary operating permits shall maintain an inventory record of temporary operating permits by number and name of the dealer.~~

~~(4)~~(2) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle. ~~If the owner of such vehicle presents evidence that such owner has properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate or revalidation decal has not been delivered to such owner, then the owner shall not be subject to the penalties enumerated in this subsection.~~

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as for a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in ~~the State of Georgia~~ this state without a valid county decal designating the county where the vehicle was last registered, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter. ~~Any person convicted of such offense shall be punished by a fine of $25.00 for a first offense and $100.00 for a second or subsequent such offense. However, a~~ A county name decal shall not be required if there is no space provided for a county name decal on the current license plate. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.

(d) No violation of this Code section shall have occurred upon presentation of evidence that the owner had properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate or revalidation decal had not been delivered to such owner at the time the uniform traffic citation was issued.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-2-8.1, relating to operation of vehicle without revalidation decal on license plate, as follows:

"40-2-8.1.

~~Notwithstanding Code Section 40-2-8 or any other provision of law, a person who operates a vehicle which is required to be registered in this state and which has attached to the rear thereof a valid numbered license plate without having the required revalidation decal affixed upon that plate, which person is otherwise guilty of a misdemeanor for not having such decal affixed to the plate, shall be subject for that offense only to a fine not to exceed $25.00 if that person shows to the court having jurisdiction of the offense that the proper revalidation decal had been obtained prior to the time of the offense.~~

(a) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles other than a motor vehicle broker, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-47-2, shall issue a temporary operating permit without charge or fee to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of sale thereof, unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan or such dealer is one whose primary business is the sale of salvage motor vehicles and other vehicles on which total loss claims have been paid by insurers. Such temporary operating permit shall be of a standard design prescribed the department; provided, however, that such permit shall not resemble a license plate issued by this state. A temporary operating permit may bear the name of the dealer and location and shall include an expiration date which shall be 45 days from the date of purchase. The expiration date of a temporary operating permit may be revised and extended by the county tag agent upon application by the dealer, purchaser, or transferee if an extension of the purchaser's initial registration period has been granted as provided by Code Section 40-2-20.

(b)(1) The department may provide by rule or regulation for the sale and distribution of temporary operating permits to dealers by third parties through the development and maintenance of an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system and establish standards for distribution and issuance of such permits. The department may further provide by rule or regulation for standards for authorized access to an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system, which may include, but shall not be limited to, required criminal background checks for any user of the system. Any third party authorized to sell and distribute temporary operating permits shall maintain an inventory record of such permits by number and name of the dealer.

(2)(A) The department shall be authorized to suspend access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system established pursuant to this Code section for any dealer found to have issued temporary operating permits for a vehicle which has not been sold or intended to be registered or otherwise violated requirements for issuance of such permits established by rule or regulation of the department after issuance of notice of such violation by electronic means and opportunity for informal review as set forth in this subparagraph. Any dealer who has received notice pursuant to this subsection of an alleged violation and for whom the department intends to suspend access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system may request an informal review of the allegations with the department. The method for making such request shall be developed by the department and may be by electronic means. Upon receipt of such request for informal review, the department shall, within ten business days, schedule an informal conference with such dealer to review the

suspected violations. Proceedings under this subparagraph shall not be governed by any formal procedural requirements and may be conducted in such manner as the department may establish by rule or regulation. The department shall consider the historical use of the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system by the dealer under consideration for access suspension, together with other pertinent information which may be available, and shall render a decision regarding access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system within seven business days of the informal conference. Upon a finding that such dealer violated the requirements of this Code section or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall be authorized to impose fines or fees as provided by law. The department shall not be authorized to suspend access to the temporary operating permit system unless the department finds a dealer to be substantially out of compliance with the requirements of this Code section or the rules and regulations of the department and such dealer has failed to produce satisfactory evidence of extenuating circumstances to justify such noncompliance.

(B) If the department suspends a dealer's access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system established pursuant to this Code section after an informal review held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the suspended dealer shall have the right to a formal hearing to review the suspension pursuant to Code Section 40-3-6. Such hearing shall be held within 30 days of the department's decision to suspend the dealer's access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system and shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' At such hearing, the department may present evidence of any instances in which the suspended dealer unlawfully issued temporary operating permits or issued fraudulent temporary operating permits. Upon a finding that the suspended dealer is in compliance with the requirements of this Code section and has issued temporary operating permits predominantly for bona fide motor vehicle sales, the department shall provide for the immediate restoration of access to the electronic temporary operating permit issuance system for such dealer but shall be authorized to impose fines or fees as provided by law for failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter. Upon a finding that the suspended dealer violated the requirements of this Code section or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall be authorized to extend the term of suspension for a period of up to 24 months. Upon a finding that a dealer has unlawfully issued temporary operating permits in violation of this chapter or rules and regulations of the department, the department shall further be authorized to issue a civil monetary penalty in an amount no greater than $100.00 per violation, suspend or revoke the registration issued to a dealer pursuant to Code Section 40-2-39, and suspend, confiscate, or limit issuance of any dealer plates issued pursuant to Code Section 40-2-38 for a period of up to 24 months. The department shall comply with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' in relation to the expedited review provided for in this subparagraph and the suspended dealer shall have the right to appeal any decision of the department in accordance with such chapter.

(c) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-33, relating to issuance of license plates and decals, transfer of registration to a digital license plate, compensation of tag agents, and required identification, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) At the time of initial application for registration or at any time during the registration period, a vehicle owner may file with the county tag agent, on a form or electronic form prescribed by the commissioner, a request to have a vehicle license plate duplicated on a digital license plate purchased from a digital license plate provider. Such request to the county tag agent shall include all applicable registration fees. Upon approving the application provided in this paragraph, the commissioner or county tag agent shall furnish the digital license plate provider with the appropriate licensing information to be displayed upon the digital license plate. In accordance with Code Section ~~40-2-8~~ 40-2-8.1, a 45 day temporary operating permit shall be issued by the commissioner or county tag agent to an applicant for a digital license plate until such license plate is received by the applicant."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-38, relating to registration and licensing of manufacturers, distributors, and dealers and issuance of manufacturer, manufacturer headquarters, distributor, and dealer plates, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsections (c) through (f) as follows:

"(a)(1) Manufacturers, manufacturer headquarters, distributors, and dealers other than a motor vehicle broker, as such term is defined in Code Section 43-47-2, engaged in the manufacture, sale, or leasing of vehicles required to be registered under Code Section 40-2-20 shall register by electronic means with the commissioner, making application for a distinguishing ~~dealer's number, specifying the name and make of motor vehicle, tractor, or trailer manufactured, sold, or leased by them~~ number, upon forms prepared by the commissioner for such purposes, and pay therefor a fee of $62.00, which shall accompany such application. Upon payment of such fee by ~~a dealer~~ an applicant, the commissioner shall furnish ~~to the dealer~~ one master number plate to expire each year in accordance with ~~subsection (f) of~~ this Code section~~, to be known as a dealer's number and to~~ based upon the type of master number plate issued. Each additional plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall require payment of a $12.00 fee. Each master number plate and any additional plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be distinguished from the ~~number~~ license plates provided for in this chapter by different and distinguishing colors to be determined by the commissioner. The dealer plate for a franchise motor vehicle dealer shall be distinguishable from the dealer plate for a used car dealer and from the dealer plate for a motor vehicle wholesaler. Except as otherwise authorized by this Code section, a dealer's master number plate or additional plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be ~~A dealer's number plate is~~ for the purpose

of demonstrating or transporting ~~the dealer's~~ vehicles or trailers for sale or lease. Persons engaged in the business of transporting vehicles for a dealer under a vehicle's own power shall be permitted to use such dealer's plate for the purpose of transporting a vehicle."

"~~(c) This Code section shall not apply in any manner to mopeds.~~

~~(d)~~(c) The license plates issued pursuant to this Code section shall be revoked and confiscated upon a determination after a hearing that such dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or manufacturer headquarters has unlawfully used such license plates in violation of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(d) If a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section is lost or stolen, the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, manufacturer headquarters, or other party to whom the license plate was issued ~~must~~ shall immediately report the lost or stolen plate to local law enforcement agencies. If a replacement license plate is sought, the dealer, manufacturer, distributor, manufacturer headquarters, or other party to whom the license plate was issued shall file a notarized affidavit with the department requesting a replacement plate. Such affidavit shall certify under penalty of perjury that the license plate has been lost or stolen and that the loss has been reported to a local law enforcement agency.

~~(f)(1)~~(e) Except as otherwise provided for in this Code section, the ~~The~~ expiration of a license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be the last day of the registration period as provided in division (a)(1)(A)(ii) of Code Section 40-2-21, except that for the purposes of this subsection, the registration period shall be determined by the first letter of the legal name of the business listed on the application for registration or renewal of registration. An application for renewal of registration shall not be submitted earlier than 90 days prior to the last day of the registration period. A penalty of 25 percent of the total registration fees due shall be assessed any person registering pursuant to this Code section who, prior to the expiration of such person's registration period, fails to apply for renewal or if having applied fails to pay the required fees.

~~(2) A transition period shall commence on October 1, 2007, and conclude on December 31, 2007, for all existing registrations and any new registration applications presented prior to January 1, 2008. On or after January 1, 2008, new applications for registration shall be submitted and remain valid until the expiration of such registration as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.~~"

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-2-130, relating to records of certificates of registration, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) The motor vehicle registration records which the commissioner is required to maintain under this Code section or any other provision are exempt from the provisions of any law of this state requiring that such records be open for public inspection; provided, however, that, subject to subsection (d) of this Code section, the records may be disclosed for use as provided in the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 123, and by ~~the following~~:

(1) Any licensed dealer of new or used motor vehicles;

(2) Any tax collector, tax receiver, or tax commissioner;
(3) The director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee;
(4) Any private person who has met the requirements of Code Section 40-2-25, provided that the information shall be used for the sole purpose of effectuating the registration or renewal of motor vehicles by electronic or similar means and that the private person requesting the information has entered into an agreement to provide electronic services to the commissioner or a county tag agent; provided, further, that the information made available pursuant to this paragraph for such purpose shall be limited to the vehicle identification number, the license tag number, the date of expiration of registration, and the amount of tax owed; ~~and~~
(5) A person or entity authorized by the commissioner for use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles; and
(6) The board established pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43 for use in carrying out its functions."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-23, relating to issuance of certificate of title, maintenance of record of certificates issued, public inspection, furnishing records for fee, and electronic format, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The motor vehicle records which the commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized county tag agent is required to maintain under this Code section or any other provision are exempt from the provisions of any law of this state requiring that such records be open for public inspection; provided, however, that, subject to subsection (f) of this Code section, the records may be disclosed for use as provided in the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 123, and by ~~the following~~:
(1) Any licensed dealer of new or used motor vehicles;
(2) Any tax collector, tax receiver, or tax commissioner; ~~and~~
(3) A person or entity authorized by the commissioner for use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles; and
(4) The board established pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43 for carrying out its functions."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-3-33, relating to transfer of vehicle to or from dealer, records to be kept by dealers, electronic filing, and application for title where dealer located, by revising subsections (a) and (b) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a dealer who buys a vehicle and holds it for resale need not apply to the commissioner for a new certificate of title but may retain the delivered certificate ~~delivered to him~~. Upon transferring the vehicle to another person other than by the creation of a security interest, such dealer shall promptly execute the assignment and warranty of title by a dealer. Such

assignment and warranty shall show the names and addresses of the transferee and any holder of a security interest created or reserved at the time of the resale and the date of ~~his~~ the security agreement, in the spaces provided therefor on the certificate or as the commissioner prescribes. Transfers of vehicles under this Code section shall otherwise conform with Code Section 40-3-32. A dealer selling a previously registered vehicle for which ~~under this chapter need not have~~ a certificate of title is not required under this chapter need not furnish a purchaser of such a vehicle a certificate of title. After a previously registered vehicle has been brought under the terms of this chapter, a dealer, when selling that vehicle, shall conform to all provisions of this chapter.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'franchise dealer' means a dealer who under a contract or franchise agreement with a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or importer is authorized to sell new motor vehicles of or for such manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, or importer and who is authorized to use trademarks or service marks associated with one or more makes of motor vehicles in connection with such sales.

(B) A dealer who is not a franchise dealer who acquires a vehicle for which the original certificate of title has not been issued and who holds such vehicle for resale shall not be exempt from the requirement to obtain a certificate of title in such dealer's name as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Such dealer shall, as provided in Code Section 40-3-32, obtain a certificate of title in such dealer's name prior to selling or otherwise transferring said vehicle to any other person or dealer.

(b) Every dealer shall maintain a record, in the form the commissioner prescribes, of every vehicle bought, sold, or exchanged ~~by him,~~ or received ~~by him~~ for sale or exchange. Such record shall be kept for three years and shall be open to inspection by a representative of the commissioner during reasonable business hours. The information contained in records maintained by a dealer pursuant to this subsection shall be an accurate representation of the transaction, and no alternative versions of records shall be produced for a purchaser with information which differs from that contained in records maintained for inspection by the department."

"(f) The department shall be authorized to assess a civil penalty against a dealer of up to $500.00 for each sales transaction conducted in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(g) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 8.

Code Section 43-47-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, is amended by revising paragraph (3) as follows:

"(3) 'Established place of business' means a salesroom or sales office in a building or on an open lot of a retail used car dealership or at which a permanent business of bartering, trading, offering, displaying, selling, buying, dismantling, or rebuilding wrecked or used motor vehicles or parts is carried on, or the place at which the books,

records, and files necessary to conduct such business are kept. Each such place of business shall be at least 250 square feet, furnished with a working telephone listed in the name of the licensee for use in conducting the business, and ~~shall be~~ marked by an appropriate permanent sign as prescribed by the appropriate division under this chapter."

SECTION 9.

Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to property, is amended in Code Section 44-1-13, relating to removal of improperly parked cars or trespassing personal property, concurrent jurisdiction, procedure, automatic surveillance prohibited, and penalty, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) and revising subsections (a.1), (b), and (f) as follows:

"(1.1) 'Immobilization device' means any mechanical device designed or used to be attached to a wheel, tire, or other part of a parked motor vehicle so as to prohibit the motor vehicle's usual manner of movement or operation."

"(a.1) Any person or his or her authorized agent entitled to the possession of any private property shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from the property or immobilize or cause to be immobilized any vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property trespassing thereon which is not authorized to be at the place where it is found and to store or cause to be stored such trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property, provided that there shall have been conspicuously posted on the private property notice that any trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property which is not authorized to be at the place where it is found may be immobilized or removed at the expense of the owner of the trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property. Such notice shall also include information as to the contact information for removal of an immobilization device, the full legal names of the company conducting the immobilization and the property owner where the immobilization occurred, the fee amount for removal of an immobilization device, location where the removed vehicle or personal property can be recovered, the cost of said recovery, and information as to the form of payment; provided, however, that the owner of residential private property containing not more than four residential units shall not be required to comply with the posting requirements of this subsection. Only towing and storage firms issued permits or licenses by the local governing authority of the jurisdiction in which they operate or by the department, and having a secure impoundment facility, shall be permitted to remove trespassing ~~property and trespassing~~ vehicles and personal property at the request of the owner or authorized agent of the private property. Only persons issued a permit by the department and operating in a jurisdiction which has authorized the immobilization of trespassing vehicles by ordinance or resolution of the governing authority shall be authorized to place an immobilization device upon a trespassing vehicle.

(b)(1) The department shall have the authorization to regulate and control the immobilization and towing of trespassing vehicles on private property if such immobilization or towing is performed without the prior consent or authorization of the owner or operator of the vehicle, including the authority to set just and reasonable rates,

fares, and charges for services related to the immobilization, removal, storage, and required notification to owners of such ~~towed~~ vehicles. No storage fees shall be charged for the first 24 hour period which begins at the time the vehicle is removed from the property~~, and no such~~. No fees shall be allowed for the immobilization or removal and storage of vehicles ~~removed by towing and storage firms~~ by persons found to be in violation of this Code section. ~~The department is authorized to impose a civil penalty for any violation of this Code section in an amount not to exceed $2,500.00.~~

(2) In accordance with subsection (d) of this Code section, the governing authority of a municipality may require towing and storage ~~operators~~ firms to charge lower maximum rates on traffic moving between points within such municipality than those provided by the department's maximum rate tariff and may require higher public liability insurance limits and cargo insurance limits than those required by the department. The governing authority of a municipality shall not provide for higher maximum costs of immobilization, removal, relocation, or storage than is provided for by the department."

"(f) It shall be unlawful and punishable by a fine of $1,000.00 for any immobilization device operator or towing and storage firm, permitted or unpermitted, licensed or unlicensed, to enter into any agreement with any person in possession of private property to provide automatic or systematic surveillance of such property for purposes of immobilization or removal and relocation of any ~~such~~ trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property except upon call by such person in possession of such private property to such immobilization device operator or towing and storage firm for each individual case of trespass; provided, further, that it shall be unlawful and punishable by a fine of $1,000.00 for any ~~towing and storage firm~~ person to pay to any private property owner or one in possession of private property any fee or emolument, directly or indirectly, for the right to immobilize or remove a trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property from said private property."

SECTION 10.

Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), by revising paragraph (9) of subsection (d), and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(3.1) 'Passive entity' means a person, other than an individual, formed under the laws of another state that does not have an established place of business in this state, owns no real property, and conducts no trade or business other than the holding of assets for investment and income."

"(9)(A) Any owner of any motor vehicle who fails to submit within 30 days of the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle in this state an application for a first certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-21 or a certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-32 shall be required to pay a penalty in the amount of 10 percent of the state title ad valorem tax fees and 10 percent of the local title ad valorem tax fees required under this Code section and, if such state and local title ad valorem tax

fees and the penalty are not paid within 60 days following the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle, interest at the rate of 1 percent per month shall be imposed on the state and local title ad valorem tax fees due under this Code section, unless a temporary permit has been issued by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall grant a temporary permit in the event the failure to timely apply for a first certificate of title is due to the failure of a lienholder to comply with Code Section 40-3-56, regarding release of a security interest or lien, and no penalty or interest shall be assessed. Such penalty and interest shall be in addition to the penalty and fee required under Code Section 40-3-21 or 40-3-32, as applicable.

(B) The penalties provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be double for any resident of this state who owns at least 50 percent of a passive entity that owns a motor vehicle that fails to submit within 60 days of the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle in this state an application for a first certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-21 or a certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-32 and register such vehicle."

"(h) The commissioner shall be authorized in his or her sole discretion to share information obtained for purposes of this Code section with the board established pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 43. Any confidential information furnished pursuant to this Code section shall retain its character as confidential. Any person who divulges confidential information obtained pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to the same penalties as those provided for divulgence of information by employees of the department."

SECTION 11.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 12.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Ridley of the 6th and Corbett of the 174th offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 551 (HB 551/SCSFA) by replacing line 9 with the following:

the department for certain violations; to provide standards for the issuance of dealer master plates; to authorize access to certain information with the State

By replacing line 11 with the following:

for certain purposes; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for notice and hearings; to amend Code

By replacing lines 110 and 111 with the following:

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'dealer' means any person who is engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of selling, exchanging, renting with an option to purchase, or offering an interest in motor vehicles for commission or with intent to make a profit or gain of money or other thing of value, whether or not such motor vehicles are owned by such person, and demonstrates an annual motor vehicle sales history of at least five motor vehicle sales as identified by department records or documentation approved by the department.

(b) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles shall issue a temporary operating permit without

By replacing "(b)" *with* "(c)" *on line 123.*

By replacing "(c)" *with* "(d)" *on line 187.*

By replacing lines 207 through 210 with the following:

headquarters, distributor, and dealer plates, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a), revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a), and by revising subsections (c) through (f) as follows:

"(a)(.1) As used in this Code section, the term 'dealer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 40-2-8.1.

(1) Manufacturers, manufacturer headquarters, distributors, and dealers engaged in the

By replacing lines 348 through 355 with the following:

"(3) 'Established place of business' means a salesroom or sales office in a building or on an open lot of a retail used car dealership or at which a permanent business of bartering, trading, offering, displaying, selling, buying, dismantling, or rebuilding wrecked or used motor vehicles or parts is carried on, or the place at which the books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business are kept. Each such place of business shall be furnished with a working telephone listed in the name of the licensee for use in conducting the business and shall be marked by an appropriate permanent sign as prescribed by the appropriate division under this chapter. Except when at least 500 motor vehicle sales are conducted annually at such location, each such place of business shall be at least 250 square feet."

By replacing lines 407 through 418 with the following:

"(f) It shall be unlawful and punishable by a fine of $1,000.00 for any towing and storage firm, permitted or unpermitted, licensed or unlicensed, to enter into any agreement with any person in possession of private property to provide automatic or systematic surveillance of such property for purposes of removal and relocation of any ~~such~~ trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property except upon call by such person in possession of such private property to such towing and storage firm for each individual case of trespass; provided, further, that it shall be unlawful and punishable by a fine of $1,000.00 for any ~~towing and storage firm~~ person to pay to any private property owner or one in possession of private property any fee or emolument, directly or indirectly, for the

right to immobilize or remove a trespassing vehicle or ~~trespassing~~ personal property from said private property."

Representative Ridley of the 6th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 551.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	N New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 162, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

SB 69. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 7 and Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, and depositions and discovery under the "Georgia Civil Practice Act," respectively, so as to regulate third-party litigation financing practices in this state; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 69 (LC 49 2394S) by inserting on line 23 after* "short title;" *the following:*
to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for admissibility of evidence related to seat safety belts;

By replacing lines 458 through the end with following:

SECTION 4.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-8-76.1, relating to use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The failure of an occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a seat safety belt in any seat of a motor vehicle which has a seat safety belt or belts ~~shall not be considered evidence of negligence or causation, shall not otherwise be considered by the finder of fact on any question of liability of any person, corporation, or insurer, shall not be any basis for cancellation of coverage or increase in insurance rates, and shall not~~ may be considered in any civil action as evidence admissible on the issues of negligence, comparative negligence, causation, assumption of risk, or apportionment of fault or for any other purpose and may be evidence used to diminish any recovery for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, occupancy, or operation of a motor vehicle; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not prevent a court from determining the admissibility of such evidence pursuant to Code Section 24-4-403 or any other statutory or common law rule of evidence.

(2) The failure of an occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a seat safety belt in any seat of a motor vehicle which has a seat safety belt or belts shall not be any basis for a cancellation of insurance coverage or an increase in insurance rate."

SECTION 5.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

(b) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to:

(1) Any civil action, administrative proceedings, legal claims, or other legal proceedings commenced on or after the effective date of this Act; and

(2) Any contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

(c)(1) Section 4 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(2) Section 4 of this Act shall not apply to causes of action pending on the effective date of this Act. Section 4 of this Act shall apply only to causes of action commenced on or after the effective date of this Act, and any causes of action commenced prior to the effective date of this Act shall be governed by prior law.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Burchett of the 176th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 69.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	N Neal	E Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 120, nays 42.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bills of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 851. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4631), as amended, so as to provide for abolition of the board on a date certain; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 852. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st and Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute and reestablish the Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections and Registration; to provide for the powers and duties of the board; to provide for the appointment, removal, terms of office, and compensation of its members; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 756. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham Area Transit Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5082), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5296), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new

board membership; to provide terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Chatham Area Transit Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5082), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5296), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating the Chatham Area Transit Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5082), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5296), is amended by revising Section 2.2 as follows:

"SECTION 2.2.
Membership and terms of office.

(a)(1) The authority membership in office on June 30, 2025, shall vacate their offices, and such offices shall be abolished as of that date.

(2) On July 1, 2025, the authority shall be governed by a new board that shall consist of up to 11 members as follows:

(A) Two members of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County appointed by such board;

(B) One member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Savannah appointed by such board;

(C) One member of the City Council of the City of Port Wentworth appointed by such council if such city exercises an option to participate under this Act;

(D) One member of the City Council of the City of Garden City appointed by such council;

(E) One member appointed by the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority;

(F) One member appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County who shall be a person with a disability;

(G) One member appointed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Savannah who shall be a resident of said city;

(H) One member appointed by the Chatham County legislative delegation who shall be a member or employee of a business advocacy organization;

(I) One member appointed by the Chatham County legislative delegation who shall be a member or employee of a tourism advocacy organization; and

(J) One member appointed by the Chatham County legislative delegation who shall be a resident of Chatham County.

(3)(A) Members of the authority appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (E), (H), (I), and (J) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall serve two-year terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(B) Members of the authority appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (F) and (G) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall serve four-year terms of office and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(C) Members of the authority appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall serve terms concurrent with their elective office, unless otherwise removed from the authority by their relevant appointing authority.

(4) Except for the members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (B) through (D) and (G) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who are required to be residents or elected officials of a designated municipality, members of the authority may reside in any part of incorporated or unincorporated Chatham County.

(5) Elected or appointed officers or officials or employees of any county, municipality, political subdivision, local authority, or state authority who meet the residency requirements provided for in this subsection may serve as members of the authority.

(6) The board established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall in all matters be the successor to the authority membership abolished in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) For the purposes of subsection (a) of this Section, the Chatham County legislative delegation shall be composed of all senators and representatives in the General Assembly whose districts are wholly or partially in Chatham County.

(c) Any member of the authority who has served for two consecutive full terms of office shall not be eligible for reappointment as a member of the authority until two years have elapsed after such member has vacated his or her seat on the authority.

(d)(1) A member's seat on the authority shall be forfeited if:

(A) The member lacks at any time the qualifications for membership on the authority provided by this Act;

(B) The member is convicted of any felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of the sentence imposed; or

(C) The member fails to attend, without being excused by the authority:

(i) Four consecutive regular meetings of the authority; or

(ii) Fifty percent of the regular and special called meetings of the authority in any one fiscal year.

(2) If the seat of a member of the authority becomes vacant because of death, resignation, or forfeiture as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, or for any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner that an appointment is made for a full term as provided in this section.

(e) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority.
(f) No member of the authority shall vote on any matter before the authority in which such member has a direct or indirect financial interest. Except for compensation received as an employee, no employee of the authority shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in or profit or benefit from any contract, work, or business of the authority or in the sale, lease, or purchase of any property to or from the authority.
(g) Members of the authority, including the chairperson, shall not be entitled to compensation for their service on the board but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred on authority business, provided that such expenses were authorized in advance of being incurred.
(h) The members of the authority shall elect from among their membership a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall each hold such offices for a term of two years. The chairperson shall preside over meetings of the authority. The vice chairperson shall act in the absence or inability of the chairperson. Regular meetings of the authority shall be held monthly, with the time, place, and notice of such meetings to be fixed by the authority. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, unless the authority adopts other rules. All motions, resolutions, and other proceedings of the authority and all documents in its possession shall be public records and open to public inspection as provided in Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.
(i) The chairperson of the authority shall be entitled to vote on any matter coming before the authority."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 151. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Development Authority of North Fulton Municipalities; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for directors of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to provide that county development authorities for certain counties shall not operate within certain municipalities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-62-4.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'massively municipalized county' means any county without a consolidated or unified government in which the corporate limits of two or more municipalities cover 95 percent or more of the land area of the county.

(b) No county development authority for a massively municipalized county shall purchase or accept title to any real or personal property in connection with a property tax incentive project within the parts of such county that are within the corporate limits of any municipality that is located north of the northernmost corporate limit of the municipality in which the county site of such county is located if the governing authority of the municipality in which such property is located has adopted a resolution to limit such development authority from operating within such municipality.

(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to any project approved by a development authority prior to January 1, 2026, nor shall any amendments, refinancing, renewals, or the transfer of any property related to such prior projects be affected by this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	N Gilliard	LaHood	N Reese	Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 101, nays 63.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 94. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require coverage for certain expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; to allow for certain cost-sharing requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 123. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has intellectual disability; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice of intent to claim intellectual disability; to provide for pretrial determination of intellectual disability; to provide for verdicts; to provide for capital case procedures; to provide for reports investigating reversible error; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 74. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Washburn of the 144th, Jasperse of the 11th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to correct a reference; to provide for the application of the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act to certain provisions of the Code relating to bona fide coin operated amusement machines; to provide for exemptions from the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act regarding the Georgia Lottery Corporation for certain matters not related to bona fide coin operated amusement machines; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 144. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Taylor of the 173rd, Stephens of the 164th, Westbrook of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise a tax credit for certain medical preceptor rotations; to add dentistry; to increase the value of the tax credit; to revise definitions; to provide for an aggregate annual cap; to extend the sunset provision for such tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 153. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Kelley of the 16th, Williams of the 148th, Smith of the 138th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use tax exemptions for manufacturing equipment, industrial materials, packing supplies, and energy, so as to extend the sunset date for an exemption for maintenance and replacement parts for certain machinery or equipment used to mix or transport concrete; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 212. By Senators Still of the 48th, Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Hodges of the 3rd and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit the disclosure of public student directory information to political candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, political organizations, or persons or groups acting on their behalf; to amend Article 15 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to miscellaneous offenses relative to elections and primaries; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for government transparency and campaign finance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit the disclosure of public student directory information to political candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, political organizations, or persons or groups acting on their behalf; to require written attestations under certain circumstances; to amend Article 15 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses relative to elections and primaries, so as to prohibit the disclosure of confidential voter registration information to unauthorized persons; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for government transparency and campaign finance, so as to prohibit political candidates, campaign committees, or political action committees from soliciting minors to fraudulently organize campaign events on school property when such events are otherwise prohibited; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-310, relating to student directory information, registering to vote and with selective service, and pledge of allegiance, as follows:

"20-2-310.

(a) Any local school system or public school at the secondary level which provides access to ~~the campus~~ school property or to student directory information to persons or groups which make students aware of occupational or educational options shall provide access to ~~the campus~~ school property and student directory information on at least the same basis to official recruiting representatives of the military forces of the state and the United States for the purpose of informing students of educational and career opportunities available in the military.

(b) No local school system, public school, or any person acting on behalf of a local school system or public school shall disclose or otherwise provide access to student directory information to any candidate or campaign committee, as such terms are defined in Code Section 21-5-3, any political action committee or political organization, as such terms are defined in Code Section 21-5-30.2, or any person or group acting on behalf of such candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, or political organization.

(c) Each eligible student in the public schools of this state shall be apprised of his or her right to register as an elector and to vote in elections and of any obligation to register with the Selective Service System. Each eligible student shall be given an opportunity, arranged by the school administration, to register to vote at his or her school during the month of April of each year. ~~The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and~~

~~regulations to carry out this Code section.~~ An excused absence of a student to register or vote, at the discretion of the local unit of administration, shall not exceed one school day.

(d) Each person who, while located on public school property in this state apprises one or more public school students of their:

(1) Right to register as an elector and to vote in elections and who arranges for or assists one or more public school students to register to vote; or

(2) Obligation to register with the Selective Service System and who arranges for or assists one or more public school students with such registration;

shall attest in writing that he or she will not provide any student directory information to any candidate or campaign committee, as such terms are defined in Code Section 21-5-3, any political action committee or political organization, as such terms are defined in Code Section 21-5-30.2, or any person or group acting on behalf of such candidate, campaign committee, political action committee, or political organization. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to a public school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel while engaged in the performance of official duties, or to persons on public school property to attend or participate in an event that is open to the general public.

~~(c)~~(e)(1) Each student in the public schools of this state shall be afforded the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during each school day. It shall be the duty of each local board of education to establish a policy setting the time and manner for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Such policy shall be established in writing and shall be distributed to each teacher within the school.

(2) The State School Superintendent shall prepare for the use of the public schools of this state a program of instruction, subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, in the correct use and display of the flag of the United States of America which shall include, as a minimum, specific instruction regarding respect for such flag and its display and use as provided by federal law and regulation, and under such regulations and instructions as may best meet the varied requirements of the different grades in such schools. However, such instruction shall include, as a minimum, the provisions of 36 U.S.C. Sections 170 through 177.

(f) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Article 15 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous offenses relating to elections and primaries, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-561, relating to false registration, as follows:

"21-2-561.

Any person who:

(1) Registers as an elector knowing that such elector does not possess the qualifications required by law;

(2) Registers as an elector under any other name than the elector's own name; ~~or~~

(3) Knowingly gives false information when registering as an elector; or

(4) Discloses to an unauthorized person any information that is exempted from public inspection pursuant to Code Section 21-2-225 or is confidential pursuant to Code Section 21-2-225.1

shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed $100,000.00, or both."

SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for government transparency and campaign finance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-5-16.

No candidate, campaign committee, or political action committee shall solicit any individual under the age of 18 years to fraudulently organize an event on the property of any local school system when the purpose of such event is influencing the nomination for election or election of any person for office, bringing about the recall of a public officer holding elective office or opposing the recall of a public officer holding elective office, or the influencing of voter approval or rejection of a proposed constitutional amendment, a state-wide referendum, or a proposed question which is to appear on the ballot in this state or in a county or a municipal election in this state when such event is otherwise prohibited by law or by policy of the local school system or an individual school thereof."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	E Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott

N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	N Neal	E Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 98, nays 66.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 266. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by revising paragraph (5.1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(5.1)(A) ~~Up to $17,500.00 of~~ All income ~~received by an individual who is less than 62 years of age paid to such~~ paid to an individual as retirement benefits from military service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof ~~and an additional amount of up to $17,500.00 of such income, provided that he or she has Georgia earned income otherwise included in his or her Georgia taxable net income in an amount that exceeds $17,500.00~~.

(B) ~~In the case of a married couple filing jointly, each spouse who is otherwise qualified for an exclusion allowed by this paragraph shall be individually entitled to exclude retirement income received by that spouse up to the exclusion amount.~~

~~(C)~~ The ~~exclusions~~ exclusion provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to or affect and shall be in addition to those adjustments to net income provided for under any other paragraph of this subsection;"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Sainz of the 180th et al. offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 266 (LC 50 1224S) by replacing "all" *with* "certain" *on line 2.*

By replacing line 4 with the following:

thereof; to revise a tax credit for contributions to law enforcement foundations; to expand the number of foundations that qualify; to expand the qualified expenditures; to increase the annual amount of contributions allowed; to reduce a cap for certain entities; to extend the sunset date; to remove the carry forward authorization; to provide for procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to

By replacing lines 11 through 26 with the following:

"(5.1)(A) ~~Up to $17,500.00 of income~~ Income received by an individual who is less than ~~62~~ 65 years of age paid to such individual as retirement benefits from military service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof ~~and an additional amount of up to $17,500.00 of such income, provided that he or she has Georgia earned income otherwise included in his or her Georgia taxable net income in an amount that exceeds $17,500.00~~ in an amount that shall not exceed $65,000.00.

(B) In the case of a married couple filing jointly, each spouse who is otherwise qualified for an exclusion allowed by this paragraph shall be individually entitled to exclude retirement income received by that spouse up to the exclusion amount.

(C) The exclusions provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to or affect and shall be in addition to those adjustments to net income provided for under any other paragraph of this subsection; provided, however, that no individual shall be allowed an exclusion provided for in this paragraph in addition to any exclusion provided for in paragraph (5) of this subsection;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-7-29.25, relating to income tax credits for contributions to law enforcement foundations, as follows:

"48-7-29.25.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Law enforcement foundation' means any domestic nonprofit corporation with the sole function of supporting ~~one local~~ law enforcement ~~unit~~ through a formal relationship ~~recognized by such local law enforcement unit~~ with one or more local law enforcement units or which provides support to law enforcement state wide and which maintains nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and tax exempt status under Code Section 48-7-25.

(2) 'Local law enforcement unit' means any agency, office, or department of a county, municipality, or consolidated government of this state whose primary functions include the enforcement of criminal or traffic laws, preservation of public order, protection of life and property, or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime. Such term shall include any sheriff's office in this state. Such term shall not include any agency, office, or department conducting similar functions for any court, state board, state authority, state law enforcement division or department, railroad police, or any unit appointed under the authority of Chapter 9 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(3) 'Qualified contributions' means the preapproved contribution of funds by a taxpayer to a qualified law enforcement foundation under the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(4) 'Qualified expenditures' means expenditures made by a qualified law enforcement foundation:

(A)(i) For salary supplements paid no more than twice annually or training provided directly to law enforcement officers and other employees employed by ~~the~~ any local law enforcement unit affiliated with such qualified law enforcement foundation; ~~or~~

(ii) For the purchase, lease, maintenance, or improvement of equipment to be used by such officers or employees;

(iii) For the purchase or lease of supplies and materials for technology updates, including computer hardware and software; or

(iv) For the lease of facilities or purchase of goods or services to be used for the promotion of community engagement; or

(B) To cover any costs incurred by ~~the~~ any local law enforcement unit affiliated with such law enforcement foundation for the operation of an emergency response team that combines law enforcement officers and behavioral health specialists, provided that such costs shall not include salaries or other regular compensation.

(5) 'Qualified law enforcement foundation' means any law enforcement foundation that: ~~has been designated as the sole local law enforcement foundation for a single local law enforcement unit and has been certified~~

(A) Has been certified and listed by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(B)(i) Has been designated as the law enforcement foundation for a local law enforcement unit or combination of neighboring local law enforcement units; or

(ii) Is a law enforcement foundation which provides support to law enforcement state wide.

(b)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $75 million per calendar year. Each qualified law enforcement foundation shall be limited to accepting $3 million per year of contributions made under this Code section.

(2) Subject to the aggregate limit provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and ending on or before December 31, ~~2027~~ 2031, each taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified contributions made by the taxpayer as follows:

(A) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount of qualified contributions made or $5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less;

(B) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the actual amount of qualified contributions made or $10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less;

(C) Anything to the contrary contained in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph notwithstanding, in the case of an individual taxpayer who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, the actual amount of qualified contributions

it made or $10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership; or

(D) A corporation or other entity not provided for in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this paragraph shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, for qualified contributions in an amount not to exceed the actual amount of qualified contributions made or ~~75~~ 50 percent of such corporation's or other entity's income tax liability, whichever is less.

(3) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the ability of a local law enforcement unit to receive gifts, grants, and other benefits from any source allowed by law; provided, however, that no local law enforcement unit shall, under this Code section, accept or receive more than $3 million in contributions in any calendar year.

(c) The commissioner shall establish a page on the department's public website for the purpose of implementing this Code section. Such page shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) The application and requirements to be certified as a qualified law enforcement foundation;

(2) The current list of all qualified law enforcement foundations and their affiliate law enforcement units;

(3) The total amount of tax credits remaining and available for preapproval for each year;

(4) A web based method for taxpayers seeking the preapproval status for contributions; and

(5) The information received by the department from each qualified law enforcement foundation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (g) except for division (g)(1)(B)(iv) of this Code section.

(d) Any valid law enforcement foundation as a qualified law enforcement foundation shall be certified by the commissioner following the commissioner's receipt of a properly completed application and after the commissioner has confirmed that a ~~single~~ local law enforcement unit has validly designated the applicant as its ~~sole~~ law enforcement foundation; provided, however, that such designation shall not be required for an applicant that provides support to law enforcement state wide. Such application shall be prescribed by the commissioner and shall include an agreement by the applicant to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(e)(1) Prior to making a contribution to any qualified law enforcement foundation, the taxpayer shall request preapproval by electronically ~~notify~~ notifying the department, in a manner specified by the commissioner, of the total amount of contribution that such taxpayer intends to make to such qualified law enforcement foundation.

(2) Within 30 days after receiving a request for preapproval of contributions, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer and the qualified law enforcement foundation of such preapproval, denial, or proration. Such notices shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. The preapproval

of contributions by the commissioner shall be based ~~solely~~ on the availability of tax credits subject to the limits established under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Within 60 days after receiving the preapproval notice issued by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the taxpayer shall contribute the preapproved amount to the qualified law enforcement foundation or such preapproved contribution amount shall expire. The commissioner shall not include such expired amounts in determining the remaining ~~amount~~ amounts available under the ~~aggregate limit~~ limits provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section for the respective calendar year.

(f)(1) Each qualified law enforcement foundation shall issue to each contributor making a contribution pursuant to this Code section a letter of confirmation of contribution, which shall include the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, the amount of the qualified contribution, the date of the qualified contribution, and the total amount of the credit allowed to the taxpayer.

(2) In order for a taxpayer to claim the tax credit allowed under this Code section, all such applicable letters as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be attached to the taxpayer's tax return. When the taxpayer files an electronic return such confirmation shall only be required to be electronically attached to the return if the Internal Revenue Service allows such attachments to be affixed and transmitted to the department. In any such event, the taxpayer shall maintain such confirmation and such confirmation shall only be made available to the commissioner upon request.

(3) The commissioner shall allow tax credits for any preapproved contributions made to a ~~local~~ qualified law enforcement foundation at the time the contributions were made if such foundation was a qualified law enforcement foundation at the time of the commissioner's preapproval of the contributions and the taxpayer has otherwise complied with this Code section.

(4)(A) For the period beginning on July 1 and ending on December 31 of each year, to the extent that the aggregate amount of tax credits authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section has not been reached, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate additional requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer and the qualified law enforcement foundation of such preapproval, denial, or proration.

(B) A taxpayer that is preapproved for the tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section during the period provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall only be allowed such credit in an amount that shall not exceed 95 percent of the amount otherwise allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(g)(1) Each qualified law enforcement foundation shall annually submit to the department:

(A) A complete copy of its IRS Form 990 and other applicable attachments, or for any qualified law enforcement foundation that is not required by federal law to file an IRS Form 990, ~~such foundation shall submit to the commissioner~~ equivalent information on a form prescribed by the commissioner; and

(B) A report detailing the contributions received during the calendar year pursuant to this Code section on a date determined by, and on a form provided by, the commissioner which shall include:

(i) The total number and dollar value of individual contributions and tax credits approved. Individual contributions shall include contributions made by those filing income tax returns as a single individual or head of household and those filing joint returns;

(ii) The total number and dollar value of corporate contributions and tax credits approved;

(iii) The total number and dollar value of all qualified expenditures made; and

(iv) A list of contributors, including the dollar value of each contribution and the dollar value of each approved tax credit.

(2) Except for the information published in accordance with paragraph (c) or (h) of this Code section, all information or reports relative to this Code section that were provided by qualified law enforcement foundations to the department shall be confidential taxpayer information, governed by Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, whether such information relates to the contributor or the qualified law enforcement foundation.

(h) Each qualified law enforcement foundation shall publish on its public website a copy of its affiliated local law enforcement unit's prior year's annual budget containing the total amount of funds received from its local governing body. If a qualified law enforcement foundation does not maintain a public website, such information shall be otherwise made available by the qualified law enforcement foundation to the public upon request.

(i)(1) A taxpayer shall not be allowed to designate or direct the taxpayer's qualified contributions to a qualified law enforcement foundation pursuant to this Code section to any particular purpose or for the direct benefit of any particular individual.

(2) A taxpayer that operates, owns, is affiliated with, or is a subsidiary of an association, organization, or other entity that contracts directly with a qualified law enforcement foundation or ~~the~~ any local law enforcement unit that is affiliated with a qualified law enforcement foundation shall not be eligible for tax credits allowed under this Code section for contributions made to such qualified law enforcement foundation.

(3) In soliciting contributions, no person shall represent or direct that, in exchange for making qualified contributions to any qualified law enforcement foundation, a taxpayer shall receive any direct or particular benefit. The status as a qualified law enforcement foundation shall be revoked for any law enforcement foundation determined to be in violation of this paragraph and shall not be renewed for at least two years.

(j)(1) Qualified contributions shall only be used for qualified expenditures. Each qualified law enforcement foundation shall maintain accurate and current records of all expenditures of qualified contributions and provide such records to the commissioner upon his or her request.

(2) A qualified law enforcement foundation that fails to comply with any of the requirements under this Code section shall be given written notice by the department

of such failure to comply by certified mail and shall have 90 days from the receipt of such notice to correct all deficiencies.

(3) Upon failure of a qualified law enforcement foundation to correct all deficiencies within 90 days pursuant to the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the department shall revoke the law enforcement foundation's status as a qualified law enforcement foundation and such entity shall be immediately removed from the department's list of qualified law enforcement foundations. All applications for preapproval of tax credits for contributions to such law enforcement foundation under this Code section made on or after the date of such removal shall be rejected.

(4) Each law enforcement foundation that has had its status revoked and has been delisted pursuant to this Code section~~,~~ shall immediately cease all expenditures of funds received relative to this Code section~~,~~ and shall transfer all of such funds that are not yet expended~~,~~ to a properly operating qualified law enforcement foundation within 30 calendar days of its removal from the department's list of qualified law enforcement foundations.

(k)(1) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section to a taxpayer for any amount of qualified contributions that were utilized as deductions or exemptions from taxable income.

(2) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. ~~Any~~ No unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against ~~the~~ succeeding ~~three~~ years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(l) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

(b) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 4.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Prince of the 132nd was excused from voting on HB 266.

Representative Sainz of the 180th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 266.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	E Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 268. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Efstration of the 104th, Gaines of the 120th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to create an Office of Safe Schools within the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to provide technical assistance for local school systems to develop policies and procedures for their threat management teams; to develop a state-wide behavioral threat management operational process; to provide for

definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terroristic threats and acts and penalties, so as to provide for the offense of threatening the death of or serious injury to individuals who are or likely to be at school; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to inspection of public records, so as to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15, Chapter 2 of Title 20, and Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code, elementary and secondary education, and emergency management, respectively, so as to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of students and school communities; to require public schools to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency; to provide for the implementation of additional strategies or systems; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a short title; to require public schools to procure school mapping data; to provide for requirements of such school mapping data; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for immunity from civil liability; to provide for the transfer of student records and other information among schools, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies with legal interests in students; to repeal references to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as legal custodian of school age children and to make conforming changes; to require memoranda of understanding between certain state agencies and local units of administration to include provisions relevant to the disclosure of student information; to provide for the release of student information from certain state agencies to local units of administration; to provide for reimbursement grants to local school systems that hire qualified student advocacy specialists; to provide for minimum qualification and essential duties of such qualified student advocacy specialists; to authorize RESAs to participate in dispute resolution procedures; to provide for the designation of RESA student affairs officers; to provide for the Department of Education's chief privacy officer to promulgate a guidance document relevant to sharing student records and other information; to provide for the release of student education records by local boards of education and local education agencies; to provide for certain student education records to be deemed critical records; to provide for the transfer of student education records, including critical records, to receiving schools; to provide for required disclosures; to provide for provisional enrollment at receiving schools; to provide for the transfer of students seeking enrollment in any grade higher than

third grade; to provide for case management consultations; to provide for policies and implementation; to require positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention programs and initiatives for certain low-performing elementary and secondary and middle schools; to provide for school administrators to disclose certain information regarding students with the students' assigned classroom teachers; to provide for such information to remain confidential; to provide for reports of law enforcement official encounters with school age youth; to prohibit policies which deny or effectively prevent parents and legal custodians from reviewing certain education records; to provide for statutory construction regarding the disclosure of certain education records; to provide for local boards of education to petition courts to require parents to authorize the release of a transferring student's education records; to provide for evidence based suicide awareness and training programs and a state-wide anonymous reporting program; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for mandatory assessments when certain students withdraw from or stop attending school; to update the "Parents' Bill of Rights"; to require written agreements for law enforcement officers in schools to include specific terms and conditions relevant to the handling and disclosure of student information; to require the Department of Education to publish model terms and conditions; to revise provisions for school safety plans; to require public school safety plans to address the behavioral health needs of students; to provide for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish an emergency alert response system and a secure state-wide alert system; to provide for an emergency alert response system; to revise a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon; to provide for additional offenses over which superior courts are authorized to exercise exclusive original jurisdiction for the trials of children 13 to 17 years of age to include the offenses of certain terroristic acts involving public and private schools and attempt or criminal conspiracy to commit certain offenses; to repeal a provision that limited superior courts from exercising exclusive original jurisdiction over the trials of children 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed aggravated assault only in certain cases involving the use of a firearm upon a public safety officer; to provide for which such cases shall be subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602 upon transfer to a juvenile court; to make conforming changes by including such additional offenses in the list of offenses for which juvenile and superior courts shall consider certain criteria when determining whether to transfer cases; to establish the elements of a particular offense of disrupting or interfering with the operation of a public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop; to provide for progressive discipline; to provide for the criminal offenses of terroristic threat of a school and terroristic act upon a school; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Article 11, relating to public school property and facilities, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.
This part shall be known and may be cited as 'Ricky and Alyssa's Law.'

20-2-591.
(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall implement a mobile panic alert system capable of:
(1) Connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies. Such system shall be known as 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with the technology used in each local public safety answering point, including, but not limited to, Next Generation 9-1-1, as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-181, to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations; and
(2) Integrating with the school mapping data required in Code Section 38-3-154.
(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, each local school system may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.
(c) No local school system shall be required to procure or implement new or additional capabilities if, as of July 1, 2026, such local school system has a functioning mobile panic alert system in place with capabilities that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 1-2.
Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, is amended in Article 10, relating to state-wide first responder building mapping information system, by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, to read as follows:
"(4) 'School mapping data' means building information, floor plans, and aerial imagery of any public or private school."

SECTION 1-3.
Said chapter is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-154.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall procure school mapping data which shall:

(1) Be in formats that conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that respond to emergencies at schools and that do not require such agencies to purchase additional software or provide payment in order to view or access such data;

(2) Be in formats capable of being printed, shared electronically, and, if requested, digitally integrated into interactive mobile platforms;

(3) Be verified for accuracy by July 1 each year by the entity producing such school mapping data by means of an in-person inspection of each school;

(4) Identify and label access points of each building interior, including, but not limited to, rooms, doors, stairwells, and hallways, each of which shall include any identifiers or names utilized by staff and students;

(5) Identify and label locations of critical utilities, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits or other emergency response aids; and

(6) Identify and label areas at or near each school, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, outbuildings, and neighboring properties.

(b) Any future updates to school mapping data provided for in this Code section shall conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to each school.

(c) The agency shall be authorized to develop rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data, including, but not limited to, standards for the use of school mapping data, encryption of such data, and transmission of such data over secure methods to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other authorized emergency first responders.

(d) Local school systems shall collaborate with and receive concurrence from its primary local law enforcement agency prior to procuring school mapping data to ensure such school mapping data meets the requirements of this Code section.

(e) Information provided to the agency under this Code section shall be exempt from public disclosure to the extent provided in Code Section 50-18-72.

(f)(1) Local boards of education, local school systems, public schools, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data.

(2) Employees of local boards of education, local school systems, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data unless it is shown that such employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-133, relating to free public instruction, exceptions, eligibility, and procedure and requirements when child in custody of or in a placement or facility of a state agency, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) Any child, except as otherwise specifically provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, who is:

(i) In the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services;

(ii) In a placement operated by the Department of Human Services ~~or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~;

(iii) In a facility or placement paid for by the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, ~~or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services; or

(iv) Placed in a psychiatric residential treatment facility by his or her parent or legal guardian pursuant to a physician's order, if such child is not a home study, private school, or out-of-state student

and who is physically present within the geographical area served by a local unit of administration for any length of time is eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of that local unit of administration; provided, however, that the child meets the age eligibility requirements established by this article. Except for children who are committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and receiving education services under Code Section 20-2-2084.1, the local unit of administration of the school district in which such child is present shall be responsible for the provision of all educational programs, including special education and related services, at no charge so long as the child is physically present in the school district.

(B) A child shall be considered in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services or any of its divisions, including, but not limited to, the Division of Family and Children Services, if custody has been awarded either temporarily or permanently by court order or by voluntary agreement, or if the child has been admitted or placed according to an individualized treatment or service plan of the Department of Human Services or the Division of Family and Children Services. ~~A child shall be considered in a facility or placement paid for or operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities if the child has been admitted or placed according to an individualized treatment or service plan of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or its contractors.~~

(C) A facility providing educational services onsite to a child described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph who is unable to leave such facility shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local unit of administration in which the facility is located. Such memorandum of understanding shall include, at a minimum, provisions regarding enrollment counting procedures, allocation of

funding based on actual days of enrollment in the facility, ~~and~~ the party responsible for employing teachers, and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the disclosure of the child's education records. A memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed and renewed at least every two years; provided, however, that, if any memorandum of understanding in place on July 1, 2025, does not include such provisions regarding the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the disclosure of the child's education records, such memorandum of understanding shall be reviewed and updated by no later than October 1, 2025.

(D) No child in a secure residential facility as defined in Code Section 15-11-2, regardless of his or her custody status, shall be eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of the local unit of administration of the school district in which such facility is located. No child or youth in the custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice and confined in a facility as a result of a sentence imposed by a court shall be eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of the local unit of administration of the school district where such child or youth is being held; provided, however, that such child or youth may be eligible for enrollment in a state charter school pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2084.1.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, placement in a facility by another local unit of administration shall not create an obligation, financial or otherwise, on the part of the local unit of administration in which the facility is located to educate the child.

(3) For any child described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the custodian of or placing agency for the child shall notify the appropriate local unit of administration at least five days in advance of the move, when possible, when the child is to be moved from one local unit of administration to another.

(4) When the custodian of or placing agency for any child notifies a local unit of administration, as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, that the child may become eligible for enrollment in the educational programs of a local unit of administration, such local unit of administration shall request the transfer of the ~~educational~~ education records and Individualized Education Programs and all education related evaluations, assessments, social histories, and observations of the child from the appropriate local unit of administration no later than ~~ten~~ five school business days after receiving notification. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the custodian of the records has the obligation to transfer ~~these~~ such records and the local unit of administration has the right to receive, review, and utilize ~~these~~ such records. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, upon the request of a local unit of administration responsible for providing educational services to a child described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services shall furnish to the local unit of administration all medical and ~~educational~~ education records in the possession of the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ the Department of Human Services, or the

Division of Family and Children Services pertaining to any such child~~, except where consent of a parent or legal guardian is required in order to authorize the release of any of such records, in which event the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or the Department of Human Services shall obtain such consent from the parent or guardian prior to such release~~. Such records shall include, but shall not be limited to, any record that such student:

(A) Has ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(B) Is currently serving a short-term suspension, a long-term suspension, or an expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of such discipline;

(C) Is currently the subject of a notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754; or

(D) Is currently or has ever been the subject of a:

(i) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(ii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iii) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(iv) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184.

(5) In the event that the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Family and Children Services contends that any record provided for in paragraph (4) of this subsection cannot be released without consent of a parent or legal guardian, such agency shall:

(A) Within five school business days after receiving a request for records under this subsection:

(i) Release all records not subject to such restriction;

(ii) Provide in writing to the local unit of administration and the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which such local unit of administration is located a list that identifies each record that such agency contends is subject to such restriction and the legal basis for such restriction; and

(iii) Initiate both verbal and written contact with the parent or legal guardian to obtain consent which the agency contends is required; and

(B) Upon receipt of the consent provided for in division (5)(A)(iii) of this subsection, immediately release the subject record to the local unit of administration.

(6)(A) In the event that an agency contends that releasing, in whole or in part, a student's records as required by this Code section would be unlawful, such agency shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the local unit of administration is located.

(B) In the event that a local unit of administration contends that a student's records, in whole or in part, have been unlawfully or unduly withheld from release by a sending school, such local unit of administration shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the local unit of administration is located.

(C)(i) Upon receipt of a notice of dispute from an agency as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or from a local unit of administration as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the RESA student affairs officer shall be authorized to work in coordination with any sending school, any receiving school, any other requestor, and the parent or legal custodian of the student whose records are the subject of such notice to resolve any dispute by providing technical assistance and guidance as to the respective rights and responsibilities of each of the parties to the dispute.

(ii) To the extent that such efforts to resolve the dispute are not successful, the RESA student affairs officer shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to any party to such dispute which the RESA student affairs officer reasonably contends is noncompliant with the requirements of this paragraph. Such written notice of noncompliance shall include a recommended corrective action to resolve noncompliance. The RESA student affairs officer shall report such noncompliance to the director of the RESA.

(iii) Upon being notified of a noncompliance as provided for in division (ii) of this subparagraph, the RESA director shall be authorized to attempt to resolve the dispute and to report noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(D) For the limited purposes provided for in this subsection, RESA student affairs officers and RESA directors shall be authorized to review the education records that are the subject of a notice of dispute provided for in this subsection.

~~(5)~~(7) Any local unit of administration which serves a child pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive in the form of annual grants in state funding for that child the difference between the actual state funds received for that child pursuant to Code Section 20-2-161 and the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in educating that child, calculated pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of Education. Each local board of education shall be held harmless by the state from expending local funds for educating students pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that this shall only apply to students who are unable to leave the facility in which they have been placed.

~~(6)~~(8) Enrollment of an eligible child pursuant to this Code section shall be effectuated in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

~~(7)~~(9) For purposes of the accountability program provided for in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of this title, all facilities serving children described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be, consistent with department rules and regulations, treated as a single local education agency; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed to alleviate any responsibilities of the local unit of

administration of the school district in which any such children are physically present for the provision of education for any such children.

~~(8)~~(10) The Department of Education, the State Charter Schools Commission, the Department of Human Services, the Division of Family and Children Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities,~~ and the local units of administration where Department of Education, State Charter Schools Commission, Department of Juvenile Justice, ~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or~~ Department of Human Services, or Division of Family and Children Services placements, facilities, or contract facilities are located shall jointly develop procedures binding on all agencies implementing the provisions of this Code section applicable to children and youth in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, under the care or physical or legal custody of the Department of Human Services or the Division of Family and Children Services~~, or under the physical custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 5 of Article 6, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-192.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'qualified student advocacy specialist' means an individual employed by a local school system whose beginning salary and benefits are eligible for reimbursement grants under this Code section.

(b) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education shall provide grants to local school systems for the purpose of reimbursing local school systems for expenditures sufficient to pay the beginning salaries and benefits of qualified student advocacy specialists employed by such local school systems.

(c) Under such grant program, local school systems shall be eligible for reimbursement for an amount equal to the beginning salary and benefits of:

(1) One qualified student advocacy specialist for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of fewer than 18,000 students;

(2) Two qualified student advocacy specialists for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of 18,000 to 36,000 students; or

(3) Three qualified student advocacy specialists for local school systems with a full-time equivalent enrollment of more than 36,000 students.

(d) By December 31, 2025, the State Board of Education shall establish policies, rules, and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Code section, including, but not limited to, the process by which local school systems shall request and receive such grant funds. Such policies, rules, and regulations shall condition the receipt of such grant funds on the local school system's compliance with all applicable provisions of Code Section 20-2-1185.

(e) By December 31, 2025, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall establish the essential duties and minimum qualifications for qualified student advocacy specialists hired by local school systems. Such minimum qualifications shall be established so as to maximize opportunities for local school systems to hire qualified student advocacy specialists capable of performing such essential duties, which shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Coordinating the efforts of the local school system to identify and facilitate appropriate interventions for students with or at risk for mental health concerns, including, but not limited to, telehealth services;

(2) Coordinating, documenting, evaluating, and reporting the outcomes of Tier 1 and Tier 2 behavioral health training programs and materials of the local school system, including, but not limited to, such training programs and materials as provided for in Code Section 20-2-779.1; and

(3) Attending information and training meetings relating to school safety and student behavioral health provided or facilitated by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to the Department of Juvenile Justice or its school system.

(g) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit local school systems from hiring or contracting with student advocacy specialists using other funds available for such purpose."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-270, relating to establishment of a state-wide network, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall establish a state-wide network of regional educational service agencies for the purposes of: providing shared services designed to improve the effectiveness of educational programs and services to local school systems and state charter schools; providing instructional programs directly to selected public school students in the state; providing dispute resolution services relating to sharing student education records; providing services pursuant to Code Section 20-2-785; and providing Georgia Learning Resources System services.

(2) The regional educational service agencies established by the state board may legally be referred to as 'RESA' or ~~'RESA's~~ 'RESAs'."

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended in Part 11 of Article 6, relating to regional educational service agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-270.2.

(a) Each regional educational service agency shall be authorized to provide dispute resolution services to local education agencies, local units of administration, and public

and private schools located within the service area of such regional educational service agency and to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(b) Each regional educational service area director shall designate one staff member as RESA student affairs officer.

(c) The chief privacy officer designated by the State School Superintendent pursuant to Code Section 20-2-663 shall provide technical assistance and guidance to support RESA student affairs officers and directors in complying with the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 2-5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-662, relating to definitions relative to student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency, by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(6.1) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(6.2) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice school system."

"(8.1) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian."

SECTION 2-6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-663, relating to designation and role of chief privacy officer, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c)(1) In consultation with the Attorney General's office, the chief privacy officer shall promulgate for all regional educational service agencies, all local education agencies, all elementary and secondary schools in this state, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) school system, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) a guidance document that shall address, but shall not be limited to, the following topics:

(A) The current state and federal laws applicable to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools in this state, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA intended to protect the privacy of student education records, student health records, student data, and the personally identifiable information of students and their families;

(B) The application of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to local education agencies and elementary and secondary schools in this state, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA, including what information is and is not covered under FERPA;

(C) What student education records and student health records can be shared with other educators, other schools, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA;

(D) What information about a student a local education agency, an elementary or secondary school, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, and DoDEA is permitted or required to share with a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency or officer with a legal interest in such student; and

(E) What information about a student a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency with a legal interest in such student is permitted or required to share with a local education agency, an elementary or secondary school, DJJ, DHS, DFCS, or DoDEA.

(2)(A) The guidance document required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be issued by December 31, 2025, and shall be reviewed and updated by July 1 each year and at any other time as necessary to ensure the information included in such guidance document is accurate.

(B) Each time the guidance document required by paragraph (1) of this subsection is issued or updated, it shall be posted on the department's public website along with responses to common or frequently asked questions relevant to the topics included in such guidance document.

(3) The chief privacy officer shall consult with experts and authorities as appropriate to meet the requirements of this subsection."

SECTION 2-7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-667, relating to parental and student review of education records and model policies, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each local board of education shall immediately provide an electronic copy of a student's complete education record to any parent, legal custodian, or another person or entity legally authorized to receive such records upon request and under no circumstances later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request.

(2) In the event that any portion of such student's education record is not maintained in electronic format, the local board of education shall provide an electronic copy of all of the student's education records available in electronic format in compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of the request for such records, notify the requestor when copies of the remainder of such student's education records will be ready for retrieval. ~~Local boards of education shall provide a parent or guardian with an electronic copy of his or her child's education record upon request, unless the local board of education does not maintain a record in electronic format and reproducing the record in an electronic format would be unduly burdensome.~~"

SECTION 2-8.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 20-2-670, relating to requirements for transferring students beyond sixth grade, conditional admission, and compliance, in its entirety and enacting a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-670.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical records' means the following education records of a student, which shall be current and complete for a period of at least the most recent 12 months of such student's enrollment or the entirety of such student's enrollment if less than 12 months:

(A) Academic transcript;

(B) Attendance records;

(C) Student discipline records, including, but not limited to, all records of any:

(i) Disciplinary order of short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or expulsion made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-751.2;

(ii) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(iii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iv) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(v) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184;

(D) Records of the student having ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(E) An Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or a plan under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, if any; and

(F) Psychological evaluations, if any.

(2) 'Education records' means any record that is maintained by a local education agency, a public or private elementary or secondary school, the Department of Juvenile Justice school system, or a party acting on behalf of such entity and is directly related to a student. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, records of such student's enrollment, attendance, class schedules, academic transcripts, grades, student discipline, student financial information, health records, special education records, and psychological evaluations. Such term shall include the student's critical records.

(3) 'Governing body' means the local board of education, governing council, governing board, Board of Juvenile Justice, or other entity by whatever name responsible for creating and implementing the budget of a local education agency or a public or private school.

(4) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of

Juvenile Justice, the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Family and Children Services.

(5) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as provided in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice school system.

(6) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(7) 'Permanent enrollment' means enrollment of student in a school that is not provisional enrollment.

(8) 'Provisional enrollment' means the conditional and nonpermanent enrollment of student in a school for a specified period of time.

(9) 'Receiving school' means a local education agency or public or private school in which a transferring student, either on his or her own behalf or by and through his or her parent or legal custodian, has enrolled or seeks or intends to enroll.

(10) 'Requestor' means a student, the parent or legal custodian of such student, or a receiving school or another person or entity legally authorized to receive the education records of such student.

(11) 'RESA' means a regional educational service agency as provided for in Code Section 20-2-270.

(12) 'RESA student affairs officer' means the RESA employee designated by the RESA executive director to receive and attempt to resolve notices of disputes brought pursuant to this Code section.

(13) 'Sending school' means a local education agency or a public or private school which maintains education records of a particular student and is responsible for releasing such records to a requestor.

(14) 'Student' means an individual who is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school or home study program in this state, or who is subject to the compulsory attendance requirements of Code Section 20-2-690.1.

(15) 'Transferring student' means a student who, either on his or her own behalf or by and through his or her parent or legal custodian, has enrolled in or is seeking or intends to enroll in a receiving school.

(b) The parent or legal custodian of a student seeking permanent enrollment in a grade higher than the third grade in any receiving school in this state shall as a prerequisite to such permanent enrollment execute a document:

(1) Disclosing to the receiving school whether the student:

(A) Has ever been adjudicated delinquent of the commission of a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2 and, if so, the date of such adjudication, the offense committed, the jurisdiction in which such adjudication was made, and the sentence imposed;

(B) Is currently serving a short-term suspension, a long-term suspension, or an expulsion from another school, the reason for such discipline, and the term of such discipline;

(C) Is currently the subject of a notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754; or

(D) Is currently or has ever been the subject of any:

(i) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(ii) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(iii) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(iv) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184; and

(2) Either:

(A) Present a certified copy of such student's critical records from each sending school he or she attended during the previous 24 months; or

(B) Receive written confirmation from such receiving school that it as received such student's critical records.

(c)(1) A student may be provisionally enrolled in a receiving school for not more than ten school days on a conditional basis; provided, however, that such provisional enrollment shall not commence until the next school day after such student's parent or legal custodian executes a document:

(A) Disclosing the information required in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(B) Providing the name and address of each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months and authorizing the immediate release of such student's critical records to the receiving school.

(2) If the receiving school does not receive such student's critical records from each sending school such student attended during the previous 24 months, the receiving school shall be authorized to temporarily assign such student to remote learning until such critical records are received or the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section is completed.

(3) If a student provisionally enrolled in a receiving school is found to be ineligible for enrollment pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 20-2-751.2, or is subsequently found to be so ineligible, he or she shall be dismissed from enrollment in such receiving school until such time as he or she becomes so eligible.

(d) Any document provided by a receiving school to a student or such student's parent or legal custodian to request permanent enrollment or provisional enrollment in such receiving school or to authorize the release of education records to such receiving school shall include:

(1) A list of class A designated felony acts or class B designated felony acts;

(2) A list of the prohibited acts identified in Code Section 20-2-1184; and

(3) A description of each of the following:

(A) Notice of a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Code Section 20-2-754;

(B) Notice of a report of criminal action made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-756;

(C) Notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(D) Disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; and

(E) Report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184.

(e) Each time a transferring student's education records, including, but not limited to critical records, are transferred to a receiving school, such student's parent or legal custodian shall be notified in writing by the receiving school of the transfer of such records and shall, upon written request made within five school business days of the date of such notice, be entitled to receive a copy of such records from the receiving school. Within five school business days of the receipt of a copy of such records, such student's parent or legal custodian may make a written request for and shall be entitled to a meeting with the principal of the sending school or of the receiving school or his or her designee for the purpose of correcting the content of such records as provided in Code Section 20-2-667. The parties may mutually agree for such meeting to occur at a date and time outside of such five-day period.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each sending school in this state shall immediately release a student's complete education record to any parent, legal custodian, receiving school, or another person or entity legally authorized to receive such records upon request by such requestor and under no circumstances later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request.

(2) In the event that any portion of such student's education record is not maintained in electronic format, the sending school shall transfer all of the student's education records available in electronic format in compliance with paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third business day following the date of such request, notify the requestor when copies of the remainder of such student's education records will be ready for retrieval.

(g)(1) In the event that:

(A) A sending school contends that releasing, in whole or in part, a student's education records as required by this Code section would be unlawful or unduly burdensome; or

(B) A requestor contends that a student's education records, in whole or in part, have been unlawfully or unduly withheld from release by a sending school,

the requestor shall promptly provide a written notice of dispute to the RESA student affairs officer of the RESA in which the sending school is located.

(2)(A) Upon receipt of a notice as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the RESA student affairs officer shall be authorized to work in coordination with any sending school, any receiving school, any other requestor, and the parent or legal custodian of the student whose education records are the subject of such notice to resolve any dispute by providing technical assistance and guidance as to the respective rights and responsibilities of each of the parties to the dispute.

(B) To the extent that such efforts to resolve the dispute are not successful, the RESA student affairs officer shall provide a written notice of noncompliance to any party to such dispute which the RESA student affairs officer reasonably contends is

noncompliant with the requirements of this Code section report. Such written notice of noncompliance shall include a recommended corrective action to resolve noncompliance. The RESA student affairs officer shall report such noncompliance to the director of the RESA.

(C) Upon being notified of a noncompliance as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the RESA director shall be authorized to attempt to resolve the dispute and to report noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(3) For the limited purposes provided for in this subsection, RESA student affairs officers and RESA executive directors shall be authorized to review the education records that are the subject of a notice of dispute provided for in this subsection.

(4) In the event that it becomes evident to a RESA student affairs officer or a RESA director that neither a sending school nor a receiving school involved in a dispute is a local education agency or a public elementary or secondary school, the RESA student affairs officer and the RESA director shall take no further action regarding the dispute other than to notify the parties to the dispute that the regional educational service agency is not authorized to take further action on the matter and to refer the parties to the Department of Education's chief privacy officer.

(h) Whenever a receiving school does not timely receive complete information relative to a transferring student from a sending school as required in subsection (f) of this Code section, such receiving school shall be authorized to condition such transferring student's continued provisional enrollment upon completion of the case management consultation provided for in subsection (i) of this Code section.

(i) Each case management consultation shall be conducted by a school social worker, school counselor, or a designated school administrator of the receiving school and shall involve the transferring student and such student's parent or legal custodian. The purposes of the case management consultation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Determining whether any services are necessary for such student, including, but not limited to, referrals for special education or behavioral health services; and

(2) Facilitating the continuation of services such student was receiving at his or her previous school or schools, if any.

(j) The State Board of Education shall adopt policies and procedures for implementing the provisions of this Code section.

(k) The Department of Education shall collaborate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and provide technical assistance to schools and local school systems to support implementation of the provisions of this Code section.

(l) In lieu of his or her parent, a transferring student who is not in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and who is 18 years of age or older or who has been emancipated by operation of law or by court order pursuant to Code Section 15-11-727 or as otherwise provided by law shall be authorized to comply on his or her own behalf with the requirements of this Code section otherwise applicable to such student's parent or legal custodian.

(m) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Code section, any transferring student in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Human Services, through its Division of Family and Children Services, shall be immediately admitted to a receiving school, even if records required for enrollment cannot be produced, in order to ensure educational stability and continuity. All records shall be transferred to the receiving school administrator within ten school business days by the local school superintendent or his or her designee, as applicable, of the school such transferring student last attended."

SECTION 2-9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-671, relating to transfer students who have committed felony acts and disclosure of act, as follows:

"20-2-671.

(a) If any school administrator determines from the information obtained pursuant to Code Section 15-11-602 or 20-2-670 or from any other source that a student ~~has~~:

(1) Has committed a class A designated felony act or class B designated felony act, as defined in Code Section 15-11-2~~,~~;

(2) Is the subject of a notice of chronic disciplinary problem made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765;

(3) Has a current disciplinary and behavioral correction plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-766; or

(4) Is the subject of a report of the commission of a prohibited act made pursuant to Code Section 20-2-1184,

such administrator shall so inform all teachers to whom the student is assigned that they may review the information in the student's file provided pursuant to ~~subsection (b) of~~ Code Section 20-2-670 received from other schools or from the juvenile courts.

(b) Such information shall be kept confidential."

SECTION 2-10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-700, relating to reports by peace officers to school authorities and parent or guardian, as follows:

"20-2-700.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Incidental to' means occurring in the course of or directly associated with standards or customary operations of a law enforcement officer's employer.

(2) 'Law enforcement officer' means any duly constituted agent or officer of the State of Georgia or of any county, municipality, political subdivision, or local school system thereof who, as a full-time or part-time employee, is vested either expressly by law or by virtue of public employment or service with authority to enforce the criminal or traffic laws of this state with the power of arrest and whose duties include the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, or the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; any member of the Georgia State Patrol or Georgia

Bureau of Investigation; campus policemen and school security personnel provided for in Chapter 8 of this title; any person employed by the Department of Natural Resources as a law enforcement officer; any arson investigator of the state fire marshal's office; employees designated by the commissioner of community supervision who have the duty to supervise children adjudicated for a Class A designated felony act or Class B designated felony act after release from restrictive custody, as such terms are defined in Code Section 15-11-2; and employees designated by the commissioner of juvenile justice pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (i) of Code Section 49-4A-8 who have the duty to investigate and apprehend delinquent children, or the supervision of delinquent children under intensive supervision in the community, and any child with a pending juvenile court case alleging the child to be a child in need of services who has escaped from a facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Justice or who has broken the conditions of supervision.

(3) 'Official encounter' means an interaction of a law enforcement officer with a school age youth in such law enforcement officer's official capacity for the purpose of enforcing the criminal laws of this state or preventing, detecting, or investigating a crime, provided that such interaction is directly related to a credible report or other credible information that such school age youth has threatened the death of, or serious injury to, one or more individuals who are or will likely be at or within a school.

(4) 'School age youth' means an individual who is between his or her sixth and sixteenth birthdays or who a law enforcement officer knows or reasonably believes is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school in this state. Such term shall not include an individual who has successfully completed all the requirements for a high school diploma or a state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma. (5) 'School official' means a local school superintendent or his or her designee or a school principal or other school administrator.

(b) Any person taking action with respect to a child pursuant to Code Section 20-2-699 shall report ~~the matter and the disposition made by him of the child to the school authorities of the county, independent or area school system~~ such action to a school official of the public or private school in which such child is currently enrolled or would be enrolled by virtue of his or her primary residence, and to the child's parent or guardian.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, within five days of an official encounter with a school age youth in this state, the employer of each law enforcement officer present for such official encounter shall provide a written report of such official encounter to a school official of the public or private school in which such school age youth is currently enrolled or would be enrolled by virtue of his or her primary residence and to his or her parent or guardian.

(2) A written report of an official encounter provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be required:

(A) When the interaction between the law enforcement officer and the school age youth is not incidental to the conduct of a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity to enforce the criminal laws of this state or to prevent, detect, or investigate a crime; or

(B) With respect to a school age youth whose presence during or participation in such official encounter is due exclusively to such school age youth being a witness or potential witness in a criminal investigation; provided, however, that the exception provided for in this subparagraph shall not apply if he or she is also a subject of such criminal investigation or is a suspect or person of interest in such criminal investigation.

(d) This Code section shall not apply to school age youth in the physical custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice within a secure facility; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to school age youth who are in the physical or legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice in a nonsecure residential placement or other nonsecure intensive supervision program."

SECTION 2-11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-720, relating to inspection of students' records by parents, as follows:

"20-2-720.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Education record' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 20-2-662.

(2) 'Legal custodian' means an entity or individual other than a parent with legal authority to act on behalf of a student. Such term shall include the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(3) 'Local board of education' means the governing body of each local education agency as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-167.1. Such term shall include the school system of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) 'Parent' means an individual other than a legal custodian who has legal authority to act on behalf of a student as a natural or adoptive parent or a legal guardian.

(b) No local board of education ~~No local school system, whether county, independent, or area,~~ shall have a policy of denying, or which effectively prevents, the parents or legal custodians of students who are in attendance at or who have been enrolled in any facility within such system the right to inspect and review the education records of their child as provided in Code Section 20-2-667.

(c) A parent or legal custodian shall be entitled to inspect and review only information relating to his or her own child or ward and if any material or document in a child's or ward's record includes information on another student, such information regarding any other student shall not be made available for inspection or review except to the parents or legal custodian of that student.

(d) Both parents of a child shall be entitled to inspect and review the education records of their child or to be provided information concerning their child's progress. Information concerning a child's education record shall not be withheld from the noncustodial parent unless a court order has specifically removed the right of the noncustodial parent to such

information or unless parental rights have been terminated. ~~For purposes of this Code section, 'education records' shall include attendance reports and records.~~"

SECTION 2-12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-741, relating to positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention, as follows:

"20-2-741.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'High needs school' means a public school which has received a school climate rating of '1-star' or '2-star' pursuant to Code Section 20-14-33.

(2) 'Positive behavioral interventions and supports' or 'PBIS' means an evidence based data-driven framework to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety, and support improved academic outcomes through a ~~multitiered~~ multi-tiered approach, using disciplinary data and principles of behavior analysis to develop school-wide, targeted, and individualized interventions and supports.

(3) 'Response to intervention' or 'RTI' means a framework of identifying and addressing the academic and behavioral needs of students through a tiered system.

(b)(1) Local boards of education are encouraged to implement PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives in their schools, and particularly in high needs schools.

(2) Local boards of education shall implement PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives in each elementary and middle school that is a high needs school. Such implementation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(A) PBIS Tier 1 supports for 100 percent of students and school personnel;

(B) Specific PBIS Tier 2 supports and interventions for students who are at risk for developing more serious unwanted behaviors, such as small group resilience and behavioral health skills lessons approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(C) Each school year, no less than 95 percent of school personnel receive two hours of student behavioral health awareness training approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(c) The State Board of Education is authorized, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, to provide funds to local school systems to support PBIS and RTI programs, initiatives, and personnel.

(d) The State Board of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for PBIS and RTI programs and initiatives which receive funding pursuant to this Code section."

SECTION 2-13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-757, relating to applicability of public inspection and open meeting laws, as follows:

"20-2-757.

(a) All proceedings and hearings conducted under this subpart shall be confidential and shall not be subject to the open meetings requirement of Code Section 50-14-1 or other open meetings laws.

(b) All electronic or other written records of all hearings conducted under this subpart; all statements of charges; all notices of hearings; and all written decisions rendered by a hearing officer, tribunal, the local board of education, or the State Board of Education shall not be subject to public inspection or other disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 or other public disclosure laws; provided, however, ~~the board of education~~ that the state board shall prepare a written summary of any proceeding conducted under this subpart, which summary shall include a description of the incident and the disposition thereof but shall not contain the names of any party to the incident. The summary shall be a public record.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit, restrict, or limit in any manner the disclosure of a student's education records to a receiving school as required by Code Section 20-2-670."

SECTION 2-14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-766.1, relating to proceeding against parents for failure to cooperate in educational programs and penalty, as follows:

"20-2-766.1.

(a) A ~~The~~ local board of education may, by petition to the juvenile court, proceed against a parent or guardian as provided in this Code section.

(b) If the court finds that the parent or guardian has willfully and unreasonably failed to attend a conference requested by a principal pursuant to Code Section 20-2-765 or 20-2-766, the court may order the parent or guardian to attend such a conference, order the parent or guardian to participate in such programs or such treatment as the court deems appropriate to improve the student's behavior, or both.

(c) If the court finds that the parent or guardian has willfully and unreasonably failed to authorize the release of student education records as required pursuant to Code Section 20-2-670, the court may order the parent or guardian to authorize the release of such records.

(d) After notice and opportunity for hearing, the court may impose a fine, not to exceed $500.00, on a parent or guardian who willfully disobeys an order of the court entered under this Code section. The court may use its contempt and other powers specified in Code Section 15-11-31 to enforce any order entered under this Code section."

SECTION 2-15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-779.1, relating to suicide prevention and awareness training and no duty of care imposed, as follows:

"20-2-779.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'evidence based' means a program or practice that:

(1) Demonstrates a statistically significant effect on relevant outcomes based on:

(A) Strong evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;

(B) Moderate evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

(C) Promising evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; or

(2) Demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such program or practice is likely to improve relevant outcomes, and includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such program or practice.

~~(a)(1)~~(b) The State Board ~~The Department~~ of Education shall adopt rules to require that:

(1) All ~~all~~ certificated public school personnel receive annual training in youth violence and suicide awareness and prevention. ~~This~~ Such training shall be provided within the framework of existing in-service training programs offered or facilitated by the Department of Education, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, or as part of required professional development offered by a local school system or public school; and

(2)(A) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, and continuing each school year thereafter, all public schools serving students in any one of grades six through 12 which receive funds in any manner from the state shall provide to students:

(i) At least one hour of evidence based suicide awareness and prevention training each school year; and

(ii) At least one hour of evidence based youth violence prevention training each school year.

(B) Such training may be delivered in person, remotely, or digitally and may be included as part of the health and physical education course of study provided for in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142.

~~(2)~~(c)(1) By January 1, 2026, the ~~The~~ Department of Education shall, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Suicide Prevention Program established pursuant to Code Section 37-1-27, student violence and suicide prevention experts, other youth mental health experts, and elementary and secondary school counselors, social workers, and teachers, develop a list of approved evidence based training programs and materials to fulfill the requirements of this ~~subsection~~ Code section which may include training programs and materials currently being used by a local school system or public school if such training programs and materials meet ~~any~~ the criteria established by the department.

~~(3)~~(2) Approved training programs and materials ~~shall~~:

(A) Shall include ~~training~~ information on how to identify appropriate mental health interventions and services, both within the school and also within the larger community, and when and how to ~~refer~~ facilitate such interventions and services for youth and their families ~~to those services~~; and

~~(4)~~(B) May ~~Approved materials may~~ include programs and materials that can be completed through self-review of suitable student violence and suicide awareness and prevention materials approved by the department upon the recommendation of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(3) Approved training programs and materials for students shall, at a minimum, teach students:

(A) How to recognize the observable signs and signals of depression, suicide, and self-injury in themselves and their peers;

(B) How to recognize the observable warning signs and signals of persons who may be at risk of harming themselves or others;

(C) The importance of seeking help for themselves and their peers and the process for seeking help; and

(D) The steps that can be taken to report dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful behavior.

(4) The Department of Education shall make the list of approved training programs and materials, including no-cost programming, if any, publicly available on its website and shall keep it timely updated by reviewing such list, at a minimum, every 36 months.

~~(5)(A)~~(d)(1) Each local ~~school system~~ board of education or public school governing body shall:

(A) Adopt policies, rules, and regulations ~~adopt a policy~~ on student suicide awareness and prevention. Such policies, rules, and regulations shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts, and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention;

(B) Adopt policies, rules, and regulations for providing relevant and current information to students and their families and to school personnel regarding publicly available resources for the anonymous reporting of a dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity which occurs on, or is threatened to occur on, school property or which relates to a student or school personnel; and

(C) Implement an evidence based youth violence prevention training program to instruct students how to recognize the observable warning signs and signals of someone who may be at risk of harming himself, herself, or others; the importance of taking threats seriously and seeking help; and how to report someone who is at risk, including by using the state-wide anonymous reporting program.

~~(B)~~(2) To assist public schools and local school systems in developing their own policies for student violence and suicide awareness and prevention, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Suicide Prevention Program within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, shall establish a model policy for use by public schools and local school systems in accordance with this Code section.

(e) Each local board of education or public school governing body shall require each public school that sponsors or otherwise permits student organizations or clubs to designate a student-led youth violence prevention club to sustain awareness activities related to suicide prevention and violence prevention. Such student violence prevention club, including existing clubs, shall:

(1) Be open to all members of the student body;

(2) Engage in awareness activities related to youth suicide prevention, youth violence prevention, and social inclusion;

(3) Foster opportunities for student leadership development; and

(4) Have at least one administrator, teacher, or other school personnel serve as a faculty advisor.

(f)(1) By July 1, 2026, each local board of education or public school governing body shall develop and operate, or contract with a provider to develop and operate, and make available an anonymous reporting program.

(2) Such anonymous reporting program shall, at a minimum:

(A) Be accessible by any person to report anonymously a dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity which occurs on, or is threatened to occur on, school property or which relates to a student or school personnel;

(B) Provide support 24 hours per day, seven days per week for anonymous reporting through, at a minimum, a mobile telephone application and a multilingual crisis center, which shall be staffed by individuals with evidence based counseling and crisis intervention training;

(C) Promptly forward reported information to the appropriate school based team;

(D) Support a coordinated response to an identified crisis by schools, local emergency 9-1-1 public safety answering points, and local law enforcement agencies when response by schools and law enforcement is to be reasonably expected;

(E) Require and certify the training of school based teams in each school to receive notice of any report submitted to the state-wide anonymous reporting program concerning the school, a student, or school personnel;

(F) Require and certify the training of local emergency 9-1-1 public safety answering point personnel to receive notice of any report submitted to the state-wide anonymous reporting program that requires response from a local law enforcement agency;

(G) Promote public awareness and education about the state-wide anonymous reporting program and its reporting methods, prior to its launch; and

(H) Comply with all federal and state laws.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any local school system or public school that, as of July 1, 2025, has an operating anonymous reporting program that substantially complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(4) This subsection shall not be construed to interfere with or impede any existing contract any local school system or public school has with a provider to operate an anonymous reporting program; provided, however, that, to the extent that the terms of such contract do not require such provider to operate an anonymous reporting program in substantial compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection, such contract terms shall not be renewed beyond such contract's current expiration or termination date.

(g) Each local school system and public school shall update its school safety plan required by Code Section 20-2-1185 by including a behavioral threat assessment management plan as provided for in Code Section 20-2-1185.1.

~~(b)~~(h) No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of the provisions of this Code section or resulting from any training, or lack thereof, required by this Code section.

~~(c)~~(i) The training, or lack thereof, required by the provisions of this Code section shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care."

SECTION 2-16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-785, relating to referral and assessment to determine whether withdrawal was to limit education, as follows:

"20-2-785.

(a) In the event that a ~~child~~ student does not for a period of 30 consecutive days attend the public school in which he or she is enrolled or provisionally enrolled and:

(1) The parent or guardian of such student does not notify the school of such student's withdrawal from such school;

(2) The parent or guardian of such student does not notify the school of such student's enrollment or intent to enroll in a home study program or another school;

(3) Such student is withdrawn from ~~a public~~ such school without a declaration filed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690; or

(4) Such student is 16 years of age or older and stops attending such school without completing the conference required under subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1 ~~and that child stops attending a public school for a period of 45 days,~~

the school shall refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services and the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides, as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b) For each student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, such student's school shall:

(1) Refer the matter to the Division of Family and Children Services to conduct an assessment~~. The purpose of such referral and assessment shall be limited to~~ for the purpose of determining whether such withdrawal was to avoid educating ~~the child. Presentation~~ such student; provided, however, that completion of such conference or presentation of a copy of such filed declaration shall satisfy the ~~assessment~~ requirements of this paragraph, and the Division shall immediately terminate ~~the~~ such assessment ~~under this Code section.~~; and

(2) Refer the matter to the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides for the purpose of determining whether such student has enrolled in a home study program or another school and, if such student has enrolled in another school, to determine whether such school has received such student's education records from the student's previous schools; provided, however, that, upon receiving notice that such student has enrolled or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school, the referring school shall immediately notify the RESA student affairs officer of the regional educational service agency in which such student resides of such intent or enrollment and if such student has enrolled or intends to enroll in another school, confirm the date by which such student's education records will be released to such student's new school.

(c) Nothing in the Code section shall be construed to prohibit or limit a public school from making reasonable efforts at any time to determine the whereabouts of a student who is withdrawn from such school without a declaration filed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690 or who stops attending such school without providing notice of enrollment or intent to enroll in a home study program or another school or, when such student is 16 years of age or older, without completing the conference required under subsection (e) of Code Section 20-2-690.1. Such efforts may include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Contacting the student's parent, guardian, or other legal custodian to inquire of the student's whereabouts and whether such student intends to withdraw from the school or has enrolled or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school;

(2) Directing school personnel, including, but not limited to, school social workers and school security personnel, to conduct a wellness visit at the student's last known residence; and

(3) As appropriate, referring the matter to the county or municipal law enforcement agency having territorial jurisdiction.

(d) Each public school in which a student is enrolled or provisionally enrolled shall compile such student's complete education records and make such records available for immediate release to any person or entity authorized by law to receive such records:

(1) For each student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) Each time the school receives sufficient notice that such student is withdrawing from the school or is enrolling or intends to enroll in a home study program or another school."

SECTION 2-17.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-786, relating to the "Parents' Bill of Rights," by revising subsection (f) as follows:

"(f) Each governing body shall, in consultation with parents, teachers, and administrators, develop and adopt a policy or regulation to promote parental involvement in the public schools. Such policy or regulation shall be updated each year by June 1 and posted on each governing body's public website, and a copy of such policy or regulation shall be available for review on site upon request by a parent. Such policy or regulation shall include:

(1) Procedures that meet the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-667 and 20-2-670 for a parent to review records relating to his or her minor child and to request the transfer of such records to another school or a person or entity authorized to receive such records;

(2)(A) Procedures for a parent to learn about his or her minor child's courses of study, including, but not limited to, parental access to instructional materials intended for use in the classroom. Instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom shall be made available for parental review during the review period. If such instructional materials are not made available by a school or local

school system for review online, then they shall be made available for review on site upon a parent's request made during the review period.

(B) Procedures for a parent to object to instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child's classroom or recommended by his or her minor child's teacher;

(3) Procedures for a parent to withdraw his or her minor child from the school's prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to his or her minor child's participation. Such procedures ~~must~~ shall provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her minor child from the course; ~~and~~

(4) Procedures for a parent to provide written notice that photographs or video or voice recordings of his or her child are not permitted, subject to applicable public safety and security exceptions; and

(5) Procedures that meet the requirements of Code Sections 20-2-667 and 20-2-670 for the timely production of a student's education records by such student's current or previous school to another school in which such student has enrolled, intends to enroll, or is considering enrollment."

SECTION 2-18.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-1183, relating to written agreement for law enforcement officers in schools, as follows:

"20-2-1183.

(a) When a local school system assigns or employs law enforcement officers in schools, the local board of education shall have a collaborative written agreement with law enforcement officials to establish the role of law enforcement and school employees in school disciplinary matters and ensure coordination and cooperation among officials, agencies, and programs involved in school discipline and public protection.

(b) By October 1, 2025, the collaborative written agreement required by this Code section shall include specific terms and conditions for the handling and disclosure of student education records, student data, and student personally identifiable data, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-662. Such terms and conditions shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Under what circumstances information regarding a student may or shall be disclosed to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, a judge or court personnel, or another state or local agency or officer with a legal interest in such information;

(2) Whether any law enforcement officer who is subject to such agreement is or may act as a school official with access to student education records and the personally identifiable information contained therein; and

(3) Whether the law enforcement officers who are subject to such agreement constitute a law enforcement unit, as such term is defined in the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.3; and, if so:

(A) What records shall be handled as law enforcement unit records and are not protected by FERPA; and

(B) What records shall be handled as education records and are protected by FERPA.

(c) By August 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall publish on its public website model language for the terms and conditions required by this Code section to be available for use by schools and law enforcement officers. Such model language shall be reviewed and updated from time to time as necessary to comport with the content of the guidance document promulgated by the Department of Education chief privacy officer as provided for in Code Section 20-2-663."

SECTION 2-19.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 20-2-1185, relating to school safety plans and drills, as follows:

"(a) Every public school shall prepare a school safety plan to help curb the growing incidence of violence in schools, to respond effectively to such incidents, to address the behavioral health needs of students, and to provide a safe learning environment for Georgia's children, teachers, and other school personnel. Such plan shall also address preparedness for natural disasters, hazardous materials or radiological accidents, acts of violence, and acts of terrorism. School safety plans of public schools shall be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers in that school, community leaders, other school employees and school district employees, and local law enforcement, juvenile court, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. As part of such plans, public schools shall provide for the coordination with local law enforcement agencies and the local juvenile court system. School safety plans shall include, at a minimum, the following strategy areas:

(1) Training school administrators, teachers, and support staff, including, but not limited to, school resource officers, security officers, secretaries, custodians, and bus drivers, on school violence prevention, school security, school threat assessment, mental health awareness, and school emergency planning best practices;

(2) Evaluating and refining school security measures;

(3) Updating and exercising school emergency preparedness plans;

(4) Strengthening partnerships with public safety officials; ~~and~~

(5) Creating enhanced crisis communications plans and social media strategies;

(6) Addressing behavioral health needs of students and staff utilizing guidance from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(7) Developing a behavioral threat assessment and management process and plan utilizing guidance from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

School safety plans of private schools may be prepared with input from students enrolled in that school, parents or legal guardians of such students, teachers in that school, other school employees, and local law enforcement, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. Such plans shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated annually. Such plans of public schools shall be submitted to the local emergency management

agency, the local law enforcement agency, ~~and~~ the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-1185.1, for approval."

"(c) School safety plans prepared by public schools shall address or include:

(1) Security ~~security~~ issues in school safety zones as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1~~. School safety plans should also address security~~;

(2) Security issues involving the transportation of ~~pupils~~ students to and from school and school functions when such transportation is furnished by the school or school system and school functions held during noninstructional hours;

(3) Specific plans to restrict ingress to or egress from all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and

(4) Specific plans for whether and when each of the following will be locked or actively supervised by school personnel, or both:

(A) Exterior doors and other access points of all buildings and other facilities located on the school property; and

(B) Doors to all classrooms and other instructional spaces on the school property."

SECTION 2-20.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 27, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1185.1.

(a) No later than January 1, 2027, each public school safety plan required by Code Section 20-2-1185 shall include provisions that address the behavioral health needs of students and a behavioral threat assessment management plan for providing a structured, multidisciplinary process to identify, assess, and mitigate potential threats while supporting the safety and well-being of students and school personnel.

(b)(1) Such behavioral threat assessment management plans shall be submitted to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for approval.

(2) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall provide technical assistance to the Department of Education, regional educational service agencies, and all local school systems and other public schools in this state, including models of service to address the behavioral health needs of students.

(3) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities with respect to providing training and technical assistance to the Department of Education, regional educational service agencies, and all local school systems and other public schools in this state on the development and implementation of such behavioral threat assessment management plans.

(4) The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall coordinate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, with respect to providing the same or similar training and technical assistance to private schools in this state."

SECTION 2-21.

Said chapter is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1186.

(a) Subject to appropriations, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall establish an emergency alert response system to be provided to public elementary and secondary schools in this state that allows a public elementary or secondary school to communicate with local school systems about threats made on or impacting a school campus or emergency procedures initiated upon a school campus due to an active threat to safety.

(b) Subject to appropriations, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall establish a secure state-wide alert system for use by public elementary and secondary schools in this state to report and monitor incidents of safety threats made on or impacting a school campus. The name of any person who threatens the safety of a school shall be included in such system; provided, however, that no student's name shall be entered on any such system until the threat to school safety has been investigated and verified by local law enforcement and the student has been evaluated by a certificated school social worker from the local school system, if any are employed by the local school system. The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall develop standards for determining when a verified threat qualifies for inclusion of a person within the system and a method for petitioning for removal from any system developed pursuant to this subsection. Any such standards and method may include a required evaluation of the student by a certificated school social worker. Such alert system shall be accessible only to designated personnel at each public elementary or secondary school in this state. When a student has been added to the alert system established pursuant to this subsection, the local school system shall provide the parents or guardians of such student with recommendations for counseling or other services."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code, is amended in Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions, by revising division (12)(A)(iii) as follows:

"(iii) Aggravated assault upon an individual or situation described in subsection (d), (h), or (k) of Code Section 16-5-21 or assault with a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, actually does result in serious bodily injury~~, provided that such deadly weapon is not a firearm; and provided, further~~; provided, however, that such injured person is not a public safety officer as defined in Code Section 16-5-19 and such acts are not prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21;"

SECTION 3-2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 15-11-560, relating to concurrent and original jurisdiction of superior court relative to delinquency, as follows:

"15-11-560.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court over a child who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act which would be considered a crime if tried in a superior court and for which an adult may be punished by loss of life, imprisonment for life without possibility of parole, or confinement for life in a penal institution.

(b) The superior court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed any of the following offenses:

(1) Murder;

(2) Murder in the second degree;

(3) Voluntary manslaughter;

(4) Rape;

(5) Aggravated sodomy;

(6) Aggravated child molestation;

(7) Aggravated sexual battery;

(8) Armed robbery if committed with a firearm;

(9) Aggravated assault if committed with a firearm ~~upon a public safety officer as such acts are prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21~~; ~~or~~

(10) Aggravated battery upon a public safety officer as such acts are prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-24;

(11) A terroristic act upon a school in violation of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-1181.1; or

(12) Attempt to commit murder.

(c) The granting of bail or pretrial release of a child charged with an offense enumerated in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be governed by the provisions of Code Section 17-6-1.

(d) At any time before indictment, the district attorney may, after investigation and for cause, decline prosecution in the superior court of a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed an offense specified in subsection (b) of this Code section. Upon declining such prosecution in the superior court, the district attorney shall cause a petition to be filed in the appropriate juvenile court for adjudication within 72 hours if the child is in detention or 30 days if the child is not in detention. Except as provided in paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-602, any case transferred by the district attorney to the juvenile court pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602, and the transfer of the case from superior court to juvenile court shall constitute notice to such child that such case is subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602.

(e)(1) After indictment, the superior court may after investigation transfer to the juvenile court any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed any act described in paragraph (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), ~~or~~ (10), (11), or (12) of subsection (b) of this Code section. In considering the transfer of such case, the court shall consider the criteria set forth in Code Section 15-11-562. Any such transfer shall be appealable by the State of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 5-7-1. Upon such a transfer by the superior court, jurisdiction shall vest in the juvenile court and jurisdiction of the superior court shall terminate.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (8) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-602, any case transferred by the superior court to the juvenile court pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602, and the transfer of the case from superior court to juvenile court shall constitute notice to such child that such case is subject to the class A designated felony act provisions of Code Section 15-11-602.

(f) The superior court may transfer any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed any offense enumerated in subsection (b) of this Code section and convicted of a lesser included offense not included in subsection (b) of this Code section to the juvenile court of the county of such child's residence for disposition. Upon such a transfer by the superior court, jurisdiction shall vest in the juvenile court and jurisdiction of the superior court shall terminate.

(g) Within 30 days of any proceeding in which a child 13 to 17 years of age is convicted of certain offenses over which the superior court has original jurisdiction as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section or adjudicated as a delinquent child on the basis of conduct which if committed by an adult would constitute such offenses, the superior court shall provide written notice to the school superintendent or his or her designee of the school in which such child is enrolled or, if the information is known, of the school in which such child plans to be enrolled at a future date. Such notice shall include the specific criminal offense that such child committed. The local school system to which such child is assigned may request further information from the court's file.

(h) As used in this Code section, the term 'firearm' means a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge."

SECTION 3-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-562, relating to transfer criteria and written report, as follows:

"(a) The criteria that the juvenile court shall consider in determining whether to transfer an alleged delinquent child as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-561 to superior court and the criteria that the superior court shall consider in determining whether to transfer any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed any act described in paragraph (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), ~~or~~ (10), (11), or (12) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-560 to juvenile court as set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-11-560 includes, but shall not be limited to:

(1) The age of such child;
(2) The seriousness of the alleged offense, especially if personal injury resulted;
(3) Whether the protection of the community requires transfer of jurisdiction;
(4) Whether the alleged offense involved violence or was committed in an aggressive or premeditated manner;
(5) The impact of the alleged offense on the alleged victim, including the permanence of any physical or emotional injury sustained, ~~health care~~ healthcare expenses incurred, and lost earnings suffered;
(6) The culpability of such child including such child's level of planning and participation in the alleged offense;
(7) Whether the alleged offense is a part of a repetitive pattern of offenses which indicates that such child may be beyond rehabilitation in the juvenile justice system;
(8) The record and history of such child, including experience with the juvenile justice system, other courts, supervision, commitments to juvenile institutions, and other placements;
(9) The sophistication and maturity of such child as determined by consideration of his or her home and environmental situation, emotional condition, and pattern of living;
(10) The program and facilities available to the juvenile court in considering disposition; and
(11) Whether or not a child can benefit from the treatment or rehabilitative programs available to the juvenile court."

SECTION 3-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-1181, relating to disrupting operation of public school, school bus, or school bus stop, penalty, and progressive discipline, as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop as designated by local boards of education. For purposes of this Code section, an individual who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of or serious injury to a group of individuals who are, or will likely be, at or within a public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop, shall be considered to have disrupted or interfered with the operation of such public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

"(2) A local board of education shall develop a system of progressive discipline that may be imposed on a child accused of violating this Code section before initiating a complaint. Such system of progressive discipline shall include a requirement that when there is a credible accusation that an individual threatened, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, the death of or serious injury to a group of individuals, pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, who are, or will likely be, at or within a public school that such individual attends, or has attended, the school shall be authorized to

temporarily assign such individual to remote learning and provide counseling to such individual and shall initiate an investigation into such violation. Upon completion of such investigation which results in substantive findings related to such violation, the school may elect to reinstate the individual or impose relevant discipline."

SECTION 3-5.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 27, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-1181.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Hazardous substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-8-92.

(2) 'Weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-5-44.1. Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, each item included in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-127.1.

(b) A person commits the offense of a terroristic threat of a school when he or she threatens to commit any crime of violence, release any hazardous substance, or burn or damage property and such threat is made:

(1) With the purpose of terrorizing another who at the time of such threat is physically present:

(A) On public or private school operated property, including, but not limited to, school buildings and school grounds;

(B) On a school bus or other vehicle furnished by a public or private school for the transportation of students; or

(C) At a public or private school sponsored activity;

(2) With the purpose of causing the evacuation of:

(A) Public or private school operated property, including, but not limited to, school buildings and school grounds; or

(B) A school bus or other vehicle furnished by a public or private school for the transportation of students; or

(3) In reckless disregard of the risk of causing the terror or evacuation described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection;

provided, however, that no person shall be convicted under this subsection based on the uncorroborated testimony of the party to whom the threat is communicated.

(c) A person commits the offense of a terroristic act upon a school when he or she commits an act of using a weapon or flaming symbol or flambeau, releasing any hazardous substance or any simulated hazardous substance under the guise of a hazardous substance, or, while not in the commission of a lawful act, shooting at a conveyance which is being operated or which is occupied by passengers and such act is committed:

(1) With the purpose of terrorizing another who at the time of such act is physically present:

(A) On public or private school operated property, including, but not limited to, school buildings and school grounds;

(B) On a school bus or other vehicle furnished by a public or private school for the transportation of students; or

(C) At a public or private school sponsored activity; or

(2) With the purpose of causing the evacuation of:

(A) Public or private school operated property, including, but not limited to, school buildings and school grounds; or

(B) A school bus or other vehicle furnished by a public or private school for the transportation of students.

(d)(1) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic threat of a school shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; provided, however, that, if the threat suggested the death of any person, the person shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000.00, imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both; and provided, further, that, if any person suffers a serious physical injury as a direct result of a threat giving rise to a conviction under subsection (b) of this Code section, the person shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $250,000.00, imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 40 years, or both.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of a terroristic act upon a school shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000.00, imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both; provided, however, that, if any person suffers a serious physical injury as a direct result of an act giving rise to a conviction under subsection (c) of this Code section, the person shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $250,000.00, imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 40 years, or both."

PART IV.
SECTION 4-1.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The provisions of Sections 2-8, 3-3, and 3-4 of this Act shall be applicable to any offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Persinger of the 119th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 268.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 154, nays 12.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 199. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Williams of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide that the State Ethics Commission shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to revise provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders; to provide that the commission shall

not publicly release home address information in its possession; to revise lobbyist reporting requirements to make the reporting dates for such requirements more uniform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 167, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 288. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Clifton of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Chapter 4 of Title 9, Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15, and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appellate practice, declaratory judgments, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal trials, respectively, so as to provide for declaratory judgments in instances involving accusations made by a prosecuting attorney regarding the credibility of a peace officer; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for review by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of accusations of peace officer impairment as a witness; to provide for definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to grand juries, so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require a person qualifying as a candidate for sheriff be a peace officer not under revocation by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for penalties; to provide for submission of a form completed by the executive director of such council; to provide for an exception; to provide for attestation that any person qualifying for the office of sheriff who is not a certified peace officer but holds or has held certain other positions is capable of and will obtain such certification after obtaining such office; to require notice by prosecuting attorneys that intend to question the credibility of a peace officer and place the name of such officer on a Giglio list; to authorize requests for reconsideration of such action; to provide for the development of policies and procedures by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia; to provide for immunity; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for review by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of placement of the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list; to provide for notice; to provide standards for determination of credibility of such placement; to restrict the use of information relating to a Giglio list for employment purposes in certain instances; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public

disclosure not required, so as to exempt records relative to Giglio lists from public disclosure; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-16-1, relating to qualification requirements for sheriff and exemptions, by revising subparagraph (J) of paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) of subsection (c) and by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(J) At the time of qualifying as a candidate for the office of sheriff, ~~Is a registered peace officer as provided in Code Section 35-8-10 or~~ is a certified peace officer, as defined in Chapter 8 of Title 35, not under revocation by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and files with the officer before whom such person qualifies a form signed by the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, or his or her designee, that attests and certifies such; provided, however, that any person who is not a certified peace officer at the time of qualifying as a candidate for the office of sheriff but is a first responder, as such term is defined in Code Section 45-25-2, is a retired or honorably discharged member of the United States armed forces, or is a former or current local, state, or federal law enforcement officer shall swear or affirm before the officer before whom such person has qualified to seek the office of sheriff that he or she is capable of and will complete the requirements for certification within six months after taking office. Any ~~person~~ such first responder, retired or honorably discharged member of the United States armed forces, or former or current local, state, or federal law enforcement officer who is not a ~~registered or~~ certified peace officer at the time such person assumes the office of sheriff shall be required to complete satisfactorily the requirements for certification as a peace officer as provided in Chapter 8 of Title 35 within six months after such person takes office; provided, however, that an extension of the time to complete such requirements may be granted by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council upon the presentation of evidence by a sheriff that he or she was unable to complete the basic training course and certification requirements due to illness, injury, military service, or other reasons deemed sufficient by such council. The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall make every effort to ensure that space is available for newly elected sheriffs who are not certified ~~or registered~~ peace officers to attend the course as soon as possible after such persons take office. Such council shall notify the appropriate judge of the probate court whenever a newly elected sheriff who is not certified fails to become certified as a peace officer pursuant to the requirements of this subparagraph.

(2) Each person offering his or her candidacy for the office of sheriff shall ~~at the time such person qualifies,~~ swear or affirm before the officer before whom such person has qualified to seek the office of sheriff that he or she meets all of the qualifications

required by this subsection, except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (J) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, ~~and~~ at the time such person qualifies, that he or she has complied or will comply with the requirements of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of this subsection no later than the close of business on the third business day following the close of such qualification period, and that, if applicable, he or she will comply with the requirements of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (1) of this subsection within six months of taking office. Any person who knowingly provides false information in executing the affidavit required by this paragraph commits the offense of false swearing within the meaning of and subject to the penalties prescribed in Code Section 16-10-71 and submission of a false document in violation of Code Section 16-10-20."

"(d) **Exemption.** The requirements of subparagraphs (c)(1)(D)~~, (c)(1)(E),~~ through (c)(1)(F), (c)(1)(H), (c)(1)(I), and (c)(1)(J) of this Code section shall be deemed to have been met by any person who is currently serving as a duly qualified and elected sheriff of one of the several counties of this state."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-18-33.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affected peace officer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

(2) 'Giglio list' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 35-8-2.

(b) Upon the placement of the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list by a prosecuting attorney, such prosecuting attorney shall send written notice of the intent to place the name of a peace officer on such list by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the last known address of the employer of the affected peace officer and the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Such notice shall include:

(1) The factual basis for the prosecuting attorney's decision to place the name of the peace officer on a Giglio list:

(2) A statement informing the affected peace officer and his or her employing agency of the right to request relevant materials from the prosecuting attorney;

(3) A statement informing the affected peace officer and his or her employing agency of the right to provide supplemental information to the prosecuting attorney; and

(4) A statement informing the affected peace officer and his or her employing agency of the right to request reconsideration by the prosecuting attorney of the placement of such peace officer on a Giglio list.

(c) An affected peace officer or his or her employing agency shall be authorized to submit a request for reconsideration on the decision to place the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list no later than 30 days after receipt of notice by such peace officer's employing agency pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Upon receipt of a request for reconsideration pursuant to this subsection, the prosecuting attorney shall promptly review such request and either remove the name of the affected peace officer from the

Giglio list or deny the request for reconsideration and keep the name of the affected peace officer on the Giglio list. Any such denial shall be in writing and include the specific reasons for such decision. If no request for reconsideration pursuant to this subsection is submitted by an affected peace officer or his or her employing agency, the name of the affected peace officer shall remain on the Giglio list unless and until the prosecuting attorney removes such name from the Giglio list due to receipt of material information that was unknown or unavailable at the time of the initial decision or when any investigation warrants removal in the opinion of the prosecuting attorney.

(d) When a prosecuting attorney makes a determination to remove an affected peace officer's name from a Giglio list, such prosecuting attorney shall provide notice of such removal to the employing agency of the affected peace officer and the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council within 14 days of the removal in the same manner as provided by subsection (b) of this Code section.

(e) The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia shall develop policies and procedures for the purposes of this Code section, which shall include placement and removal of the name of an affected peace officer on a Giglio list, the reconsideration process, and notice requirements. Any prosecuting attorney's office that maintains a Giglio list shall adopt the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subsection.

(f) A prosecuting attorney shall be authorized to use an affected peace officer's inclusion on a Giglio list when making charging decisions related to a case and shall disclose to defense counsel or a defendant in any criminal case as required by law the fact of and basis for inclusion of an affected officer on such list including any notice or relevant materials as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(g) A prosecuting attorney shall be immune from civil liability that might otherwise incur or be imposed for placement of the name of a peace officer on a Giglio list unless the affected peace officer demonstrates that his or her inclusion on such a list was done with actual malice or with actual intent to cause injury to the affected peace officer.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to modify federal law or binding court precedent relating to disclosure duties of a prosecuting attorney in criminal prosecutions."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, is amended in Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions, by adding two new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(.1) 'Affected peace officer' means a peace officer whose name is listed on a Giglio list."

"(5.01) 'Giglio list' means a list of names compiled and maintained by a prosecuting attorney of officers disqualified from trial testimony because of identified or alleged issues of credibility or bias."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 35-8-7, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council generally, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(14.1) Upon notice from a prosecuting attorney, to review the factual basis for the inclusion of any affected peace officer on a Giglio list;"

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 35-8-7.1, relating to authority of council to refuse certificate to applicant or to discipline council certified officer or exempt officer, grounds, restoration of certificate, emergency suspension of certification, notice of investigation, and retention of records, by revising subsections (e) through (g) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e)(1) Upon receipt of notice from a prosecuting attorney that the name of a peace officer has been placed on a Giglio list, the council shall initiate a review of the factual basis provided in such notice and notify the affected peace officer and the head of the law enforcement agency that employs such affected peace officer of such review. It shall be sufficient to identify the affected peace officer, state that review of the affected peace officer's name on a Giglio list has been initiated, and identify the prosecuting attorney who sent such notice.

(2) In reviewing the inclusion of the name of an affected peace officer on a Giglio list pursuant to this subsection, the council shall consider:

(A) Any bias or injury against a specific defendant alleged by the prosecuting attorney to have occurred when the prosecuting attorney's notice relates to a specific criminal prosecution;

(B) Allegations or instances of previous misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent statements made by the affected peace officer to the prosecuting attorney or while serving as a witness for the prosecuting attorney;

(C) Whether the affected peace officer has pleaded guilty or been convicted, by final judgment and when all appeals have been exhausted, of an offense punishable as false swearing within the meaning of Code Section 16-10-71 or an offense of perjury pursuant to Code Section 16-10-70; and

(D) Any allegations of acts or omissions which would otherwise subject the affected peace officer to discipline pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section.

(3) Upon completion of review pursuant to this subsection, the council shall notify the affected peace officer and the employing agency of the affected peace officer of its determination concerning the factual basis asserted by the prosecuting attorney. If the council determines from its review that discipline of the affected peace officer is warranted, notice sent pursuant to this paragraph shall include such information. If the council determines that discipline of the affected peace officer is not warranted, such matter shall be administratively dismissed, the affected peace officer's public status shall not reflect the occurrence of such investigation, and notice of such action shall be delivered to the head of the employing agency, the affected peace officer, and the

prosecuting attorney who placed the affected peace officer on a Giglio list. No peace officer shall be suspended, revoked, or otherwise sanctioned solely based upon the placement of his or her name on a Giglio list.

(f) Upon initiating an investigation of ~~an~~ a peace officer for possible disciplinary action or upon disciplining ~~an~~ a peace officer pursuant to this Code section, the council shall notify the head of the law enforcement agency that employs such peace officer of the investigation or disciplinary action. ~~In the case of an investigation, it~~ It shall be sufficient for such notice to identify the peace officer and state that a disciplinary investigation has been opened. ~~Notice of the initiation of an investigation shall be sent by priority mail.~~ If the investigation is completed without any further action, notice of the termination of such investigation shall also be provided to the head of the employing agency. In the case of disciplinary action, the notice shall identify the officer and state the nature of the disciplinary action taken. The notice of disposition shall be sent only after the action of the council is deemed final. ~~Such notice shall be sent by priority mail.~~

~~(f)~~(g) If the certification of ~~an~~ a peace officer is suspended or revoked by either the executive director or council pursuant to this Code section, ~~then~~ the council shall notify the head of the law enforcement agency that employs the peace officer; the district attorney of the judicial circuit in which such law enforcement agency is located; and the solicitor of the state court, if any, of the county in which such law enforcement agency is located. It shall be sufficient for this notice to identify the peace officer and state the length of time, if known, that the peace officer will not have powers of arrest. ~~Such notice shall be sent by priority mail.~~

(h) Any notice required by this Code section shall be sent by certified mail or certificate of mailing. As used in this subsection, the term 'certificate of mailing' means a delivery method utilized by the United States Postal Service which provides evidence that an item has been sent and the date such item was accepted.

~~(g)~~(i) Notwithstanding Article 5 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, records of an investigation of ~~an~~ a peace officer by the council, including, but not limited to, records used to investigate complaints against ~~an~~ a peace officer and polygraph case files containing official polygraph reports, shall be retained for 30 years following the date that such investigation is deemed concluded by the council and then such records may be destroyed; provided, however, that the council shall have the authority to destroy such records prior to such 30 years where such peace officer is deceased and no action upon the complaint was taken by the council beyond the council's initial intake of such complaint."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 35-8-7.2, relating to administrative procedure, hearings, and review, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, proceedings of the council in the exercise of its authority to issue any certificate, conduct a review of the inclusion of an affected peace officer on a Giglio list, or discipline any peace officer under the terms of this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' In all such proceedings the council shall

have authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any book, writing, or document upon the issuance of a subpoena therefor. In any hearing in which the fitness of a peace officer or applicant is in question, the council may exclude all persons from its deliberation of the appropriate action and may, when it deems necessary, speak to the peace officer or applicant in private. All final determinations, findings, and conclusions of the council under this chapter are final and conclusive decisions of the matters involved."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and "employment related information" defined, and by redesignating the current provisions of subsection (c) of said Code section as a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-8-8.

(a) Any person employed or certified as a peace officer shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age;

(2) Be a citizen of the United States;

(3) Have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;

(4) Not have been convicted by any state or by the federal government of any crime the punishment for which could have been imprisonment in the federal or state prison or institution nor have been convicted of sufficient misdemeanors to establish a pattern of disregard for the law, provided that, for the purposes of this paragraph, violations of traffic laws and other offenses involving the operation of motor vehicles when the applicant has received a pardon shall not be considered;

(5) Be fingerprinted for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint based search at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the existence of any criminal record;

(6) Possess good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the council and fully cooperate during the course of such investigation;

(7) Be found, after examination by a licensed physician or surgeon, to be free from any physical, emotional, or mental conditions which might adversely affect his or her exercise of the powers or duties of a peace officer; and

(8) Successfully complete a job related academy entrance examination provided for and administered by the council in conformity with state and federal law. Such examination shall be administered prior to entrance to the basic course provided for in Code Sections 35-8-9 and 35-8-11. The council may change or modify such examination and shall establish the criteria for determining satisfactory performance on such examination. The provisions of this paragraph establish only the minimum requirements of academy entrance examinations for peace officer candidates in this state; each law enforcement ~~unit~~ agency is encouraged to provide such additional requirements and any preemployment examination as it deems necessary and appropriate. Any person with a degree from a postsecondary institution accredited by

a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this paragraph.

(b) Any person authorized to attend the basic training course prior to employment as a peace officer shall meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) The executive director of the council, or his or her designee, shall promulgate a form which shall be available to any person seeking election to the office of sheriff. Such form shall provide for the attestation and certification by the executive director that the person seeking such form is a certified peace officer who is not under revocation by the council.

35-8-8.1.

~~(c)(1) For purposes of this subsection~~ (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'employment related information' means written information contained in a prior employer's records or personnel files that relates to an applicant's, candidate's, or peace officer's performance or behavior while employed by such prior employer, including performance evaluations, records of disciplinary actions, and eligibility for rehire. Such term shall not include information prohibited from disclosure by federal law or any document not in the possession of the employer at the time a request for such information is received.

(b)(1)~~(2)~~ Where an investigation is conducted for the purpose of hiring, certifying, or continuing the certification of a peace officer, an employer shall disclose employment related information to the investigating law enforcement agency upon receiving a written request from such agency. Disclosure shall only be required under this subsection if the law enforcement agency's request is accompanied by a copy of a signed, notarized statement from the applicant, candidate, or peace officer releasing and holding harmless such employer from any and all liability for disclosing complete and accurate information to the law enforcement agency.

~~(3)~~(2) An employer may charge a reasonable fee to cover actual costs incurred in copying and furnishing documents pursuant to this subsection to a requesting law enforcement agency, including retrieving and redacting costs, provided such amount shall not exceed $25.00 or 25¢ per page, whichever is greater. No employer shall be required to prepare or create any document not already in the employer's possession at the time a request for employment related information is received. Any employment related information provided pursuant to this subsection that is not subject to public disclosure while in the possession of a prior employer shall continue to be privileged and protected from public disclosure as a record of the requesting law enforcement agency.

~~(4)~~(3) No employer or law enforcement agency shall be subject to any civil liability for any cause of action by virtue of disclosing complete and accurate information to a law enforcement agency in good faith and without malice pursuant to this subsection. In any such cause of action, malice or bad faith shall only be demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence. Nothing ~~contained~~ in this subsection shall be construed so as to affect or limit rights or remedies provided by federal law.

~~(5)~~(4) Before taking final action on an application for employment based, in whole or in part, on any unfavorable employment related information received from a previous employer, a law enforcement agency shall inform the applicant, candidate, or peace officer that it has received such employment related information and that the applicant, candidate, or peace officer may inspect and respond in writing to such information. Upon the applicant's, candidate's, or peace officer's request, the law enforcement agency shall allow him or her to inspect the employment related information and to submit a written response to such information. The request for inspection shall be made within five business days from the date that the applicant, candidate, or peace officer is notified of the law enforcement agency's receipt of such employment related information. The inspection shall occur not later than ten business days after said notification. Any response to the employment related information shall be made by the applicant, candidate, or peace officer not later than three business days after his or her inspection.

~~(6)~~(5) Nothing ~~contained~~ in this ~~Code section~~ subsection shall be construed so as to require any person to provide self-incriminating information or otherwise to compel any person to act in violation of his or her right guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section I, Paragraph XVI of the Georgia Constitution. It shall not be a violation of this ~~Code section~~ subsection for a person to fail to provide requested information based on a claim that such information is self-incriminating provided that notice of such claim is served in lieu of the requested information. An action against such person to require disclosure on the grounds that the claim of self-incrimination is not substantiated may be brought in the superior court of the county of such party's residence or where such information is located.

(c) A law enforcement agency that receives notice from a prosecuting attorney that the name of an affected peace officer has been placed on a Giglio list shall forward a copy of such notice to the council within 30 days of receipt for review pursuant to Code Section 35-8-7.1."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 35-8-14, which is designated as reserved, as follows:

"35-8-14.

(a) Upon receipt of notice from a prosecuting attorney that a peace officer employed by the law enforcement agency has been placed on a Giglio list, such agency shall provide a copy of such notice to the affected peace officer in as timely manner as possible, not to exceed three days from the date of receipt. If the affected peace officer is no longer employed by the law enforcement agency that receives such notice, the law enforcement agency shall forward such notice to be served in person or delivered by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the affected peace officer.

(b) A law enforcement agency that employs an affected peace officer shall not demote, suspend, discharge, impose discipline, or take adverse employment action upon an

affected peace officer solely based upon the placement of such peace officer's name on a Giglio list.

(c) A law enforcement agency that employs an affected peace officer shall be authorized to demote, suspend, discharge, impose discipline, or take adverse employment action upon an affected peace officer when:

(1) An internal investigation establishes, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, that a factual basis exists for the reason provided by the prosecuting attorney for placement of the affected peace officer on a Giglio list; or

(2) The council has imposed discipline upon the affected peace officer for the conduct identified by the prosecuting attorney which was the basis for placement of such officer on the Giglio list ~~Reserved~~."

SECTION 9.

Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(4.1) Records relating to Giglio lists, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-2;"

SECTION 10.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 11.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Gaines of the 120th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 288.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 152, nays 14.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 201. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, so as to provide increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; to provide for certain contractual requirements; to provide for notice language; to amend Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, so as to prohibit the assignment of benefits in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, so as to provide increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; to provide for certain contractual requirements; to provide for notice language; to amend Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, so as to prohibit the assignment of benefits in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Following natural disasters, homeowners often need for repairs to be completed to their homes in an expeditious manner;

(2) Due to such time pressures, homeowners may enter into contracts with contractors much more quickly than such homeowners typically would;

(3) Many homeowners believe that assigning their insurance proceeds to contractors who contract to work on their homes will expedite the repairs of such homes;

(4) Such homeowners may not realize that some contractors will accept the assigned insurance proceeds and then fail to expeditiously perform the required work or perform the work in a substandard manner;

(5) There is a need in this state to provide greater protection for homeowners following natural disasters to ensure that contracted work on their homes is performed in an expeditious and professional manner; and

(6) There is also a need to specifically prohibit the assignment of insurance proceeds to contractors for a period of one year following the occurrence of a natural disaster.

SECTION 2.

Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, is amended in subsection (b) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (34), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (35) with "; and", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(36)(A) With respect to any contractor entering into a contract with a homeowner within one year of a natural disaster for the provision of services for the repair, replacement, or mitigation of damage of or to the homeowner's home caused by such disaster:

(i) Failing to substantially commence work on the contracted services within one year of the execution of such contract;

(ii) Completing all or a portion of the agreed upon services in a substandard manner;

(iii) Entering into a contract with the homeowner whereby the homeowner assigned insurance proceeds to the contractor;

(iv) Completing services in a manner inconsistent with the state minimum standard codes or accredited industry standards; or

(v) Failing to comply with subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) Any contractor entering into a contract with a homeowner within one year of a natural disaster for the provision of services for the repair, replacement, or mitigation of damage of or to the homeowner's home caused by such disaster shall:

(i) Accept the cancellation of the contract by the homeowner prior to midnight on the fifth business day after such homeowner has received written notice from the insurer that all or any part of the claim or contract related to the natural disaster is not a covered loss under the homeowner's insurance policy. Cancellation shall be evidenced by the homeowner giving written notice of cancellation to the contractor at the address stated in the contract. Notice of cancellation, if given by mail, shall be effective upon deposit into the United States mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the contractor. Notice of cancellation need not take a particular form and shall be sufficient if it indicates, by any form of written expression, the intention of the homeowner not to be bound by the contract; and

(ii) Before entering a contract as provided in this subparagraph:

(I) Furnish the homeowner with a statement in boldface type of a minimum size of ten points in substantially the following form:

'You may cancel this contract at any time before midnight on the fifth business day after you have received written notification from your insurer that all or any part of the claim or contract is not a covered loss under the insurance policy. This right to cancel is in addition to any other rights of cancellation which may be found in state or federal law or regulation. See the attached notice of cancellation form for an explanation of this right'; and

(II) Furnish each homeowner with a fully completed form in duplicate, captioned 'NOTICE OF CANCELLATION,' which shall be attached to the contract but easily detachable, and which shall contain in boldface type of a minimum size of ten points the following statement:

'NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

If you are notified by your insurer that all or any part of the claim or contract is not a covered loss under the insurance policy, you may cancel the contract by mailing or delivering a signed and dated copy of this cancellation notice or any other written notice to _____ (name of contractor) at_____ _____(address of contractor's place of business) at any time prior to midnight on the fifth business day after you have received such notice from your insurer.

I HEREBY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION

_____

(date)

_____

(insured's signature).'

(C) Notwithstanding other provisions of law in this paragraph, if the contractor has performed any emergency services, acknowledged by the homeowner in writing to be necessary to prevent immediate damage to the premises, the contractor shall be entitled to collect the reasonable amount due for the emergency services at the time they are rendered. Any provision in a contract provided for in this paragraph that requires the payment of any fee for any services except emergency services shall not be enforceable against any homeowner who has canceled a contract under this paragraph.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term 'natural disaster' means a flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or other occurrence for which a state of emergency is proclaimed by the Governor."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, is amended by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (13), striking the period at the end of paragraph (14) and inserting "; and" in lieu thereof, and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(15)(A) No insurer shall sell homeowner's insurance policies that allow for the assignment of proceeds to a contractor within one year of a natural disaster which causes damage to the insured's residential property.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Natural disaster' means a flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or other occurrence for which a state of emergency is proclaimed by the Governor.

(ii) 'Residential property' means real property used or occupied as the primary residence of a natural person."

SECTION 4.

Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026, and shall apply to all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date. The remainder of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez

Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 130. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; to revise definitions; to provide for medical education funding to certain medical organizations facilities; to provide for a physician in certain residency or fellowship programs to be eligible for the service cancelable loan program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
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N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 99. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and

offenses, so as to provide for a definition of law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Sections 16-1-3 and 17-4-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and offenses and authorization of arrests with and without warrants generally, use of deadly force, adoption or promulgation of conflicting regulations, policies, ordinances, and resolutions, and authority of nuclear power facility security officer, respectively, so as to provide for a definition of law enforcement officer; to provide for a cross reference to such definition; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law Enforcement Partners Act."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 16-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and offenses, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(8.1) 'Law enforcement officer' means:

(A) A peace officer;

(B) Any state or federal law enforcement officer who renders assistance to a law enforcement agency of this state or any political subdivision thereof in response to a declaration of a state of emergency or disaster issued by the Governor pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51;

(C) An appointed chief of police or department head of a law enforcement unit who has not completed the applicable training required by Code Section 35-8-20 or 35-8-20.1 from the date of initial appointment to the date by which such training is to be completed pursuant to the applicable Code section;

(D) An individual certified or commissioned in another state as a law enforcement officer, peace officer, or other official as being authorized to make arrests and carry firearms in the performance of his or her official duties who is employed by a law enforcement agency, enforcement unit, agency, or department of this state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof but who has not completed the applicable training required by Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' provided that such individual's certification or commission in another state remains in good standing; and

(E) A federal law enforcement officer who is employed by the United States government as a full-time law enforcement officer, is in good standing with his or her federal agency of employment, is authorized to carry a firearm in the performance of his or her official duties, and is empowered to arrest a person for criminal violations of the United States Code; while serving at the request of a Georgia state or local peace officer or to prevent imminent death or bodily harm."

SECTION 3.

Code Section 17-4-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authorization of arrests with and without warrants generally, use of deadly force, adoption or promulgation of conflicting regulations, policies, ordinances, and resolutions, and authority of nuclear power facility security officer, is amended in subsection (a) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(4) As used in this subsection, the term 'law enforcement officer' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-1-3."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
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Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 152, nays 11.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 298. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the granting or denying of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, is amended in subsection (a) by revising paragraphs (12) and (13) and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 35-3-37; ~~and~~

(13) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 9-11-11.1; and

(14) All judgments, orders, or rulings in civil actions granting or denying or refusing to grant or deny immunity to one or more parties based upon sovereign, municipal, official, qualified, legislative, or judicial immunity established by the United States Constitution or the Constitution, laws, or common law of this state shall have the right of direct appeal under this paragraph, and such right shall be exercised within thirty days of any judgment, order, or ruling. The right of direct appeal under this paragraph shall not be exercised by any one party more than once in any civil action. This paragraph shall not preclude taking an appeal pursuant to any other paragraph in this subsection."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the granting or denying of sovereign and other immunities and the granting or denying of certain privileges; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions

not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, is amended in subsection (a) by revising paragraphs (12) and (13) and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 35-3-37; ~~and~~

(13) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 9-11-11.1;

(14) All judgments, orders, or rulings in civil actions granting or denying or refusing to grant or deny immunity to one or more parties based upon sovereign, municipal, official, qualified, or judicial immunity established by the United States Constitution or the Constitution, laws, or common law of this state shall have the right of direct appeal under this paragraph, and such right shall be exercised within 30 days of any judgment, order, or ruling. The right of direct appeal under this paragraph shall not be exercised by any one party more than once in any civil action. This paragraph shall not preclude taking an appeal pursuant to any other paragraph in this subsection; and

(15) All judgments, orders, or rulings in civil or criminal actions granting or denying or refusing to grant or deny one or more parties' legislative privilege or legislative immunity established by the United States Constitution or the Constitution, laws, or common law of this state shall have the right of direct appeal under this paragraph, and such right shall be exercised within 30 days of any judgment, order, or ruling."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
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Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 142, nays 23.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 241. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Mallow of the 2nd, Robertson of the 29th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to provide for the organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies; to amend Titles 10, 31, and 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, health, and local government, respectively, so as to require a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a dead human body or fetus; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	N Petrea	N Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 157, nays 4.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 155. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators;

to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following resolution of the House:

HR 7. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 216. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 25th, Rice of the 139th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission; to provide for the purpose, membership, and duties of such commission; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 50, relating to the OneGeorgia Authority, so as to abolish the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium; to replace the advisory panel and executive committee governing said consortium with the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission; to provide for a definition; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 270. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Camp of the 135th, Silcox of the 53rd, Jenkins of the 136th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuances, so as to provide for the continuance and stay of proceedings related to eviction of tenants at certain airports; to provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 44-7-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of summons, service, time for answer, and defenses and counterclaims, so as to provide for service by an approved process server; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 511. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Burchett of the 176th, Hatchett of the 155th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 and Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance and computation of taxable net income, respectively, so as to provide for deductions from taxable income for contributions by taxpayers to catastrophe savings accounts and interest earned on such accounts; to establish limits for contributions to such accounts; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 58. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Leverett of the 123rd, Thomas of the 21st, Clifton of the 131st, Crowe of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 213. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd, Summers of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to ban commercial cheating services that target students and examinees seeking a professional license as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	N Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	N Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 155, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 191. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Echols of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment security, so as to revise certain notice provisions relating to benefits and appeals; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Y Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 146, nays 16.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Ballinger of the 23rd moved that the following Bill of the Senate be recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 8. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Jackson of the 41st, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for arrest warrant requirements

when juvenile courts are acting as courts of inquiry; to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Cooper of the 45th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 162. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tillery of the 19th and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Composite Medical Board, so as to provide for the board to implement an automated credentialing system for healthcare providers in this state; to provide for requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Powell of the 33rd moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 204. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 44th, James of the 28th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-70.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial upon accusations in certain felony and misdemeanor cases and trial upon plea of guilty or nolo contendere, so as to allow for offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Bonner of the 73rd moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 293. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for certain veterans, so as to increase the number of free license plates issued to certain veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 123. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has intellectual disability; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice of intent to claim intellectual disability; to provide for pretrial determination of intellectual disability; to provide for verdicts; to provide for capital case procedures; to provide for reports investigating reversible error; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to provide for pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has an intellectual disability; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice of intent to claim intellectual disability; to provide for pretrial determination of intellectual disability; to provide for verdicts; to provide for capital case procedures; to provide for reports investigating reversible error; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by adding a new Code section to Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7, relating to insanity and mental incompetency, to read as follows:

"17-7-128.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'intellectual disability' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-7-131.

(b) In criminal cases involving a capital offense for which the death penalty is sought, the accused may file a pretrial notice of intent to raise a claim of intellectual disability. Such notice shall state that the accused has an intellectual disability.

(c) A pretrial hearing on the issue of whether the defendant has an intellectual disability:

(1) May be conducted upon motion of the defendant, at the discretion of the court; or

(2) Shall be conducted upon joint consent motion of the defendant and the state to proceed with a pretrial hearing to determine if the accused has an intellectual disability.

(d)(1) The defendant shall provide all discovery relating to the claim of intellectual disability, including, but not limited to, reports, names, contact information of any witnesses, and any other information, to the prosecuting attorney no later than 60 days prior to the date of the pretrial hearing, or at such time as the court orders.

(2) Within 30 days of the defendant providing discovery, or as otherwise ordered by the court, the prosecuting attorney shall provide all discovery relating to the claim of intellectual disability, including, but not limited to, reports, names, contact information of any witnesses, and any other information, to the defendant.

(3) If, prior to the pretrial hearing, a party discovers additional evidence or material previously requested or ordered which is subject to discovery under this subsection, such party shall promptly notify the opposing party of the existence of the additional evidence or material and make the additional evidence or material available to the opposing party.

(e) Such pretrial determination of intellectual disability shall be made by the court sitting as the finder of fact.

(f) The defendant shall have the burden of production and persuasion to demonstrate intellectual disability by a preponderance of the evidence, and, if such pretrial determination does not find the defendant to have an intellectual disability, he or she shall not be precluded from raising such issue in further proceedings.

(g) If the defendant is found to have an intellectual disability, the court shall bar the state from seeking the death penalty. If the court does not find that the defendant has an intellectual disability, the defendant may raise the issue of his or her alleged intellectual disability as set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) or paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 17-7-131.

(h) Either party may seek immediate review of the trial court's determination regarding intellectual disability, pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 5-6-34 or to Code Section 5-7-1."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) and adding a new paragraph to subsection (j) of Code Section 17-7-131, relating to proceedings upon plea of insanity or mental incompetency at time of crime, to read as follows:

"(b)(1) In all cases in which the defense of insanity, mental illness, or intellectual disability is interposed, the jury, or the court if tried by it, shall find whether the defendant is:

(A) Guilty;

(B) Not guilty;

(C) Not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime;

(D) Guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime, but the finding of guilty but mentally ill shall be made only in felony cases; or

(E) Guilty but with intellectual disability, but the finding of intellectual disability shall be made only in felony cases.

(2)(A) A plea of guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime or a plea of guilty but with intellectual disability shall not be accepted until the defendant has undergone examination by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and the court has examined the psychological or psychiatric reports, held a hearing on the issue of the defendant's mental condition, and is satisfied that there is a factual basis that the defendant was mentally ill at the time of the offense or has intellectual disability to which the plea is entered.

~~(2.1)~~(B) A plea of not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime shall not be accepted and the defendant adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity by the court without a jury until the defendant has undergone examination by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and the court has examined the psychological or psychiatric reports, has held a hearing on the issue of the defendant's mental condition, and the court is satisfied that the defendant was insane at the time of the crime according to the criteria ~~of~~ set forth in Code Section 16-3-2 or 16-3-3.

(C) In criminal cases involving a capital offense for which the death penalty is sought and a pretrial notice of intent to raise a claim of intellectual disability has been filed, the procedure set forth in Code Section 17-7-128 shall be followed.

~~(3)~~(D) In all cases and applicable criminal trials in which the defense of insanity, mental illness, or intellectual disability is interposed, the trial judge shall charge the jury, in addition to other appropriate charges, the following:

~~(A)~~(i) 'I ~~I~~ charge you that should you find the defendant not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime, the defendant will be committed to a state mental health facility until such time, if ever, that the court is satisfied that he or she should be released pursuant to ~~law.~~ law';

~~(B)~~(ii) 'I ~~I~~ charge you that should you find the defendant guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime, the defendant will be placed in the custody of the Department of Corrections which will have responsibility for the evaluation and treatment of the mental health needs of the defendant, which may include, at the discretion of the Department of Corrections, referral for temporary hospitalization at a facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental ~~Disabilities.~~ Disabilities'; and

~~(C)~~(iii) 'I ~~I~~ charge you that should you find the defendant guilty but with intellectual disability, the defendant will be placed in the custody of the Department of

Corrections, which will have responsibility for the evaluation and treatment of the mental health needs of the defendant, which may include, at the discretion of the Department of Corrections, referral for temporary hospitalization at a facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental ~~Disabilities.~~ Disabilities.'

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in ~~In~~ all criminal trials in any of the courts of this state wherein an accused shall contend that he or she was insane, mentally ill, or ~~intellectually disabled~~ had an intellectual disability at the time the act or acts charged against him or her were committed, the trial judge shall instruct the jury that they may consider, in addition to verdicts of 'guilty' and 'not guilty,' the additional verdicts of 'not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime,' 'guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime,' and 'guilty but with intellectual disability.' The defendant may:

~~(1)~~(A) Be ~~The defendant may be~~ found 'not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime' if he or she meets the criteria of Code Section 16-3-2 or 16-3-3 at the time of the commission of the crime. If the court or jury should make such finding, it shall so specify in its verdict~~.~~;

~~(2)~~(B) Be ~~The defendant may be~~ found 'guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime' if the jury, or court acting as trier of facts, finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged and was mentally ill at the time of the commission of the crime. If the court or jury should make such finding, it shall so specify in its verdict~~.~~; or

~~(3)~~(C) Be found 'guilty but with intellectual disability' if the jury, or court acting as trier of facts, both convicts the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt and finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has an intellectual disability. ~~The defendant may be found 'guilty but with intellectual disability' if the jury, or court acting as trier of facts, finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged and is with intellectual disability.~~ If the court or jury should make such finding, it shall so specify in its verdict.

(2) When the death penalty has been sought and the defendant contends he or she has an intellectual disability, the court shall instruct the jury that it shall consider whether it finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged. If the jury convicts the defendant of such capital crime, the defendant shall then present evidence regarding his or her alleged intellectual disability. The state shall have the opportunity to present evidence in response, and the defendant may offer evidence in rebuttal. Following the presentation of evidence, the court shall instruct the jury that, if the jury finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has an intellectual disability, such jury shall enter a separate finding of 'intellectual disability' and so specify in its verdict. If the jury does not find by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has an intellectual disability, such jury shall enter a separate finding of 'no intellectual disability.' When the jury returns a finding of 'no intellectual disability,' there shall be a capital sentencing proceeding as provided for in Code Section 17-10-30."

"(3) In the trial of any case in which the death penalty is sought, should the judge find in accepting a plea of guilty but with intellectual disability, or the jury or court find in its verdict that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged but with intellectual disability, the death penalty shall not be imposed and the court shall sentence the defendant to imprisonment for life or imprisonment for life without possibility of parole."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 17-7-171, relating to time for a demand for speedy trial in capital cases, discharge and acquittal when no trial held before end of two court terms of demand, counting of terms in cases in which death penalty is sought, and special pleas of incompetency, as follows:

"(d) If a defendant files a pretrial notice of intent to raise a claim of intellectual disability pursuant to Code Section 17-7-128 or a special plea of incompetency to stand trial pursuant to Code Section 17-7-130 or if the court, pursuant to Code Section 17-7-129, conducts a trial on the competency of the defendant, the period of time during which such matter is pending shall not be included in the computation of determining whether a demand for speedy trial has been satisfied."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 17-10-35.1, relating to the review of pretrial proceedings when death penalty is sought, reports investigating reversible error, transmittal of reports to Supreme Court, orders regarding review, Attorney General assistance, res judicata, applicability, and waiver of rights, as follows:

"(b) The reports of the trial judge, prosecutor, prosecuting attorney, and defendant under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be in the form of standard questionnaires prepared and supplied by the Supreme Court. Such questionnaires shall be designed to determine whether there is arguably any existence of reversible error with respect to any of the following matters:

(1) Any proceedings with respect to change of venue;

(2) Any proceedings with respect to recusal of the trial judge;

(3) Any challenge to the jury array;

(4) Any motion to suppress evidence;

(5) Any motion for psychiatric or other medical evaluation; ~~and~~

(6) Any proceedings with respect to a pretrial determination of intellectual disability; and

~~(6)~~(7) Any other matter deemed appropriate by the Supreme Court."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Werkheiser of the 157th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 123.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	E Douglas	E Howard, K	Neal	E Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 150, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson of the 10th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 885. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Thomas of the 21st, Fleming of the 114th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Election Procedures; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Representative Sainz of the 180th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 886. By Representative Sainz of the 180th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Ms. Rachel Hodge and dedicating an intersection in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Representative Clark of the 100th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HB 896. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Hall County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

Representative Blackmon of the 146th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Resolution of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 887. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Reducing and Prioritizing Mandates for Public School Administration; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Williams of the 168th et al., McClain of the 109th et al., Crowe of the 118th et al., Lim of the 98th, Jasperse of the 11th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Willis of the 55th et al., and Alexander of the 66th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 888. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th, Dickey of the 134th, Jones of the 143rd, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Clarence "Ed" Barker; and for other purposes.

HR 889. By Representative Holcomb of the 101st:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the life, leadership, and legacy of Wyatt Thomas Johnson Jr. for his extraordinary contributions to journalism, civic life, and public service in Georgia and across the nation as well as for his resolute efforts to champion mental health awareness, strengthen democratic institutions, and promote informed citizenship; and for other purposes.

HR 890. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Miller of the 62nd and Evans of the 57th:

A RESOLUTION commending Hope Atlanta on 125 years of service to metro Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 891. By Representative Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Logan Paradice on winning the 2025 GHSA Class 6AState Wrestling Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 892. By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Reese of the 140th, Henderson of the 113th, Griffin of the 149th, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Speak Life! Cancer Care Ministry; and for other purposes.

HR 893. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending Aretha Sharice Hopkins, Toney Elementary School's 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 894. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bazemore of the 69th, Bennett of the 94th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Howard of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mikayla Arciaga; and for other purposes.

HR 895. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Bazemore of the 69th and Bennett of the 94th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pamela Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 896. By Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Georgia Pharmacy Association upon its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 897. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Dickey of the 134th, Mathis of the 133rd, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ralph Evans upon his induction into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 898. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Myles of the 126th, Crawford of the 89th, Reese of the 140th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, work, and contributions of Nina Packer; and for other purposes.

HR 899. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Williamson of the 112th, Burns of the 159th, Cooper of the 45th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joyce Carter Stevens; and for other purposes.

HR 900. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Sharper of the 177th, Moore of the 91st and Kendrick of the 95th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andre Anthony Cross Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 901. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Myles of the 126th, Crawford of the 89th, Bennett of the 94th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending AJ Calloway; and for other purposes.

HR 902. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th, Holland of the 54th and Sharper of the 177th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Michelle Taylor Willis; and for other purposes.

HR 903. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Holland of the 54th, Sharper of the 177th and Reese of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, work, and contributions of Attorney Gerald A. Griggs; and for other purposes.

HR 904. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Willis of the 55th, Myles of the 126th, Crawford of the 89th, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, work, and contributions of Patrick Muhammad; and for other purposes.

Representative Thomas of the 21st District, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Bill and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 815 Do Pass
SB 177 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Thomas of the 21st
Vice-Chairman

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 59 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 240. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Douglas of the 78th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 and Article 13 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act and licensing of mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers, respectively, so as to prohibit unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions related to mortgage trigger leads; to provide for definitions; to provide for a remedy; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 322. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Gambill of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to revise provisions regarding the Georgia Board of Dentistry issuance of a dental or dental hygiene license for the sole purpose of teaching or instructing in an accredited dental school, dental hygiene school, or academic medical center in this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 327. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Oliver of the 84th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to financial institutions; to amend Chapter 6B of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia power of attorney; to amend Code Section 15-9-127 of the O.C.G.A., relating to concurrent jurisdiction with superior courts and probate court jurisdiction; to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations; to amend Code Section 24-12-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure of AIDS confidential information; to amend Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to guardian and ward; to amend Code Section 31-10-9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration of births; to amend Code Section 43-34-37 of the O.C.G.A.; to amend Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to property; to amend Code Section 51-4-2 of the O.C.G.A.,; to amend Title 53 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 358. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Buckner of the 137th and Jenkins of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibiting the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 416. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Blackmon of the 146th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 121. By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. John W. Mixon and dedicating a building in his honor; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 1. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide generally for competitively fair and safe student participation in middle school, high school, and college sports; to promote fair and safe competition; to provide for equal athletic opportunities and safety; to provide for specific designations of teams operated or sponsored by local school systems, public schools, participating private schools, and postsecondary educational institutions in this state; to prohibit males from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competitions on teams designated as female; to prohibit females from participating in competition on intercollegiate teams

designated as male, subject to exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 121. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-7-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, so as to increase the minimum uninsured motorist coverage required under motor vehicle liability policies for a individual convicted of driving under the influence or reckless driving; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 140. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Still of the 48th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to provide for doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 141. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 147. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of detention generally relative to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to provide consent for the release of certain criminal history, vocational, and educational information for inmates upon release; to provide for issuance of an identification card and a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 154. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to revise or remove references to the United States Department of Education from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to replace a reference to student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute to the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 7. By Senator Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 356. By Senator Anavitarte of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Polk County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the greater of 50 percent or $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older, in the amount of the greater of 75 percent or $80,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, and in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 77 years of age or older, all with a temporary cap on the annual aggregate exemption amount; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 358. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Harrell of the 40th, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved

March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), an Act approved March 20, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3900), an Act approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6137), an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), and an Act approved July 29, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 4069), so as to revise administrative procedures related to verification of ethics complaints; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 17th, Strickland of the 42nd and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new Board of Commissioners of Henry County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3680), as amended, so as to revise and restate provisions regarding the code of ethics; to revise provisions related to the chairperson of the board of commissioners and county manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, April 2, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Thirty-Ninth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cox	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jas
Adeyina	Crawford	Heffner	Martinez	Ridley, Jor
Alexander	Crowe	Henderson	Mathiak	Romman
Anderson	Cummings	Herring	Mathis	Sainz
Au	Davis	Hilton	McClain	Sampson
E Baker	Dawson	Hitchens	McCollum	Sanchez
Ballard	DeLoach	Holcomb	McDonald	Schofield
Ballinger	Dempsey	Holland	E McQueen	Scoggins
Barnes	Dickey	Holly	Meeks	Scott
Barton	Donatucci	Hong	Miller	Seabaugh
Bazemore	Douglas	Horner	Mitchell	Sharper
Beckles	Draper	Howard, J	Momtahan	Silcox
Bennett	Drenner	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, L
Berry	Dubnik	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Bonner	Efstration	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Stephens
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Tarvin
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, E	Oliver	Taylor, D
Byrd	Evans	Jackson, M	O'Steen	Taylor, R
Cameron	Fleming	Jasperse	Panitch	Thomas
Camp	Flournoy	Jenkins	Paris	Townsend
Campbell, J	Ford	Jones, A	Park	Tran
Campbell, L	Franklin	Jones, J	Parrish	Wade
Cannon, C	Frye	Jones, S	Parsons	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Gaines	Jones, T	Persinger	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gambill	Kahaian	Petrea	Wilkerson
Chastain	Gilliard	Kelley	Powell	Williams, A
Cheokas	Glaize	Kendrick	Prince	Williams, N
Clark, D	Greene	LaHood	Reese	Williamson
Clark, J	Gullett	Leverett	Reeves	Willis
Clifton	Gunter	Lim	Rhodes	Yearta
Cooper	Hagan	Lumsden	Rice	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hatchett	Lupton	Richardson	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Bell of the 75th, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Moore of the 91st, Myles of the 126th, Roberts of the 52nd, Washburn of the 144th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Hirshy Minkowicz, Chabad of North Fulton, Alpharetta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 883. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8A of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric vehicle charging stations, so as to revise and provide for standards for display of electricity dispensed by electric vehicle charging stations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to provide for an exception for collection of motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to provide

for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 884. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Bennett of the 94th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to establish a grant program for perinatal facilities to increase the availability of obstetric care in low access to maternity care areas and maternity care deserts; to provide for definitions; to provide for appropriations and funding; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 885. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Schofield of the 63rd, Park of the 107th, Crawford of the 89th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to establish a program to assist certain pregnant women who reside in low access to maternity care areas and maternity care deserts in obtaining obstetric care; to provide for definitions; to provide for appropriations and funding; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 886. By Representatives Evans of the 57th, Bazemore of the 69th, Miller of the 62nd, Schofield of the 63rd and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to prohibit state agencies and local government entities from responding to ransomware activity; to require that state agencies and local government entities report ransomware activity to the Georgia Technology Authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 887. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Sainz of the 180th, Hitchens of the 161st and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 14 and 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors and residential and commercial general contractors, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to the issuance of certain professional licenses based on specialties or certifications obtained during service in the military; to provide for the issuance of additional professional licenses based on such specialties or certifications; to streamline the process of identifying such specialties or certifications that qualify for the issuances of such licenses; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 888. By Representative Carpenter of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for in-state tuition for postsecondary education for certain noncitizen students; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 889. By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Park of the 107th, Santos of the 117th, Berry of the 56th, Adeyina of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for certain federal agents to clearly identify themselves while in the performance of their duties; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 890. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset provision for an exemption from state and local sales and use taxes for the sale or use of certain noncommercial written materials or mailings by certain nonprofit organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 891. By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Hatchett of the 155th, Carson of the 46th, Meeks of the 178th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan, so as to increase the benefits payable for service after July 1, 2026; to provide for an increase to employee contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 892. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Buckner of the 137th, Miller of the 62nd, Evans of the 57th and Barrett of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice generally, so as to prohibit massage therapy businesses from operating during certain set hours; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 893. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to replace the terms "charter system" and "charter systems" with "performance contract system" and "performance contract systems," respectively, wherever such terms appear in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 894. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to authorize the sentencing court to review and resentence certain cases where the punishment of life without parole was imposed; to provide for a petition; to provide for a hearing; to provide for the right to counsel; to provide for notice to the victim; to provide for an appeal process; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 895. By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to increase the retirement benefit amounts payable to certain legislators upon retirement; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HR 882. By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that local school systems can levy and collect a sales and use tax for maintenance and operation expenses; to provide that local school systems must offset their millage rates in an amount equal to the amount of tax proceeds collected by such sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 883. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Clark of the 100th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism.

HR 884. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jasperse of the 11th, Hilton of the 48th, Greene of the 154th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION urging increased state autonomy to allow for the creation of innovative solutions to work disincentives and the reform of social safety net programs; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 874	HB 875
HB 876	HB 877
HB 878	HB 879
HB 880	HB 881
HB 882	HB 896
HR 859	HR 885
HR 886	HR 887
SB 352	SB 356
SB 358	SB 359

Representative Erwin of the 32nd District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 711	Do Pass	HR 887	Do Pass
SB 152	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 179	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Erwin of the 32nd
Chairman

Representative Hawkins of the 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 39	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 91	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hawkins of the 27th
Chairman

Representative Petrea of the 166th District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Human Relations and Aging has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 816	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Petrea of the 166th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 825	Do Pass	SB 328	Do Pass
SB 329	Do Pass	SB 336	Do Pass
SB 340	Do Pass	SB 344	Do Pass
SB 345	Do Pass	SB 347	Do Pass
SB 355	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 18th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 218	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 268	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 18th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 45th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public and Community Health, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public and Community Health has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 304	Do Pass	HR 593	Do Pass
HR 847	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 101	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 185	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 45th
Chairman

Representative Hagan of the 156th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Development, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rural Development has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 753 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hagan of the 156th
Chairman

Representative Jones of the 25th District, Chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Technology and Infrastructure Innovation has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 817 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jones of the 25th
Chairman

Representative Jasperse of the 11th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SR 8 Do Pass, by Substitute
SR 231 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jasperse of the 11th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 5 Private Review Agents; health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements; provide (Substitute)(Ins-Hawkins-27th) Kirkpatrick-32nd (Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 0855S)

SB 100 "Andee's Law"; enact (Judy-Gullett-19th) Robertson-29th

SB 125 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements (RegI-Hawkins-27th) Walker III-20th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 55 0644S)

SB 173 Pleadings and Motions; movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts and state courts; authorize (Substitute)(Judy-Gunter-8th) McLaurin-14th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bills of the Senate be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

SB 336. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dade County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for

definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 355. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st and Bearden of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Paulding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Crowe of the 118th moved that the following Bill of the House be removed from the Local Calendar and voted on separately:

HB 825. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Monroe County, Georgia, approved February 25, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3857), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the members and the chairperson of such board; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, Representative Crowe of the 118th withdrew his motion.

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Local Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 825. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Monroe County, Georgia, approved February 25, 1993 (Ga. L.

1993, p. 3857), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the members and the chairperson of such board; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 328. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Davenport of the 17th, Williams of the 25th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a State Court of Henry County, approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3954), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4090), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Henry County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge; to provide for the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for a chief judge; to provide for a salary supplement for the chief judge; to provide for the appointment of a judge pro hac vice; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 329. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Davenport of the 17th, Williams of the 25th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing supplements to the salaries of the judges of superior court, the district attorney, and the chief assistant district attorney of the Flint Judicial Circuit, approved March 21, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 705), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4169), so as to provide the chief judge with an annual stipend in addition to county compensation to superior court judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 340. By Senator Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new charter for the City of Tybee Island, approved April 20, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4462), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 3569), so as to provide for the selection of a mayor pro tem; to provide for the duties of the mayor pro tem; to provide for filling a vacancy in the office of the mayor pro tem; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 344. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 345. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Crawford County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 347. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd and Still of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act implementing the Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority, approved April 2, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 2826), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5391), which Act was enacted pursuant to an amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. L. 1962, p. 810, so as to change the method of appointing the membership; to amend the term of office of such membership;

to provide for qualification of members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	Y Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Oliver of the 84th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Berry of the 56th et al., Okoye of the 102nd et al., Buckner of the 137th, Hilton of the 48th et al., Jones of the 47th et al., Kelley of the 16th, Crawford of the 89th et al., Adeyina of the 110th et al., Wade of the 9th et al., Reese of the 140th et al., Kendrick of the 95th et al., Holly of the 116th et al., Carter of the 93rd, Gaines of the 120th, Cannon of the 58th et al., Burchett of the 176th et al., and Bell of the 75th et al.

Pursuant to HR 878, the House commended the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 5. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 33 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to provide for improved prior authorization and to provide for the coverage of certain healthcare services; to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to require coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines; to provide for definitions; to allow for deductibles; to prohibit special deductibles; to provide for rules and regulations; to require major medical coverage for

annual prostate cancer screenings for certain men; to provide for definitions; to provide for Medicare supplement policies to be issued and renewed for individuals under 65 years of age who are eligible by reason of disability or end stage renal disease under federal law; to provide for open enrollment periods; to prohibit an insurer from charging premium rates for such policies for such individuals that exceed premium rates charged for individuals who are 65 years of age; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 46, relating to certification of private review agents, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-46-20.1.

(a) Each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers' performance and adherence to evidence based medicine. Such program shall promote quality, affordable healthcare and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for both the insurer and the healthcare provider.

(b) Criteria for participation by healthcare providers and the healthcare services included in the program shall be at the discretion of the insurer; provided, however, that such insurer shall submit to the department a filing concerning such program. Such filing shall include a full narrative description of the program, the criteria for participation in the program, a list of the procedures and services subject to the program, the number of healthcare providers participating in the program, and any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(c) No later than July 1, 2026, each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall make the filing provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and such filing shall be submitted annually in a form and manner provided for by rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits, including those contracts executed by the State of Georgia on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, by a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other insurer or similar entity. Such term shall not include any self-insured health benefit plan subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.

(2) 'Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines' means evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Such guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

(3) 'Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome' or 'PANS' means a class of acute-onset obsessive compulsive or tic disorders or other behavioral changes presenting in children and adolescents that are not otherwise explained by another known neurologic or medical disorder.

(4) 'Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections' or 'PANDAS' means a condition in which a streptococcal infection in a child or adolescent causes the abrupt onset of clinically significant obsessions, compulsions, tics, or other neuropsychiatric symptoms or behavioral changes, or a relapsing and remitting course of symptom severity.

(b) All health benefit policies issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2025, shall include coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under such policy as provided in this Code section.

(c) Healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under a health benefit policy shall be covered for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a covered person's disorder when such services are supported by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

(d) The benefits in a health benefit policy as provided for in this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, copayment provisions, and other limitations established for all covered benefits within such health benefit policy. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, and other limitations that are not generally applicable to other healthcare services covered by a health benefit policy shall not be imposed on coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS.

(e) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended in Chapter 18, relating to employees' insurance and benefit plans, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-4.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines' means evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Such guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

(2) 'Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome' or 'PANS' means a class of acute-onset obsessive compulsive or tic disorders or other behavioral changes presenting in children and adolescents that are not otherwise explained by another known neurologic or medical disorder.

(3) 'Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections' or 'PANDAS' means a condition in which a streptococcal infection in a child or adolescent causes the abrupt onset of clinically significant obsessions, compulsions, tics, or other neuropsychiatric symptoms or behavioral changes, or a relapsing and remitting course of symptom severity.

(4) 'State health benefit plan' means the health insurance plan or plans established pursuant to this article and Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 for state and public employees, dependents, and retirees.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2026, the state health benefit plan shall include coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under such policy as provided in this Code section.

(c) Healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under the state health benefit plan shall be covered for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a covered person's disorder when such services are supported by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

(d) The benefits in the state health benefit plan as provided for in this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, copayment provisions, and other limitations established for all covered benefits within such plan. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, and other limitations that are not generally applicable to healthcare services covered by such plan shall not be imposed on coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS."

PART III

SECTION 3-1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.35.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits by a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other insurer or similar entity.

(2) 'Men with a family history of prostate cancer' means men who have a first-degree relative:

(A) Who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer;

(B) Who developed prostate cancer;

(C) Whose death was a result of prostate cancer;

(D) Who has been diagnosed with a cancer known to be associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer; or

(E) Who has a genetic alteration known to be associated with an increased risk of prostate cancer.

(3) 'Men with a high risk for prostate cancer' means:

(A) Men with a family history of prostate cancer who are 40 to 49 years of age;

(B) Men who are 50 years of age and older; and

(C) Other men, as may be determined by a physician.

(b) A health benefit policy shall provide coverage for annual prostate cancer screenings for men with a high risk for prostate cancer. Such coverage shall include a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Bridging the Gap for ALS and Chronic Kidney Disease Act of 2025."

SECTION 4-2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 43, relating to Medicare supplement insurance, by revising Code Section 33-43-3, relating to duplicate benefits prohibited and establishment of standards, as follows:

"33-43-3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term '42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 421-1' means such federal law as it existed on January 1, 2025.

~~(a)~~(b) No ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement ~~insurance~~ policy or certificate in force in this state shall contain benefits which duplicate benefits provided by ~~medicare~~ Medicare.

~~(b)~~(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of Georgia law, a ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policy or certificate shall not exclude or limit benefits for losses incurred more than six months from the effective date of coverage because it involved a preexisting condition. The policy or certificate shall not define a preexisting condition more restrictively than a condition for which medical advice was given or treatment was recommended by or received from a physician within six months before the effective date of coverage.

~~(c)~~(d) The Commissioner shall adopt reasonable regulations to establish specific standards for policy provisions of ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policies and certificates. Such standards shall be in addition to and in accordance with applicable laws of this state. No requirement of this title relating to minimum required policy benefits, other than the minimum standards contained in this chapter, shall apply to ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policies and certificates. The standards shall cover, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Terms of renewability;
(2) Initial and subsequent conditions of eligibility;
(3) Nonduplication of coverage;
(4) Probationary periods;
(5) Benefit limitations, exceptions, and reductions;
(6) Elimination periods;
(7) Requirements for replacement;
(8) Recurrent conditions; and
(9) Definitions of terms.

~~(d)~~(e) The Commissioner shall adopt reasonable regulations to establish minimum standards for benefits, claims payment, marketing practices, compensation arrangements, and reporting practices for ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policies and certificates.

~~(e)~~(f) The Commissioner may adopt from time to time such reasonable regulations as are necessary to conform ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policies and certificates to the requirements of federal law and regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to:

(1) Requiring refunds or credits if the policies or certificates do not meet loss ratio requirements;
(2) Establishing a uniform methodology for calculating and reporting loss ratios;
(3) Assuring public access to policies, premiums, and loss ratio information of issuers of ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement insurance;
(4) Establishing a process for approving or disapproving policy forms, certificate forms, and proposed premium increases;
(5) Establishing a policy for holding public hearings prior to approval of premium increases; and
(6) Establishing standards for ~~medicare~~ Medicare select policies and certificates.

~~(f)~~(g) The Commissioner may adopt reasonable regulations that specify prohibited policy provisions not otherwise specifically authorized by statute which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, are unjust, unfair, or unfairly discriminatory to any ~~person~~ individual

insured or proposed to be insured under a ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policy or certificate.

~~(g)~~(h) Insurers offering ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policies in this state ~~to persons~~ for individuals 65 years of age or older shall also offer ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policies ~~to persons~~ for individuals in this state who are eligible for and enrolled in ~~medicare~~ Medicare by reason of disability or ~~end-stage~~ end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1. Such Medicare supplement policies shall be issued on a guaranteed renewable basis under which the insurer shall be required to continue coverage so long as premiums are paid on such policy. Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, all benefits, protections, policies, and procedures that apply to ~~persons~~ individuals 65 years of age or older shall also apply to ~~persons~~ individuals who are eligible for and enrolled in ~~medicare~~ Medicare by reason of disability or ~~end-stage~~ end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1.

~~(h)~~(i) Persons may enroll in a ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement policy at any time authorized or required by the federal government or within six months of:

(1) Enrolling in ~~medicare~~ Medicare Part B for an individual who is under 65 years of age and is eligible for ~~medicare~~ Medicare ~~because~~ by reason of disability or ~~end-stage~~ end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1, whichever is later;

(2) Receiving notice that such ~~person~~ individual has been retroactively enrolled in ~~medicare~~ Medicare Part B due to a retroactive eligibility decision made by the Social Security Administration; or

(3) Experiencing a qualifying event identified in regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.

(j) Beginning January 1, 2026, in addition to the provisions in subsection (i) of this Code section, an individual may enroll in a Medicare supplement policy when such individual is currently enrolled in Medicare by reason of disability or end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1, during a one-time open enrollment period of six months beginning on January 1, 2026.

~~(i)~~(k) No policy or certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall prohibit payment made by third parties on behalf of individual applicants or individuals within a group applicant so long as:

(1) The third party is an immediate family member of a person lawfully exercising an in-force power of attorney or legal guardianship; or

(2) The third party is a nonprofit, charitable organization that:

(A) Is the named requestor of an advisory opinion issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General under the requirements of 42 C.F.R. Part 1008; and

(B) Provides, upon request by the ~~medicare~~ Medicare supplement issuer, the specific advisory opinion relied upon by the third party to make such payment and a written certification that the advisory opinion is in full force and effect and has not been rescinded, modified, or terminated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General.

~~(j) Premiums for medicare supplemental insurance policies may differ between persons who qualify for medicare who are 65 years of age or older and those who qualify for medicare who are younger than 65 years of age; provided, however, that such differences in premiums shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory and shall be based on sound actuarial principles and reasonable in relation to the benefits provided.~~

(l) An insurer shall not charge premium rates for a standardized Plan A, Plan B, or Plan D Medicare supplement policy or certificate for an individual under sixty-five years of age who becomes eligible for Medicare by reason of disability or end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1, that exceed premium rates charged for such policies to an individual who is 65 years of age.

(m) An insurer shall not charge premium rates for any standardized lettered Medicare supplement policy or certificate other than those specified in subsection (l) of this Code section for an individual under 65 years of age who becomes eligible for Medicare by reason of disability or end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1, that exceed 200 percent of the premium rates charged for such policy or certificate to an individual who is 65 years of age or issue to an individual under 65 years of age who becomes eligible for Medicare by reason of disability or end stage renal disease, as specified under 42 U.S.C. Section 426(b) or 426-1, a Medicare supplement policy or certificate that contains a waiting period or a preexisting condition limitation or exclusion."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 5-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 and Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally and employees' insurance and benefits plans, respectively, so as to require coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders

associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines; to provide for definitions; to allow for deductibles; to prohibit special deductibles; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-46-20.1.

(a) Each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers' performance and adherence to evidence based medicine. Such program shall promote quality, affordable healthcare and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for both the insurer and the healthcare provider.

(b) Criteria for participation by healthcare providers and the healthcare services included in the program shall be at the discretion of the insurer; provided, however, that such insurer shall submit to the department a filing concerning such program. Such filing shall include a full narrative description of the program, the criteria for participation in the program, a list of the procedures and services subject to the program, the number of healthcare providers participating in the program, and any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(c) No later than July 1, 2026, each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall make the filing provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and such filing shall be submitted annually in a form and manner provided for by rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits, including those contracts executed by the State of

Georgia on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, by a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or other insurer or similar entity. Such term shall not include any self-insured health benefit plan subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.

(2) 'Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines' means evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Such guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

(3) 'Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome' or 'PANS' means a class of acute-onset obsessive compulsive or tic disorders or other behavioral changes presenting in children and adolescents that are not otherwise explained by another known neurologic or medical disorder.

(4) 'Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections' or 'PANDAS' means a condition in which a streptococcal infection in a child or adolescent causes the abrupt onset of clinically significant obsessions, compulsions, tics, or other neuropsychiatric symptoms or behavioral changes, or a relapsing and remitting course of symptom severity.

(b) All health benefit policies issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2025, shall include coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under such policy as provided in this Code section.

(c) Healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under a health benefit policy shall be covered for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a covered person's disorder when such services are supported by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

(d) The benefits in a health benefit policy as provided for in this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, copayment provisions, and other limitations established for all covered benefits within such health benefit policy. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, and other limitations that are not generally applicable to other healthcare services covered by a health benefit policy shall not be imposed on coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS.

(e) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefit plans, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-4.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines' means evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Such guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

(2) 'Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome' or 'PANS' means a class of acute-onset obsessive compulsive or tic disorders or other behavioral changes presenting in children and adolescents that are not otherwise explained by another known neurologic or medical disorder.

(3) 'Pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections' or 'PANDAS' means a condition in which a streptococcal infection in a child or adolescent causes the abrupt onset of clinically significant obsessions, compulsions, tics, or other neuropsychiatric symptoms or behavioral changes, or a relapsing and remitting course of symptom severity.

(4) 'State health benefit plan' means the health insurance plan or plans established pursuant to this article and Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 for state and public employees, dependents, and retirees.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2026, the state health benefit plan shall include coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under such policy as provided in this Code section.

(c) Healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS for an individual covered under the state health benefit plan shall be covered for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a covered person's disorder when such services are supported by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

(d) The benefits in the state health benefit plan as provided for in this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, copayment provisions, and other limitations established for all covered benefits within such plan. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, and other limitations that are not generally applicable to healthcare services covered by such plan shall not be imposed on coverage for healthcare services for PANDAS or PANS."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 173. By Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 42nd, Esteves of the 35th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to authorize movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts

and state courts; to provide for uncontested motions to be deemed granted; to provide for review by chief judge of any judge with two uncontested motions deemed granted on his or her docket; to require management reports regarding each such review; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to authorize movants to file notices of uncontested motions in superior courts and state courts; to provide for uncontested motions to be deemed granted and entered; to provide for review by chief judge of any judge with two uncontested motions deemed granted on his or her docket; to provide for management reports regarding each such review; to provide for statutory construction; to require that parties to a case provide a copy of filed motions or notices to the judge assigned to such case; to provide for instructions on how to provide such copies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, is amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"9-11-16.1.

(a) In the event that a superior court judge or a state court judge fails to rule upon a properly served pretrial motion before him or her to which no objection has been filed by any party or any valid intervenor within 60 days of the filing of such motion, the moving party may file a notice of uncontested motion with such judge.

(b) Should a judge continue to fail to rule upon a motion before him or her within seven days of the filing of a notice of uncontested motion pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, such motion shall thereafter be deemed granted and entered.

(c) The operation of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be tolled during any period that a hearing on the motion is scheduled until the day after such hearing is held.

(d) In the event that a judge has a motion deemed granted and entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section in two or more cases before such judge within two years, the chief judge of the court at issue may conduct a review of the docket management techniques and procedures of such judge and may issue a report of his or her findings.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit any court from conducting any review of its own operations of its own initiative.

9-11-16.2.

(a) Whenever a party to a case files a motion or notice with a court in this state pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the party shall cause a copy of such motion or notice to be provided to the judge assigned to the case in which such motion or notice is filed or to another designee as identified by such judge.

(b) Each judge of a court in which the provisions of this chapter apply shall, by the issuance of a standing order or any other manner, provide instructions on how parties to any case before such judge can provide copies of filed motions or notices to such judge pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	E Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 17 "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; enact (Substitute)(Ed-Persinger-119th) Anavitarte-31st (Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2408S)

SB 131 Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce; Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; establishment (Substitute) (RegI-Townsend-179th) Hodges-3rd (Rules Committee Substitute LC 33 9827ERS)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 17. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require local school systems to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require public schools to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency; to provide for the implementation of additional strategies or systems; to provide for exceptions; to require public schools to procure school mapping data; to provide for requirements of such school mapping data; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for immunity from civil liability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ricky and Alyssa's Law."

SECTION 2.
Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall implement a mobile panic alert system capable of:

(1) Connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies. Such system shall be known as the 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with the technology used in each local public safety answering point, including, but not limited to, Next Generation 9-1-1, as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-181, to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations; and

(2) Integrating with the school mapping data required in Code Section 38-3-154.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, each local school system may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.

(c) No local school system shall be required to procure or implement new or additional capabilities if, as of July 1, 2026, such local school system has a functioning mobile panic alert system in place with capabilities that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide first responder building mapping information system, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(4) 'School mapping data' means building information, floor plans, and aerial imagery of any public school."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-154.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall procure school mapping data which shall:

(1) Be in formats that conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that respond to emergencies at schools and that do not require such agencies to purchase additional software or provide payment in order to view or access such data;

(2) Be in formats capable of being printed, shared electronically, and, if requested, digitally integrated into interactive mobile platforms;

(3) Be verified for accuracy by July 1 each year by the entity producing such school mapping data by means of an in-person inspection of each school;

(4) Identify and label access points of each building interior, including, but not limited to, rooms, doors, stairwells, and hallways, each of which shall include any identifiers or names utilized by staff and students;

(5) Identify and label locations of critical utilities, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits or other emergency response aids; and

(6) Identify and label areas at or near each school, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, outbuildings, and neighboring properties.

(b) Any future updates to school mapping data provided for in this Code section shall conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to each school.

(c) The agency shall be authorized to develop rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data, including, but not limited to, standards for the use of school mapping data, encryption of such data, and transmission of such data over secure methods to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other authorized emergency first responders.

(d) Information provided to the agency under this Code section shall be exempt from public disclosure to the extent provided in Code Section 50-18-72.

(e)(1) Local boards of education, local school systems, public schools, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data.

(2) Employees of local boards of education, local school systems, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data unless it is shown that such employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities and state-wide first responder building mapping information system, respectively, so as to enact "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"; to require public schools to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of

a school security emergency; to provide for the implementation of additional strategies or systems; to provide for exceptions; to require public schools to procure school mapping data; to provide for requirements of such school mapping data; to authorize the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data; to provide for immunity from civil liability; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ricky and Alyssa's Law."

SECTION 2.

Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

This part shall be known and may be cited as 'Ricky and Alyssa's Law.'

20-2-591.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall implement a mobile panic alert system capable of:

(1) Connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies. Such system shall be known as the 'Alyssa's Alert' and shall integrate with the technology used in each local public safety answering point, including, but not limited to, Next Generation 9-1-1, as such term is defined in Code Section 38-3-181, to transmit 9-1-1 calls and mobile activations; and

(2) Integrating with the school mapping data required in Code Section 38-3-154.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, each local school system may implement additional strategies or systems to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.

(c) No local school system shall be required to procure or implement new or additional capabilities if, as of July 1, 2026, such local school system has a functioning mobile panic alert system in place with capabilities that meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Article 10 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide first responder building mapping information system, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(4) 'School mapping data' means building information, floor plans, and aerial imagery of any public school."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-154.

(a) Not later than July 1, 2026, each public school shall procure school mapping data which shall:

(1) Be in formats that conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that respond to emergencies at schools and that do not require such agencies to purchase additional software or provide payment in order to view or access such data;

(2) Be in formats capable of being printed, shared electronically, and, if requested, digitally integrated into interactive mobile platforms;

(3) Be verified for accuracy by July 1 each year by relevant public safety agencies, school safety personnel, school administrators, or the entity producing such school mapping data by means of an in-person inspection of each school;

(4) Identify and label access points of each building interior, including, but not limited to, rooms, doors, stairwells, and hallways, each of which shall include any identifiers or names utilized by staff and students;

(5) Identify and label locations of critical utilities, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits or other emergency response aids; and

(6) Identify and label areas at or near each school, including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, outbuildings, and neighboring properties.

(b) Any future updates to school mapping data provided for in this Code section shall conform to and integrate with software platforms utilized in local public safety answering points and by local, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to each school.

(c) The agency shall be authorized to develop rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data, including, but not limited to, standards for the use of school mapping data, encryption of such data, and transmission of such data over secure methods to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other authorized emergency first responders.

(d) Local school systems shall collaborate with and receive concurrence from their primary local law enforcement agency prior to procuring school mapping data to ensure such school mapping data meets the requirements of this Code section.

(e) Information provided to the agency under this Code section shall be exempt from public disclosure to the extent provided in Code Section 50-18-72.

(f)(1) Local boards of education, local school systems, public schools, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data.

(2) Employees of local boards of education, local school systems, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability for any damages arising out of the creation and use of the school mapping data unless it is shown that such employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A

Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	E Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 171, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 131. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-10-8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Licensed health care professional' means the following health care professionals licensed or certified by a state licensing board:

(A) Physicians, acupuncturists, physician assistants, respiratory care professionals, clinical perfusionists, orthotists, prosthetists, cosmetic laser practitioners, and genetic counselors;

(B) Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians;

(C) Dentists and dental hygienists;

(D) Chiropractors;

(E) Optometrists;

(F) Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants;

(G) Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants;

(H) Audiologists and speech-language pathologists;

(I) Psychologists;

(J) Licensed practical nurses, registered professional nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses, including certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric/mental health;

(K) Emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and cardiac technicians;

(L) Podiatrists;

(M) Dietitians; and

(N) Professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists.

(2) 'State licensing board' means:

(A) Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(B) State Board of Pharmacy;

(C) Georgia Board of Dentistry;

(D) Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(E) State Board of Optometry;

(F) State Board of Occupational Therapy;

(G) State Board of Physical Therapy;

(H) State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology;

(I) State Board of Examiners of Psychologists;

(J) Georgia Board of Nursing;

(K) Department of Public Health;

(L) State Board of Podiatry Examiners;

(M) Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians; and

(N) Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

(b) In collaboration with state licensing boards, the board shall create and maintain the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System for the purposes of collecting and disseminating nonidentifying descriptive data on licensed health care professionals in this state. The board shall compile existing information on licensed health care professionals

into a single repository of information easily accessible to the public from the board's website. The data system shall provide information to the public regarding the demographics and geographical distribution of licensed health care professionals in this state. The data system shall contain no individually identifying information regarding any licensed health care professional.

(c) State licensing boards shall provide the data specified in subsection (d) of this Code section upon request by the board or up to two times annually as required by the board. The board shall work with state licensing boards regarding the manner, form, and content for the reporting of such data. The board shall be authorized to enter into memoranda of agreement with individual state licensing boards for purposes of data transmission criteria pursuant to this Code section.

(d) State licensing boards shall provide the following data to the board for its licensed health care professionals who are in active practice:

(1) Age;

(2) Gender;

(3) Proficiency in English and other languages;

(4) Location of practice;

(5) License type;

(6) Month and year of birth; and

(7) City, county, and ZIP Code of residence.

(e) The board shall be authorized to seek federal or other sources of funding necessary to support the creation and maintenance of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, so as to add a member to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; to establish a parity compliance review panel; to provide for its composition and duties; to require health care providers to report parity concerns to the panel; to provide for evaluation of parity concerns reported; to provide for recommendations for punitive actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the administration of mental health, developmental disabilities, addictive diseases, and other disability services, is amended in Code Section 37-2-4, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council and its membership, meetings, and obligations, by revising subsections (a) and (c.1) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) There is created the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. The council shall consist of the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; the commissioner of early care and learning; the commissioner of community health; the commissioner of public health; the commissioner of human services; the commissioner of juvenile justice; the commissioner of corrections; the commissioner of veterans service; the commissioner of community supervision; the commissioner of community affairs; the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia; the Commissioner of Labor; the State School Superintendent; the Insurance Commissioner; the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles; a behavioral health expert employed by the University System of Georgia, designated by the chancellor of the university system; two members, appointed by the Governor; the ombudsman appointed pursuant to Code Section 37-2-32; the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children; an expert on early childhood mental health, appointed by the Governor; an expert on child and adolescent health, appointed by the Governor; a pediatrician, appointed by the Governor; an adult consumer of public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a family member of a consumer of public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a parent of a child receiving public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and a member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate."

"(c.1) The commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, the commissioner of early care and learning, the commissioner of community health, the commissioner of public health, the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of juvenile justice, the commissioner of corrections, the commissioner of veterans service, the commissioner of community supervision, the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, the Commissioner of Labor, the State School Superintendent, the Insurance Commissioner, and the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall each be authorized to be represented by a delegate or agent at any meeting of the council or subcommittee meeting. Any such delegate or agent shall be counted toward a quorum, shall have all voting privileges as the member's delegate or agent, and shall not be considered an absence of the member."

"(j) The council shall serve in an advisory role for the parity compliance review panel established pursuant to Code Section 37-2-12."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"37-2-12.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health care provider' means any health care professional licensed under Title 43 or any hospital or other health care facility licensed or regulated under Chapter 7 of Title 31 or under this title.

(2) 'Health insurer' has the same meaning as provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 33-1-27.

(3) 'Panel' means the parity compliance review panel established pursuant to this Code section.

(4) 'Parity concerns' means actual or potential violations by health insurers and state health care entities of the requirements contained in:

(A) Code Sections 33-1-27 and 33-21A-13, including, without limitation, the failure to use the statutory definitions of 'medically necessary' or 'generally accepted standards of mental health and substance use disorder care'; and

(B) Code Section 33-24-59.10 and 42 U.S.C. Section 1905(r).

(5) 'State health care entity' has the same meaning as provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 33-21A-13.

(b) There is established a parity compliance review panel within the council to be composed of:

(1) The following members of the council:

(A) The commissioner of community health, or his or her designee;

(B) The commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities, or his or her designee;

(C) The commissioner of human services, or his or her designee; and

(D) The Insurance Commissioner, or his or her designee; and

(2) The following appointed members:

(A) Two mental health clinicians, appointed by the Governor;

(B) Two senior executives of facilities or systems providing mental health care, appointed by the Governor;

(C) One mental health advocate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(D) One mental health advocate, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c)(1) Health care providers shall be required to report parity concerns in the manner and pursuant to the forms and periodicity, if any, adopted by the panel.

(2) Any such reports shall:

(A) Enable the submission of information by health care providers of actions or practices of concern that are not specifically listed in a form; and

(B) Recognize the need to distinguish reporting content relevant for health care providers in general hospitals, inpatient or residential psychiatric treatment facilities, and emergency department or outpatient settings.

(3) The panel shall encourage feedback from health care providers during the development of any reporting form, including, without limitation, feedback provided to the two senior executives of facilities or systems providing mental health care appointed to the panel by the Governor.

(4) The panel shall have no authority to impose financial penalties on a health care provider for failing to report a parity concern.

(d) The panel shall establish a simple and intuitive process to receive parity concerns reported by health care providers pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section. The panel shall evaluate submitted parity concerns to determine whether a health insurer or state health care entity is in violation of mental health parity laws. Based on such evaluation, the panel shall make recommendations as to appropriate punitive actions, if any, that may be warranted for a health insurer to the Commissioner of Insurance for violations of Code Section 33-1-27 and for a state health care entity to the commissioner of community health for violations of Code Section 33-21A-13.

(e) The panel shall be authorized to:

(1) Receive and analyze required reports from insurance companies and health care providers;

(2) Request additional information from health insurers or state health care entities regarding potential mental health parity violations, including determinations of medical necessity;

(3) Create and review educational materials for consumers and health care providers relating to compliance with mental health parity laws. Such educational materials shall include information on the concept of mental health parity, individuals' rights, and the complaint processes established pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 33-1-27, subsection (e) of Code Section 33-21A-13, and subsection (d) of this Code section. All such educational materials shall be culturally and linguistically sensitive, to the extent practicable; available in multiple languages; widely distributed; and offered in various formats, such as on a public website, in a brochure, and in written documentation; and

(4) Consult and coordinate with the Governor's office, the Department of Community Health, and the office of the Commissioner of Insurance to establish criteria and procedures for the panel in formulating recommendations relating to punitive action for insurance companies that are not compliant with mental health parity laws.

(f) Subject to available funds, the panel shall establish a team to support the work of the panel, including, but not limited to, research, report preparation, and creation of educational materials."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	E Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 166, nays 3.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 575. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication; to authorize such department to negotiate the acquisition of common property of a condominium association or property owners' association with the designated board for either such association; to provide standards for bringing an action to acquire such common property; to provide for the disbursement of consideration received from such department for common property; to authorize the establishment and administration of a program by such department for the clearing of rights of way and the removal of wrecked or abandoned heavy duty vehicles from the rights of way of interstate highways and limited access highways; to provide for payment of costs relating to removal or relocation of public utilities through agreement between the department and utility provider; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, is amended in Code Section 32-2-3, relating to development of transportation plans, public hearings, approval of plans by board, and promulgation of rules and regulations, by revising paragraphs (3) through (5) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(3) ~~These~~ The public hearings required by this subsection shall be conducted so as to provide an opportunity for effective participation by interested persons in transportation policy decisions~~,~~; the process of transportation planning, modal selections, and site and route selection~~,~~; and the specific location and design of major transportation facilities. ~~The~~ At such hearings the various factors involved in the decision or decisions and any alternative proposals shall be clearly presented so that the persons ~~attending the hearing~~ in attendance may present ~~their~~ views relating to the decision or decisions which will be made. The hearing required by this subsection for a facility, site, or project corridor ~~hearing~~ and the ~~design~~ hearing for the design of a proposed facility or facilities may be held simultaneously to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

(4)(A) The department may satisfy the requirements of this subsection for a public hearing by holding a public hearing or by ~~publishing two notices of opportunity for~~

providing the opportunity to request a public hearing. Such opportunity to request a public hearing shall be satisfied upon the publication of notice once a week for two weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the vicinity of the proposed undertaking and holding a public hearing if any written requests for such a hearing are received. The procedure for requesting a public hearing shall be explained in the notice. The deadline for submission of such a request may not be less than 21 days after the publication of the first notice of opportunity for public hearing and no less than 14 days after the date of publication of the second notice of opportunity for public hearing.

(B) A copy of the notice of opportunity for public hearing required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be furnished at the time of publication to the United States Department of Transportation, the appropriate departments of state government, and affected local governments and planning agencies. If no requests for a public hearing are received in response to a notice published pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph within the time specified for the submission of requests in the published notice, the department shall be deemed to have met the hearing requirements of this subsection.

(C) ~~The opportunity for another public hearing shall be afforded in any case when~~ When the proposed locations or designs of an undertaking are changed from those presented in the notices ~~specified in~~ published pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph or at a public hearing so as to have a substantially different transportation service~~,~~ or different social, economic, or environmental effect, a new public hearing shall be required. Such public hearing shall be held in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(D) The ~~opportunity for a public hearing shall be afforded in each case in which the department is in doubt~~ department shall hold a public hearing for an undertaking in any instance in which federal or state law is unclear as to whether a public hearing is required.

(5)(A) When a public hearing is to be held pursuant to this subsection, two notices of such hearing shall be published in print or electronically in a newspaper having general circulation in the vicinity of the proposed undertaking. The first notice shall be published no less than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing and the second notice shall be published no less than five days prior or in the last publication date available prior to the date of the hearing. The department shall publish a copy of such hearing notice on its public website no less than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

(B) Copies of the notice for public hearing published pursuant to this paragraph shall be mailed to the United States Department of Transportation, appropriate departments of state government, and affected local governments and planning agencies."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-3-2.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Authorized board' means the executive and administrative body designated in a condominium instrument or property owners' association instrument as the governing body of common property as set forth in Article 3 or Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44.

(2) 'Common property' shall include common elements, as such term is defined in Code Section 44-3-71 and common areas, as such term in defined in Code Section 44-3-221.

(3) 'Declaration' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 44-3-71.

(4) 'Instrument' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 44-3-221.

(5) 'Owner' means any person having interest in property under a declaration or instrument.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 3 of Title 44 to the contrary, when the department seeks to acquire any common property, the department shall be authorized to conduct all phases of such pre-acquisition and acquisition with officers of the authorized board. Unless specified to the contrary in any recorded instrument or declaration, an authorized board shall be authorized to convey common property to the department on behalf of all owners. If, during the pre-acquisition or acquisition phase of common property authorized by this Code section, the department and authorized board fail to agree upon the terms of acquisition, the department shall be authorized to bring the authorized association as a party in any action in lieu of each owner; provided, however, that when an owner is directly impacted by a proposed acquisition in relation to other owners, such owner shall be individually named in the action. An owner shall be bound by the judgment in any action brought by the department against an authorized association pursuant to this Code section.

(c) Any consideration received by an authorized board in exchange for common property pursuant to this Code section shall be allocated to each owner pursuant to any ownership interest set forth in a declaration or instrument."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-6-2, relating to authority of department, counties, and municipalities to regulate parking and parking vehicles or leaving vehicles unattended on right of way of public road on state highway system, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(5) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 11 of Title 40 or Code Section 44-1-13 to the contrary, the department shall be authorized to establish and administer a towing and recovery program for the restoration of the right of way and the removal from the right of ways of interstate highways and limited access highways vehicles exceeding 16,000 pounds that have been disabled, damaged, abandoned, or wrecked or are otherwise inoperable and which impede the flow of traffic as determined and requested by the department, the Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement, or designated fire department personnel. The authority of the department relating to such towing and recovery program shall include all powers necessary to create and administer such a program, including, but not limited to, the power to adopt all policies, procedures, qualifications, standards, and specifications for towing operators and to establish incentives for towing operators to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this

Code section. The removal of any vehicle pursuant to the program authorized by this Code section shall include removal or cleanup of any affected cargo transported or spilled by any vehicle exceeding 16,000 pounds but not any passenger vehicles or personal property thereof."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 32-6-170, relating to payment by department of costs of removal, relocation, and adjustment of utility facilities necessitated by construction of public roads, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The department is authorized to pay or participate in the payment of the costs of removing, relocating, or making necessary adjustments to any of the following facilities or any component part thereof if they are owned by a public utility that is publicly, privately, or cooperatively owned, without regard to whether such facilities were originally installed upon rights of way of the state highway system, a county road system, or a municipal street system, where the department has made the determination that ~~(i)~~ such payments are in the best interest of the public and necessary in order to expedite the staging of the project~~;~~ and ~~(ii)~~ the costs of the removal, relocation, or adjustment of such facilities are included as part of the contract between the department and the department's roadway contractor for the project or in a written agreement between the utility and the department, provided that such removal, relocation, or adjustment is made necessary by the construction or maintenance of a public road by the department: water distribution and sanitary sewer facilities and systems for producing, transmitting, or distributing communications, power, electricity, light, heat, gas, steam, waste, and storm water not connected with highway drainage, including fire and police signals, traffic-control devices, and street lighting systems."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative McCollum of the 30th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 575.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
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Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L

Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
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Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
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Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
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On the motion, the ayes were 167, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

House of Representatives
501-E Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like the record to reflect a Yes vote on HB 575 today, April 2nd 2025. My button was stuck during the voting and it did not receive my vote.

Sincerely,

/s/ Noelle Kahaian
House of Representatives
District 81

HB 94. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require coverage for certain expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; to allow for certain cost-sharing requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require certain health benefit policies to include coverage for certain expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; to provide for definitions; to provide for exclusions; to allow for certain cost-sharing requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by an insurer that provides major medical benefits. Such term shall not include any plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state. Such term shall not include self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as codified and amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.

(2) 'Iatrogenic infertility' means an impairment of fertility caused directly or indirectly by a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus.

(3) 'Insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health benefit policies under this title, including a healthcare corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal

benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or any similar entity.

(4) 'Medically necessary treatment' means a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus that has a potential side effect of iatrogenic infertility. Such treatment includes but is not limited to the surgical removal of the primary or secondary reproductive organs, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and bone marrow transplantation.

(5) 'Standard fertility preservation services' means procedures to preserve fertility that are consistent with established medical practices or professional guidelines. Such services include but are not limited to egg, sperm, embryo, and ovarian tissue cryopreservation.

(b) Every health benefit policy renewed or issued after January 1, 2026, shall include coverage for expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility in any covered person. Such coverage shall include evaluation expenses, laboratory assessments, medications, and treatments associated with standard fertility preservation services, including storage of gametes for up to one year.

(c) The coverage provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section may:

(1) Exclude costs associated with storage of gametes for more than one year;

(2) Include age restrictions;

(3) Include a lifetime limit per procedure per eligible insured; and

(4) Be limited to nonexperimental procedures.

(d) The benefits in a health benefit policy as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to the same deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions established for all covered benefits within such health benefit policy. Special deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or other limitations that are not generally applicable to other hospital, medical, or surgical services covered by a health benefit policy shall not be imposed on coverage for standard fertility preservation services.

(e) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section in accordance with current guidelines established by professional medical organizations such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology or the American Society for Reproductive Medicine."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Lumsden of the 12th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 94.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 162, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

HB 182. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; to provide for

related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is a service member; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, is amended by revising Code Section 33-25-5, relating to inclusion of provisions excluding or restricting liability for death, as follows:

"33-25-5.

(a) No policy of life insurance, except as stated in subsection (c) of this Code section, shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this state if it contains a provision which excludes or restricts liability for death caused in a certain specified manner or occurring while the insured has a specified status, except that the policy may contain provisions excluding or restricting coverage as specified therein in the event of death under any one or more of the following circumstances:

(1) Death as a result, directly or indirectly, of war, declared or undeclared, or of any act or hazard of such war;

(2) Death as the result of aviation or any air travel or flight;

(3) Death as a result of a specified hazardous occupation or occupations;

(4) Death while the insured is a resident outside the continental United States and Canada; or

(5) Death within two years from the date of issue of the policy as a result of suicide, while sane or insane.

(b) A policy which contains any exclusion or restriction pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall also provide that in the event of death under circumstances to which any such exclusion or restriction is applicable, the insurer will pay an amount not less than a reserve determined according to the Commissioner's reserve valuation method upon the basis of the mortality table and interest rate specified in the policy for the calculation of nonforfeiture benefits or, if the policy provides no such benefits, computed according to a mortality table and interest rate determined by the insurer and specified in the policy with adjustment for indebtedness or dividend credit.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to group life insurance, except as stated in subsection (d) of this Code section, reinsurance, annuities, or to any provision of a life insurance policy, or contract supplemental thereto, relating to disability benefits, or to additional benefits in the event of death by accident or accidental means.
(d) No policy of group life insurance shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this state if it contains a provision which excludes or restricts liability for death occurring while the insured is a service member of the regular or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and such death is not a result, directly or indirectly, of war, declared or undeclared, or any act or hazard of such war.
~~(d)~~(e) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit any provision which in the opinion of the Commissioner is more favorable to the policyholder than a provision permitted by this Code section."

SECTION 2.
This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 3.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Lumsden of the 12th offers the following amendment:

Amend HB 182 (LC 46 1215S) by replacing lines 1 through 50 with the following:
To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for efficiency in the practices of the Department of Insurance; to provide for the confidentiality of examination reports; to revise the statutory deposit requirement for foreign insurers; to remove fees for branch licensees; to revise application requirements for a domestic stock and mutual insurer; to remove the publication requirement for application, amendments, and surrenders for such insurer; to remove such publication requirement for charters, consolidations, and mergers of fraternal benefit societies; to revise application requirements for farmers' mutual fire insurance companies; to remove the licensure requirement for agency branches; to provide for biennial renewals for agency licenses to be based on the origination month of the agency; to require a license to state the legal name of the licensee; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 2, relating to department and Commissioner, by revising subsection (g) of Code

Section 33-2-14, relating to preparation of written reports of examinations generally, certification of reports, admissibility in evidence, notice and hearing on reports, and use of examination documents, as follows:

"(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to the inspection of public records, all work papers, analysis, information, documents, information received from another state, and any other materials created, produced, or obtained by or disclosed to the Commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination made under this chapter or in the course of analysis by the Commissioner of the financial condition or market conduct of a company ~~must~~ shall be given confidential treatment, ~~and~~ are not subject to subpoena or otherwise discoverable by any person for any purpose, and ~~may~~ shall not be made public by the Commissioner or any other person. Access may be granted to authorized representatives of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Such representatives must agree in writing prior to receiving the information to treat such information confidentially as required by this Code section, unless the prior written consent of the company to which it pertains has been obtained."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 3, relating to authorization and general requirements for transaction of insurance, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-3-8, relating to requirements as to deposit of securities generally, as follows:

"(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amount of the deposit required under this Code section for a certificate to transact any one class of insurance shall be $100,000.00; to transact each additional class of insurance, the amount of deposit shall be $25,000.00, subject to the limitation that not more than $200,000.00 total deposit shall be required for any combination of classes.

(2) As to any foreign insurer, in lieu of such deposit or part of such deposit in this state, the Commissioner shall accept the current certificate in proper form of the public official having supervision over insurers in any other state to the effect that a like deposit or part of like deposit by such insurer is being maintained in public custody in such state in trust for the purpose~~, among other reasonable purposes, of protection of policyholders and creditors or~~ of the protection of all the insurer's policyholders ~~or of all of its policyholders and obligees~~.

(3) As to any alien insurer, other than a title insurer, which has entered through and the United States branch of which is licensed to transact insurance in another state, in lieu of such deposit or part thereof in this state, the Commissioner shall accept the certificate of the official having supervision over insurance of such other state in the United States, given under his or her hand and seal, that the insurer maintains within the United States by way of deposits with public depositories, or in trust institutions within the United States approved by such official, assets available for discharge of its United States insurance obligations, which assets shall be in an amount not less than the outstanding liabilities of the insurer arising out of its insurance transactions in the United States together with the larger of the following sums: the largest deposit required by this title

to be made in this state by any type of domestic insurer transacting like kinds of insurance or $300,000.00.

(4) As to any alien insurer entering through this state to transact insurance in the United States through a United States branch, such insurer shall deposit in accordance with Chapter 12 of this title assets available for discharge of its United States insurance obligations, which assets shall be in an amount not less than the outstanding liabilities of the insurer arising out of its insurance transactions in the United States together with the larger of the following sums: the largest deposit required by this title to be made in this state by any type of domestic insurer transacting like kinds of insurance or $300,000.00."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to fees and taxes, by repealing subparagraphs (B.1) and (B.2) of paragraph (1) of Code Section 33-8-1, relating to fees and charges generally.

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 14, relating to domestic stock and mutual insurers, by revising Code Section 33-14-5, relating to filing of application for charter, fee, certification and publication of application, and approval or disapproval of charter, as follows:

"33-14-5.

(a) The application for charter with any and all exhibits that may be included with the application shall be filed ~~in triplicate~~ in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance and a fee of $100.00 shall be paid to the Commissioner to be paid by him or her into the state treasury. The Commissioner shall not receive the application until the fee ~~shall be~~ is paid.

(b) Reserved. ~~Immediately upon receipt of the triplicate copies of the application, with any and all exhibits included with the application, the Commissioner shall certify one of the copies of the application and deliver the same to the applicants and the same shall be published by the applicants once a week for four weeks in the newspaper in which is published the legal advertisements of the county where the principal office of the company is to be located. When the application with any and all exhibits attached to it shall have been published once a week for four weeks, the applicants may apply to the judge of the probate court of the county to certify the fact of such publication, which certificate shall be filed by the applicants in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance.~~

(c) The Commissioner shall approve or disapprove the application within 45 days of the date the application is received by the Commissioner.

(d) The Commissioner shall examine the application to determine whether the charter, if granted, will enable the insurer to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that the charter, if granted, will enable the insurer to comply with the applicable provisions of law for carrying on the business for which incorporation is sought, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official

seal a certificate approving the granting of the charter for such insurer and shall transmit a copy of the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State.

(e) If the Commissioner finds that the proposed application for a charter does not comply with the law, or that the corporation, if organized, could not meet the requirements for a certificate of authority as set forth in this chapter or any other provision of this title, the Commissioner shall refuse to approve the application for charter and shall notify the incorporators in writing, as to his or her reasons for such failure to approve; and the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate disapproving the granting of the charter for such insurer."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 33-14-6, relating to grant of corporate powers and privileges, issuance of certificate of incorporation, recordation of documents, and appointment of attorney for acceptance of service of process, as follows:

"33-14-6.

(a) All corporate powers and privileges to insurance companies shall be issued and granted by the Secretary of State upon the terms, liabilities, and restrictions of and subject to this title and the laws and Constitution of this state. If from any cause the Secretary of State ~~should be~~ is disqualified from issuing and granting said powers, the duties required by this title to be performed by the Secretary of State shall be performed by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(b) When ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court as to the fact of publication of the application for charter and~~ the certificate of the Commissioner as to his or her approval of the application for charter ~~shall have been~~ is received in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall issue to the corporation under the seal of the state a certificate of incorporation. The corporation shall not transact business as an insurer until it has applied for and received from the Commissioner a certificate of authority as provided by this title.

(c) The Secretary of State shall record the application for charter, the certificate of approval of the Commissioner, ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court as to publication,~~ and the certificate of incorporation.

(d) No corporation shall directly or indirectly take risks or transact any business of insurance in this state by any agent or agents in this state until it ~~shall have~~ has appointed an attorney in this state on whom process of law can be served and filed in the office of the Commissioner a written instrument duly signed and sealed certifying such appointment which shall continue until another attorney ~~shall be~~ is substituted. Any process issued by any court of record in this state and served upon the attorney by the proper officer of the county in which the attorney may reside or may be found shall be deemed a sufficient service of process upon the company, but service of process upon the company may also be made in any other manner provided by law. Any violation of this subsection shall subject the party violating this subsection to a penalty of not less than $100.00 nor more than $500.00."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 33-14-8, relating to procedures for amendment or renewal of charter, as follows:

"33-14-8.

(a) A domestic insurer may amend its charter for any lawful purpose by written authorization by the holders of a majority of the voting power of its outstanding capital stock, by members if a mutual insurer, or by affirmative vote of such a majority voting at a lawful meeting of stockholders or members of which the notice given to stockholders or members included prior notice of not less than ten days of the proposal to amend.

(b) Upon authorization of such an amendment, the insurer shall file in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance an application asking that its charter be so amended and a fee of $50.00 shall be paid to the Commissioner to be transmitted by him or her into the state treasury; and the Commissioner shall not receive said application until said fee ~~shall be~~ is paid. The application with any and all exhibits that may be included shall be filed ~~in triplicate,~~ and signed with the corporate name and under the corporate seal~~,~~ and shall state:

(1) The name and character of the corporation~~,~~ and the city ~~or town,~~ and county in this state in which is located its principal place of business;

(2) The date of its original charter and any and all amendments to the charter, and the date or dates of renewal of the charter; and

(3)(A) That it desires an amendment to its charter and the purpose of said amendment~~;~~.

(B) There shall be annexed to the application a certificate ~~in triplicate~~ under the corporate seal of the insurer and executed by the insurer's president or ~~vice-president~~ vice president and attested to by the secretary or assistant secretary under the seal of the corporation, setting forth that the amendment has been authorized in writing by the holders of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding capital stock, by members if a mutual insurer, or by affirmative vote of such a majority voting at a lawful meeting of stockholders or members of which the notice given to stockholders or members included prior notice of not less than ten days of the proposal to amend.

(c) ~~Immediately upon receipt of the triplicate copies of the application, with any and all exhibits included with the application, the Commissioner shall certify one of the copies of the application and deliver the same to the applicants and the same shall be published by the applicants once a week for four weeks in the newspaper in which is published the legal advertisements of the county where the principal office of said company is to be located. When the application, with any and all exhibits attached to it, shall have been published once a week for four weeks, the applicants may apply to the judge of the probate court of the county to certify the fact of such publication, which certificate shall be filed by the applicants in the office of the Commissioner.~~ The Commissioner shall approve or disapprove the application within 45 days of the date the application is received by him or her.

(d) No amendment shall be granted which will reduce authorized capital of a stock insurer below the amount required by this title for the kinds of insurance thereafter to be

transacted; and no amendment shall reduce the surplus of a mutual insurer below the amount required by this title for the kinds of insurance thereafter to be transacted.

(e) If an amendment of the charter would reduce the authorized capital stock of a stock insurer below the amount then outstanding, the Commissioner shall not approve the amendment if he or she has reason to believe that the interest of policyholders or creditors of the insurer would be materially prejudiced by such reduction. If any reduction of capital stock is effectuated, the insurer may require return of the original certificates of stock held by each stockholder in exchange for new certificates for such number of shares as the stockholder is then entitled in the proportion that the reduced capital bears to the amount of capital stock outstanding as of immediately prior to the effective date of the reduction.

(f) When ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court as to the fact of publication of the application for amendment to the charter and~~ the certificate of the Commissioner as to his or her approval of the application for amendment ~~shall have been~~ is received in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall issue to the corporation under the great seal of the state a certificate of amendment. The Secretary of State shall record the application for amendment to the charter, the certificate of approval of the Commissioner, ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court as to publication,~~ and the certificate of amendment in a book to be kept by him or her for that purpose.

(g) A petition for renewal of the charter shall follow the procedure set forth in subsections (b) through (f) of this Code section, except that the fee for filing a petition for renewal of the charter shall be $100.00."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-14-24, relating to procedure for voluntary dissolution generally, effective date of dissolution, and conditions precedent to effectuation of dissolution, as follows:

"(b) If, at the special meeting or any adjournment thereof, the holders of record of stock entitled to exercise two-thirds of all the voting power on such proposal or if a mutual insurer, two-thirds of the insurer's members present or represented by proxy at the meeting shall by resolution consent that the dissolution shall take place, a copy of the resolution together with a list of the names and residences of the directors and officers certified by the president or a ~~vice president~~ vice president and the secretary or an assistant secretary or the treasurer or an assistant treasurer of the insurer shall be filed ~~in triplicate~~ with the application to surrender the charter required in Code Section 33-14-25 and ~~one~~ a copy shall be filed for record in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the office or principal place of business of the insurer is located in this state."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising Code Section 33-14-25, relating to procedure for surrender of charter, as follows:

"33-14-25.

(a) Any insurance corporation chartered by the Secretary of State may surrender its charter upon the company filing in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance an application ~~in triplicate,~~ signed with its corporate name and under its corporate seal, stating:

(1) The name of the company and the location of its principal place of business in this state;

(2) The date of its charter and all amendments thereto and the date or dates of renewal or renewals of its charter;

(3) That it desires to surrender its charter and franchise to the state;

(4) A certificate attested to by two officers of the company that the procedure required by Code Section 33-14-24 has been carried out; and

(5) Any other information deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(b) Upon receipt thereof, the Commissioner shall take such action to investigate the proposed surrender to determine if the rights of policyholders, creditors, stockholders or members, and third party claimants under liability policies of the insurer have been paid or properly provided for in a fair and equitable manner. The Commissioner shall after making his or her determination issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving or disapproving the application for surrender of the charter and shall transmit a copy of such certificate of approval to the Secretary of State. If the Commissioner does not approve the application, the Commissioner shall notify the insurer in writing of his or her reasons for not approving the application for surrender of the charter.

(c) The fee and ~~publication~~ other requirements set out in ~~subsections (a) through (c) of~~ Code Section 33-14-5 shall be applicable to a surrender of charter under this Code section.

(d) Upon receipt of ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court as to the publication of the application and~~ the certificate of approval of the surrender from the Commissioner, the Secretary of State shall issue under the seal of the state a certificate dissolving the insurer; and the Secretary of State shall record the application, ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court,~~ the certificate of approval of the Commissioner, and the certificate dissolving the insurer."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 15, relating to fraternal benefit societies, by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-15-40, relating to formation of society, petition for charter, preliminary certificate of authority, advance premiums, and certificate of authority, as follows:

"(b) The petition for a charter, duly certified copies of the society's bylaws and rules, copies of all proposed forms of certificates, applications therefor, circulars to be issued by the society, and a bond conditioned upon the return to applicants of the advanced payments if the organization is not completed within one year shall be filed with the Secretary of State, who may require such further information which is deemed necessary. The bond with sureties approved by the Commissioner shall be in such amount, not less

than $300,000.00 nor more than $1.5 million, as required by the Commissioner. All documents filed ~~are to~~ shall be in the English language. The Secretary of State shall transmit immediately one copy of the petition to the Commissioner and shall return one copy to the petitioner. ~~The petition for a charter, with any and all exhibits attached thereto, shall be published in the manner provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 33-14-5.~~ If the purposes of the society conform to the requirements of this chapter and all provisions of the law have been complied with, the Commissioner shall so certify in writing to the Secretary of State and shall furnish the incorporators a preliminary certificate of authority authorizing the society to solicit members as hereinafter provided, but only after the granting of the certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-15-41, relating to amendment of laws, referendum, and approval of Commissioner, as follows:

"(a) A domestic society may amend its laws in accordance with the provisions thereof by action of its supreme governing body at any regular or special meeting thereof or, if its laws so provide, by referendum. Such referendum may be held in accordance with the provisions of its laws by the vote of the voting members of the society, by the vote of delegates or representatives of voting members, or by the vote of local lodges. A society may provide for voting by mail. No amendment submitted for adoption by referendum shall be adopted unless, within six months from the date of submission thereof, a majority of the members voting ~~shall~~ have signified their consent to such amendment by one of the methods specified in this Code section. Charter amendments shall be filed ~~in triplicate with the Commissioner, published,~~ and approved only under the procedure established in Code Section 33-14-8."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsections (a) and (e) of Code Section 33-15-44, relating to consolidations or mergers, as follows:

"(a) A domestic society may consolidate or merge with any other society by complying with the provisions of this Code section. The ~~filing of~~ application, fee, and ~~publication~~ other requirements of ~~subsections (a) through (c) of~~ Code Section 33-14-5 shall be applicable to a consolidation or merger under this chapter."

"(e) Upon receipt of ~~the certificate as to the publication of the application and~~ the certificate of approval of the Commissioner, the Secretary of State shall issue, under the great seal of the state, a certificate of merger, which certificate shall be the charter of the consolidated or merged society. The Secretary of State shall record the application, the contract of merger and the other documents required to be filed, ~~the certificate of the judge of the probate court,~~ the certificate of the Commissioner, and the certificate of merger in a book to be kept by him for that purpose."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 16, relating to farmer's mutual fire insurance companies, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-16-3, relating to procedure for incorporation of companies generally, filing and contents of application for charter, and granting of charter by Secretary of State, as follows:

"(a) Twenty or more persons a majority of whom are citizens of this state may become a body corporate for the purpose of transacting insurance upon the farmers' mutual fire insurance plan as defined in Code Section 33-16-2 by making an application for a charter signed by the persons applying for the charter or their counsel ~~in triplicate~~ specifying:

(1) The name of the proposed corporation. The name shall contain the words 'Farmers' Mutual' and shall not be so similar to any name already used by any other corporation authorized to transact business in this state as to be confusing or misleading;

(2) The purpose for which the corporation is formed;

(3) The name of the county in this state in which the corporation will have its principal office and the names of any other counties in which it proposes to operate;

(4) The name and address of each incorporator;

(5) The names and addresses of those composing the board of directors of the corporation in which the management shall be vested until the first meeting of the members; and

(6) Any other provisions not inconsistent with this chapter or other applicable laws as are deemed desirable by the incorporators or as may be required by the Commissioner."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 23, relating to licensing, by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 33-23-3, relating to agency licensing and biennial renewals and ownership restrictions, as follows:

"(a) Each principal office ~~and each branch office of an agency as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 33-23-1 must~~ of an agency shall obtain an agency license prior to commencement of operations and renew such license biennially ~~and prior to December 31~~ prior to the last day of the origination month of such agency by filing application forms prescribed by the Commissioner."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 33-23-11, relating to issuance and contents of license and display certificate of licensure, as follows:

"(b) The license shall state the legal name and address of the licensee, the date of issue, the general conditions relative to expiration or termination, the kind or kinds of insurance covered if not an insurance agency license, and the other conditions of licensing."

SECTION 15.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 16.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Lumsden of the 12th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 182.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 2:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 37. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Ballard of the 147th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide notice to employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for inclusion in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 105. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-9-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability generally, designation of method of payment, and procedure for making payments, so as to increase the indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 129. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 786. By Representative Mathis of the 133rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Dodge County Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide that such authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to authorize the adoption of resolutions and the execution of trust indentures to secure the payment of such bonds and to define the rights of the holders of such bonds; to provide for a sinking fund; to provide that the property of the authority shall not be subject to levy and sale; to provide that certain moneys are trust funds; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon authority dissolution; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 799. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Long County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3293), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4390), so as to provide compensation for board of education members, the vice chairperson, and the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 801. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to re-create and establish the Board of Commissioners of Long County, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3755), as amended, so as to revise the powers of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a county manager; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 802. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 803. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dublin independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 805. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dublin independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide that such exemption shall only apply to tax years 2026 through 2030; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 806. By Representative Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Oglethorpe County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 807. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Carson of the 46th, Byrd of the 20th, Ridley of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from all City of Woodstock ad valorem taxes for city purposes for the full value of the homestead after a two-year phase-in period for certain residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 3793), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 19, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3560), so as to extend the homestead exemption to surviving spouses without regard to the five-year residency requirement; to revise provisions for

the grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 816. By Representative Rhodes of the 124th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Greene County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to provide for a short title; to confer powers upon the authority; to provide for purpose and scope of operations of the authority; to provide for definitions; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions; to provide for moneys received and trust funds; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemption, rates, charges, and revenues; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for construction of Act and severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 839. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Persinger of the 119th, Erwin of the 32nd and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board of county commissioners for the county of Jackson," approved December 18, 1901 (Ga. L. 1901, p. 257), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3570), so as to revise provisions related to filling certain vacancies on the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 845. By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th, Byrd of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the numbering of positions of membership on the Cherokee County Board of Education, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3207), as amended, so as to require an internal audit function of the board and to establish the position of internal auditor; to provide for the selection, powers, and duties of the internal auditor; to provide for internal cooperation; to provide a sunset date on the provisions governing such internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 846. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Cherokee County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount as determined from the proceeds generated from the collection of the retail homestead option sales and use tax for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 179. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 180. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts, so as to modify certain requirements for probate judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 325. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Bonner of the 73rd, Reeves of the 99th, Clark of the 100th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Protective Order Registry, so as to revise certain definitions; to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for processes for protective orders to be issued by military judges that prohibit contact between specific members of the state militia in the instance that one member of such militia has been accused of stalking by another member of such militia; to amend Part 7 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trial procedures of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for contempt; to amend Part 10 of Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to punitive provisions of the Code of Military Justice, so as to provide for courts-martial; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 454. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Ridley of the 6th, Richardson of the 125th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to create the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund and Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide matching grants to organizations seeking to acquire property interests in certain battlefields; to provide for procedures, requirements, and limitations for such fund and program; to provide for application and review criteria; to provide for expenditure of funds; to provide for annual accounting; to require that any acquisition include a perpetual conservation easement placing restrictions on the use or development of the property or interest therein; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 532. By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-6A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant when state owns property and calculations, so as to revise provisions related to certain counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Chapter 14 of Title 48, relating to grants and special revenue disbursements; to amend Code Section 48-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant to counties with 20,000 or more acres of unimproved real estate owned by Department of

Natural Resources, so as to revise provisions related to counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Code Section 12-6A-12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 125. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Setzler of the 37th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to professional licenses; to establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to change certain provisions relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors; to change certain definitions; to provide for qualifications of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board; to provide for certain restrictions relating to classes of low voltage licenses; to change certain provisions related to the power and duties of the divisions and the division director; to provide for additional licensing requirements; to provide requirements for license renewals and inactive licenses; to provide for approval of safety training; to change certain provisions relating to applicability; to decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements for professional engineers; to provide for conforming cross-references and terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, as follows:

"CHAPTER 14

43-14-1.

This chapter is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners, other property owners, tenants, and the general public against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air installations. The ~~practice~~ practices of electrical contracting, plumbing contracting, ~~installing, or repairing, low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting are declared to be businesses or professions affecting the public interest; and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as to accomplish the purposes stated in this Code section.

43-14-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

~~(.1)~~(1) 'Alarm system' means any device or combination of devices used to detect a situation, causing an alarm in the event of a burglary, fire, robbery, medical emergency, or equipment failure, or on the occurrence of any other predetermined event.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Board' means the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Certificate of competency' means a valid and current certificate that is issued by the Division of Electrical Contractors created in Code Section 43-14-3~~, which certificate shall give~~ and that gives the named electrical contractor to which it is issued authority to engage in electrical contracting of the kind described therein. Certificates of competency shall be of two kinds, Class I and Class II, according to the classification of license held by the electrical contractor.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Conditioned air contracting' means the installation, repair, or service of conditioned air systems or conditioned air equipment~~.~~, which includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Service to or installation of the electrical connection between the electrical disconnect and conditioned air equipment ~~is considered to be installation, repair, or service of conditioned air equipment or the conditioned air system.~~; and

(B) Service to or installation of the electrical circuit from the electrical distribution panel to the conditioned air equipment where the electrical service to the building or site is a single-phase electrical circuit not exceeding 200 amperes ~~is considered to be installation, repair, or service of conditioned air equipment or the conditioned air system~~.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Conditioned air contractor' means ~~an individual who is~~ any person engaged in conditioned air contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform conditioned air contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~The term 'conditioned air contractor'~~ Such term shall not include ~~a person~~ an individual who is an employee of a conditioned air contractor and who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing conditioned air contracting work.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Conditioned air equipment' means heating and air-conditioning equipment covered under state codes and the natural gas piping system on the outlet side of the gas meter.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Electrical contracting' means the installation, maintenance, alteration, or repair of any electrical equipment, apparatus, control system, or electrical wiring device which is attached to or incorporated into any building or structure in this state but shall not include ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Electrical contractor' means any person ~~who engages~~ engaged in the business of electrical contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform electrical contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~The term 'electrical contractor'~~ Such term shall not include ~~a person~~ an individual who is an employee of an electrical contractor and who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing electrical contracting work.

~~(8)~~(9) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board.

~~(8.1)~~(10) 'General system' means any electrical system, other than an alarm or telecommunication system, involving ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring.

~~(9)~~(11) 'Journeyman plumber' means any ~~person~~ individual other than a master plumber who has practical knowledge of the installation of plumbing and installs plumbing under the direction of a master plumber.

~~(10)~~(12) 'License' means a valid and current certificate of registration issued by a division of the board, which certificate shall give the named person to whom it is issued authority to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

~~(10.1)~~(13) 'Low voltage '~~Low-voltage~~ contracting' means the installation, alteration, service, or repair of a telecommunication system, alarm system, or general system involving ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring.

~~(10.2)~~(14) 'Low voltage '~~Low-voltage~~ contractor' means ~~an individual who is~~ any person engaged in ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting under express or implied contract or ~~who~~ that bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting services under express or implied contract. ~~An employee of a low-voltage contractor who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing low-voltage contracting work shall not be required to be licensed under this chapter, except that those employees upon whom the qualification of a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation rests as outlined in subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-8.1 shall be licensed.~~

~~(10.3)~~(15) 'Low voltage ~~'Low-voltage~~ wiring' means:

(A) Wiring systems of 50 volts or less and control circuits directly associated therewith;

(B) Wiring systems having a voltage in excess of 50 volts, provided such systems consist solely of power limited circuits meeting the definition of a Class II and Class III wiring system as defined in Article 725 of the National Electrical Code; or

(C) Line voltage wiring having a voltage not in excess of 300 volts to ground and installed from the load-side terminals of a suitable disconnecting means which has been installed for the specific purpose of supplying the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring system involved or installed from a suitable junction box which has been installed for such specific purpose.

~~(11)~~(16) 'Master plumber' means any individual ~~engaging~~ engaged in the business of plumbing under express or implied contract or who bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform plumbing contracting services under express or implied contract.

~~(12)~~(17) 'Plumbing' means:

(A) The ~~the~~ practice of installing, maintaining, altering, or repairing piping fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection with sanitary drainage or storm drainage facilities, venting systems, medical gas piping systems, natural gas piping systems on the outlet side of gas meters, or public or private water supply systems within or adjacent to any building, structure, ~~or~~ conveyance, or manhole; ~~provided, however, that after July 1, 1997, only master plumbers and journeyman plumbers who have been certified by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers to perform such tasks shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems. The term 'plumbing' also includes the~~ and

(B) The practice of and materials used in installing, maintaining, extending, or altering the natural gas, storm-water, sewerage, and water supply systems of any premises to their connection with any point of public disposal or other acceptable terminal~~; provided, however, that licensure under this chapter shall not be required for a contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an on-site waste-water management system. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person who holds a valid master plumbing license or any company which holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing system~~.

~~(12.1)~~(18) 'Telecommunication system' means a switching system and associated apparatus which performs the basic function of two-way voice or data service, or both, and which can be a commonly controlled system capable of being administered both locally and remotely via secured access.

~~(13)~~(19) 'Utility contracting' means undertaking to construct, erect, alter, or repair or have constructed, erected, altered, or repaired any utility system.

~~(14)~~(20) 'Utility contractor' means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation which is engaged in utility contracting under express or implied contract or which bids for, offers to perform, purports to have the capacity to perform, or does perform utility contracting under express or implied contract.

~~(15)~~(21) 'Utility foreman' means any individual who is employed by a licensed contractor to supervise the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

~~(16)~~(22) 'Utility manager' means any individual who is employed by a utility contractor to have oversight and charge of the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems.

~~(17)~~(23) 'Utility system' means:

(A) Any system at least five feet underground, when installed or accessed by trenching, open cut, cut and cover, or other similar construction methods which install or access the system from the ground surface, including, but not limited to, gas distribution systems, electrical distribution systems, communication systems, water supply systems, and sanitary sewerage and drainage systems; and

(B) Reservoirs and filtration plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, leachate collection and treatment systems associated with landfills, and pump stations, when the system distributes or collects a service, product, or commodity for which a fee or price is paid for said service, product, or commodity or for the disposal of said service, product, or commodity.

43-14-3.

(a) There is created within the executive branch of state government the State Construction Industry Licensing Board. The board shall be assigned to the Secretary of State's office for administrative purposes and shall be under the jurisdiction of the division director.

(b) The board shall be composed of 27 members as follows:

(1) Five members known as the Division of Electrical Contractors, one of whom shall be a ~~consulting~~ professional engineer engaged in electrical practice, another of whom shall be ~~the chief electrical~~ an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality~~, and shall have served in such office for five years immediately preceding appointment to the board~~ or a third-party inspector regularly providing inspections to a county or municipality, and the remaining three of whom shall be ~~engaged in the electrical contracting business~~ licensed electrical contractors in this state;

(2) Five members known as the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, one of whom shall be a full-time plumbing inspector of a county or municipality, three of whom shall be master or contracting plumbers, and one of whom shall be a journeyman plumber;

(3) Five members known as the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, one of whom shall be a licensed professional engineer engaged in mechanical practice, one of whom shall be the chief conditioned air inspector of a county or municipality, and three of whom shall be conditioned air contractors with more than five years of installation and service experience in the trade;

(4) Five members known as the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors, one of whom shall be an alarm system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be an unrestricted ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be a telecommunication system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractor, one of whom shall be a professional electrical engineer, and one of whom shall be ~~the chief electrical~~ an inspector with electrical inspection duties of a county or municipality or contracted by a county or municipality to perform electrical inspections;

(5) Five members known as the Division of Utility Contractors, three of whom shall be utility contractors, one of whom shall be a registered professional engineer, and one of whom shall be an insurance company representative engaged primarily in the bonding of construction projects; and

(6) Two members who shall not have any connection with the electrical contracting, plumbing, or conditioned air contracting businesses whatsoever but who shall have a recognized interest in consumer affairs and consumer protection concerns.

(c) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for four-year terms.

(d) A member shall serve until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

(e) The Governor shall make appointments to fill the unexpired portions of any terms vacated for any reason. In making such appointments, the Governor shall preserve the composition of the board as required by this chapter. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(f) Any ~~appointive~~ appointed member who, during his or her term, shall cease to meet the qualifications for original appointment shall ~~thereby~~ forfeit membership on the board.

(g) Each member of the board shall take an oath of office before the Governor or the Governor's designee to faithfully perform the duties of such office.

(h) The Governor may remove any member for failure to attend meetings, neglect of duty, incompetence, revocation or suspension of professional trade license, or other dishonorable conduct.

(i) Members of the board shall be reimbursed as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2.

43-14-4.

(a) The office of chairperson shall be rotated among the five divisions enumerated in Code Section 43-14-3 unless the board, through its rules and regulations, provides otherwise. Any vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled by the members for the unexpired term. The ~~person~~ individual selected to fill the vacancy shall be a member of the same division as the previous chairperson.

(b) The board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the recommendation of a majority of its members.

(c) Each division within the board shall also elect from its membership a chairperson who shall serve for a term of two years. Any vacancy in the office of chairperson shall be filled by one of the members for the unexpired term.

(d) Any member elected chairperson of a division may serve more than one consecutive term of office.
(e) Each division shall carry out its powers and duties provided for in this chapter with the assistance of the executive director and staff of the board.
(f) The divisions shall meet at the call of the chairperson.
(g) Three members of each division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such division.

43-14-5.
The board shall have the power to:
(1) Request from the various state departments and other agencies and authorities of the state and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities such available information as it may require in its work; and all such agencies and authorities shall furnish such requested available information to the board within a reasonable time;
(2) Provide by regulation for reciprocity with other states in the registration and licensing of electrical contractors, master plumbers, journeyman plumbers, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contractors, utility contractors, or conditioned air contractors and in the certification of utility contracting foremen, provided that such other states have requirements substantially ~~equal~~ similar to the requirements in force in this state for registration, licensure, and certification; provided, further, that a similar privilege is offered to residents of this state;
(3) Adopt an official seal for its use and ~~change it at pleasure~~ modify such seal as the board deems necessary;
(4) Establish ~~the~~ policies for regulating the businesses of electrical contracting, ~~plumbing, low-voltage, utility~~ plumbing contracting, low voltage contracting, utility contracting, and conditioned air contracting;
~~(4.1)~~(5) Upon notice and hearing authorized and conducted in accordance with Code Section ~~43-14-10~~ 43-14-14 and any rules and regulations promulgated by the board, either by the board directly or through a valid delegation of the board's enforcement power to a division thereof, assess civil penalties in an amount up to $10,000.00 per violation against any person found to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter;
~~(5)~~(6) Determine qualifications for licensure or certification including such experience requirements as the board deems necessary; and
~~(6)~~(7) Promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out this chapter.

43-14-6.
(a) The Division of Electrical Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of electrical contracting; the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of plumbing as master plumbers or journeyman plumbers; the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting; the Division of Utility Contractors with respect to

applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of utility contracting and with respect to applicants for a certificate to be a utility manager or utility foreman or holders of a utility manager or utility foreman certificate; and the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors, with respect to applicants for a license to engage in or licensees engaging in the business of conditioned air contracting, shall:

(1) Approve examinations for all applicants for licenses or certificates, except for utility contractor licenses and utility foreman certificates~~.~~, as follows:

(A) The Division of Electrical Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Class I and Class II licenses. Class I licenses shall be restricted to electrical contracting involving multifamily structures of not more than two levels or single-family dwellings of up to three levels~~. In addition, the~~; provided, however, that such structures shall have single-phase electrical installations which do not exceed 400 amperes at the service drop or the service lateral. Class II licenses shall be unrestricted~~.~~;

(B) The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall approve separate examinations for Master Plumber Class I, Master Plumber Class II, and Journeyman Plumbers. Master Plumber Class I licenses shall be restricted to plumbing involving single-family ~~dwellings~~ and ~~one-level~~ multifamily dwellings designed for not more than ~~two families~~ three stories and commercial structures not to exceed ~~10,000~~ 20,000 square feet in area. Master Plumber Class II licenses shall be unrestricted. Only a journeyman plumber, a Master Plumber Class I, or a Master Plumber Class II shall be authorized to install, maintain, alter, or repair medical gas piping systems;

(C) The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall approve separate examinations for Class I and Class II licenses. Class I licenses shall be restricted to the installation, repair, or service of conditioned air systems or equipment not exceeding 175,000 BTU (net) of heating and five tons (60,000 BTU) of cooling. Class II licenses shall be unrestricted~~.~~; and

(D) The Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors shall approve separate examinations for:

(i) Low Voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ Contractor Class LV-A~~,~~ licenses restricted to alarm and general system low voltage contracting;

(ii) Low Voltage ~~Low-voltage~~ Contractor Class LV-T~~,~~ licenses restricted to telecommunication and general system low voltage contracting;

(iii) Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G licenses restricted to general system low voltage contracting; and

(iv) Low Voltage Contractor ~~Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-U, and Low-voltage Contractor Class LV-G. Class LV-A licenses shall be restricted to alarm and general system low-voltage contracting, Class LV-T licenses shall be restricted to telecommunication and general system low-voltage contracting, Class LV-G licenses shall be restricted to general system low-voltage contracting, and~~ Class LV-U licenses that shall be unrestricted and permit the performance of alarm, telecommunication, and general system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting;

(2) Register and license or grant a certificate and issue renewal licenses and renewal certificates biennially to all persons meeting the qualifications for a license or certificate. The following licenses or certificates shall be issued by the divisions:

(A) Electrical Contractor Class I;

(B) Electrical Contractor Class II;

(C) Master Plumber Class I;

(D) Master Plumber Class II;

(E) Journeyman Plumber;

(F) Conditioned Air Contractor Class I;

(G) Conditioned Air Contractor Class II;

(H) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A;

(I) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T;

(J) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G;

(K) ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U;

(L) Utility Contractor; Class A;

(M) Utility Contractor; Class B;

(N) Utility Contractor; Class U;

(O) Utility Manager (certificate); and

(P) Utility Foreman (certificate);

(3) Investigate, with the aid of the division director, alleged violations of this chapter or other laws and rules and regulations of the board relating to the profession;

(4) After notice and hearing, have the power to reprimand any person, licensee, or certificate holder, or to suspend, revoke, or cancel the license or certificate of or refuse to grant, renew, or restore a license or certificate to any person, licensee, or certificate holder upon any one of the following grounds:

(A) The commission of any false, fraudulent, or deceitful act or the use of any forged, false, or fraudulent document in connection with the license or certificate requirements of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;

(B) Failure at any time to comply with the requirements for a license or certificate under this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board;

(C) Habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic spirits, narcotics, or stimulants to such an extent as to render the license or certificate holder unsafe or unfit to practice any profession licensed or certified under this chapter;

(D) Engaging in any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

(E) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed or noncertified person to practice such profession;

(F) Violating, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting any violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the board;

(G) The performance of any faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting likely to endanger life, health, or property. The performance of any work that does not comply with the standards set by state codes or by local codes in

jurisdictions where such codes are adopted, provided that such local codes are as stringent as the state codes, or by other codes or regulations which have been adopted by the board, shall be prima-facie evidence of the faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe character of such electrical, plumbing, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting; provided, however, that the board, in its sole discretion, for good cause shown and under such conditions as it may prescribe, may restore a license to any person whose license has been suspended or revoked;

(H) With respect to utility contractors, the bidding by such a utility contractor in excess of license coverage; or

(I) With respect to utility contractors, violations of Chapter 9 of Title 25;

(5) Review amendments to or revisions in the state minimum standard codes as prepared pursuant to Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8; and the Department of Community Affairs shall be required to provide to the division director a copy of any amendment to or revision in the state minimum standard codes at least 45 days prior to the adoption thereof; and

(6) Do all other things necessary and proper to exercise their powers and perform their duties in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The Division of Electrical Contractors may also provide, by rules and regulations, for the issuance of certificates of competency pertaining to financial responsibility and financial disclosure; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are adopted by the board. The division shall issue certificates of competency and renewal certificates to persons meeting the qualifications therefor.

(c) The divisions mentioned in subsection (a) of this Code section shall also hear appeals resulting from the suspension of licenses by an approved municipal or county licensing or inspection authority pursuant to Code Section ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16.

(d)~~(1)~~ The Division of Conditioned Air Contractors shall be authorized to:

(1) Require ~~require~~ persons seeking renewal of Conditioned Air Contractor Class I and Class II licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually~~.~~;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to conditioned air contracting provided or conducted by public utilities, equipment manufacturers, or institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection. ~~Continuing~~ Such continuing education courses or programs shall be in the areas of safety, technological advances, business management, or government regulation. Courses or programs conducted by manufacturers specifically to promote their products shall not be approved. The continuing education requirements of this subsection shall not be required for any licensed conditioned air contractor who is a registered professional engineer;

~~(2)~~(3) Administer all ~~All~~ provisions of this subsection relating to continuing professional education ~~shall be administered by the division.~~;

~~(3)~~(4) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems appropriate~~.~~; and

~~(4)~~(5) Promulgate ~~The division shall be authorized to promulgate~~ rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

~~(5) The continuing education requirements of this subsection shall not be required of any licensed conditioned air contractor who is a registered professional engineer.~~

~~(6) This Code section shall apply to each licensing and renewal cycle which begins after the 1990-1991 renewal.~~

(e)~~(1)~~ The Division of Electrical Contractors shall be authorized to:

(1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of Electrical Contractor Class I and Class II licenses to complete board approved courses or courses which meet board criteria for continuing education ~~courses~~ of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually~~.~~;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ continuing education courses to be held within or outside this state that are available to all licensed electrical contractors on a reasonable nondiscriminatory fee basis. Any request for division approval of a continuing education course shall be submitted in a timely manner with due regard for the necessity of investigation and consideration by the division. The division may contract with institutions of higher learning, professional organizations, or other qualified persons to provide programs that meet the requirements of this ~~paragraph~~ subsection and any rules or regulations established by the division. Such programs shall be self-sustaining by the individual fees set and collected by the provider of the program~~.~~; and

~~(2)~~(3) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(f)~~(1)~~ The Division of Utility Contractors shall be authorized to:

(1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of utility foreman certificates and utility manager certificates issued under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not more than four hours annually~~.~~;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to utility contracting provided or conducted by institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection~~.~~; and

~~(2)~~(3) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(g)~~(1)~~ The Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall be authorized to:

(1) Require individuals ~~require persons~~ seeking renewal of Journeyman Plumber, Master Plumber Class I, and Master Plumber Class II licenses to complete board approved continuing education of not ~~more~~ less than four hours annually~~.~~;

(2) Approve ~~The division shall be authorized to approve~~ courses offered by institutions of higher learning, vocational-technical schools, and trade, technical, or professional organizations; provided, however, that continuing education courses or programs related to plumbing provided or conducted by institutions under the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall constitute acceptable continuing professional education programs for the purposes of this subsection~~.~~; and

~~(2)~~(3) Waive ~~The division shall be authorized to waive~~ the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

(h) Each division shall make all reasonable efforts to make the continuing education offered pursuant to this Code section available online or through home study courses and accessible at times outside of the normal work hours of those licensed by such division.

43-14-7.

(a) All orders and processes of the board and the divisions of the board shall be signed and attested by the division director; and any notice or legal process necessary to be served upon the board or the divisions may be served upon the division director.

(b) The division director or his or her designee is vested with the power and authority to make such investigations in connection with the enforcement of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board as ~~he~~ the director, the board, the divisions of the board, or any district attorney may deem necessary or advisable.

43-14-8.

(a)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the~~ electrical contracting ~~business as an electrical contractor~~ unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Electrical Contractors and a certificate of competency, if such certificates are issued by the division pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-6.

(2) A person ~~who~~ that is not licensed as an electrical contractor or ~~who~~ that does not have a certificate of competency, if such certificates are issued by the division pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-6, or both as may be applicable, shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of electrical contracting unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

(b)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the business of~~ plumbing contracting as a master plumber unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any person who holds a valid master plumber license or any company which holds a valid utility contractor license shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system which extends from the property line up to but not within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance, regardless of the cost or depth of any such plumbing

system; provided, however, that only persons who hold a valid license to engage in plumbing under this chapter shall be qualified to construct, alter, or repair any plumbing system within five feet of any building, structure, or conveyance.

(2) No person shall engage in ~~the business of~~ plumbing contracting as a ~~journeyman~~ master plumber unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers. A person that is not licensed as a Master Plumber Class 1 or a Master Plumber Class II shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of plumbing contracting.

~~(3) A person who does not have a valid license from the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of plumbing as a master plumber or journeyman plumber unless such person is licensed by the Division of Master Plumbers and Journeyman Plumbers and unless the work is performed by a licensed plumber.~~

(c)(1) No person shall engage in ~~the business of~~ conditioned air contracting ~~as a conditioned air contractor~~ unless such person has a valid conditioned air contractor license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors.

(2) A person ~~who~~ that is not licensed as a conditioned air contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed conditioned air contractor.

(d)(1) No person shall engage in low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license from the Division of Low Voltage Contractors; provided, however, that:

(A) An employee of a low voltage contractor who receives only a salary or hourly wage for performing low voltage contracting work may but shall not be required to be licensed under this chapter to perform such low voltage contracting work, except that those employees upon whom the qualification of a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation rests as provided for in Code Section 43-14-9 shall be required to be licensed; and

(B) Tier 2 local exchange companies, as such term is set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (10) of Code Section 46-5-162, as well as any affiliates or subsidiaries of such companies, may but shall not be required to be licensed under this chapter to engage in low voltage contracting.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a person that is not licensed as a low voltage contractor shall be prohibited from advertising in any manner that such person is in the business or profession of a low voltage contractor unless the work is performed by a licensed low voltage contractor.

~~(d)~~(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, prior to and including September 30, 1983, the following persons~~,~~ desiring to qualify under the provisions stated in this subsection, shall be issued a state-wide license without restriction by the appropriate division of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, provided that such individual submits proper application and pays or has paid the required fees and is not otherwise in violation of this chapter:

(1) Any individual holding a license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, prior to the effective date of this chapter;

(2) Any individual holding a license issued by the State Board of Electrical Contractors, the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing Contractors, or the State Board of Warm Air Heating Contractors;

(3) Any individual holding a license to engage in such vocation issued to him or her by any governing authority of any political subdivision; and

(4) Any individual who has successfully and efficiently engaged in such vocation in a local jurisdiction, which did not issue local licenses, for a period of at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the time of application. To prove that he or she has successfully engaged in said vocation, the individual shall only be required to give evidence of three successful jobs completed over such period. Such applicant shall swear before a notary public that such evidence is true and accurate prior to its submission to the division.

~~(e)~~(f) The decision of the division as to the necessity of taking the examination or as to the qualifications of applicants taking the required examination shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations desiring to engage in ~~such vocation after September 30, 1983,~~ a business licensed under this chapter shall take the examination and qualify under this chapter before engaging in such vocation or business, including ~~such vocation~~ at the local level.

~~(f)~~(g) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of electrical contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of electrical contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the electrical contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

~~(g)~~(h) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses for master plumbers issued to them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of plumbing contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the plumbing contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

~~(h)~~(i) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting unless there is regularly connected

with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who have valid licenses issued to them as provided for in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of the individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of conditioned air contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days ~~following~~ from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the conditioned air contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(j) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having more than one office location from which conditioned air contracting is performed shall have at least one person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation who is engaged in the performance of conditioned air contracting on a full-time basis; who is supervising the installation, repair, alteration, and service work of air-conditioning and heating systems of all employees of such branch office locations; and who has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

~~(i)~~(k) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this chapter to notify the appropriate division ~~immediately~~ within seven days of the severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom such qualification rested.

~~(j)~~(l) Applicants ~~All applicants~~ for examinations and licenses provided for by this chapter and ~~all~~ any applicants for renewal of licenses under this chapter shall be required to ~~fill out a form which shall be provided by each division, showing whether or not~~ complete a division approved form on which the applicant will:

(1) Indicate if the applicant is an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation; ~~and, if~~

(2) If the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, provide the names and addresses of the partners or members or the names and addresses of the officers, when and where formed or incorporated, and such other information as the board or each division may require~~.~~; and

(3) If the renewal is for ~~All forms of applications for renewal of licenses shall also show whether or not the applicant, if it is~~ a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, ~~still has connected with it~~ indicate whether a duly qualified person holding a license issued by the division is still connected with such entity.

~~(k) The board shall notify each local governing authority of the provisions of this chapter relating to licensure, especially the provisions of subsection (d) of this Code section. The board shall notify such governing authorities that after September 30, 1983, any person desiring a license to engage in a profession covered by this chapter shall be required to pass an examination as provided in this chapter.~~

~~(l)~~(m) Applicants who have a failing examination score on two consecutive testing attempts within the approved testing time frame ~~Any applicant for licensure standing the examination on and after July 1, 1989, who fails the examination for licensure twice after such date~~ shall be required to present satisfactory evidence to the appropriate division

that the applicant has completed a board approved review course before such applicant will be ~~admitted to a third examination~~ approved to take the examination again. If such applicant fails the examination a third time, the applicant shall not be required to complete additional board approved review courses prior to taking subsequent examinations.

~~43-14-8.1~~ 43-14-9.

(a) For purposes of this Code section only, 'division' means the 'Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractors.'

(b) No person shall engage in alarm system, general system, or telecommunication system ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license therefor from the Division of ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contracting.

(c)(1) Prior to January 1, 1985, any ~~Any~~ person desiring to qualify under the provisions of this subsection who meets the requirements of this subsection, submits proper application ~~prior to and including December 31, 1984~~, and pays or has paid the required fees and is not otherwise in violation of this chapter shall be issued a state-wide ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A, LV-G, LV-U, or LV-T license without examination.

(2) An individual desiring to obtain ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-T shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to telecommunication systems.

(3) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-A license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to alarm systems.

(4) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-G license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to general systems. ~~Each such affidavit for licensure shall describe in detail the installation of at least three complete low-voltage wiring jobs which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed low-voltage wiring in the area of licensure requested for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the time of application.~~

(5) An individual desiring to obtain a ~~Low-voltage~~ Low Voltage Contractor Class LV-U license shall submit to the division an affidavit which outlines the experience of said individual in the practice of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring relating to alarm and telecommunication systems and which describes in detail the installation of at least six complete ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring jobs, three in alarm and three in telecommunication systems, which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring in those areas for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the time of application.

(6) Each affidavit for licensure required in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection shall describe in detail the installation of at least three complete low voltage wiring jobs which shall demonstrate that the individual has successfully performed low voltage

wiring in the area of licensure requested for a period of at least one year prior to the time of application.

(d) The decision of the division as to the necessity of taking the examination or as to the qualifications of applicants taking the required examination shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive. All individuals, individuals serving as partners in partnerships, applicants for limited liability companies, or applicants for corporations desiring to engage in the vocation of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting ~~after December 31, 1984,~~ shall take the examination and qualify under this Code section before engaging in such vocation.

(e) No partnership, limited liability company, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation a person or persons, ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and supervising the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, who have valid licenses issued to them as provided in this chapter; provided, however, that partners, officers, and employees of any individual who fulfilled the licensing requirements shall continue to be authorized to engage in the business of low voltage contracting under a license which was valid at the time of the licensee's death for a period of 90 days from the date of such death. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the low voltage contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period.

(f) Partnerships, limited liability companies, or corporations having ~~In cases where a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation has~~ more than one office location from which ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting is performed~~,~~ shall have at least one person stationed in each branch office of such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation~~,~~ who is engaged in the performance of ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting on a full-time basis ~~and~~; who is supervising the ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such branch office locations~~, shall have~~; and who has a valid license issued as provided in this Code section.

~~(f) It shall be the duty of all partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations qualified under this Code section to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of severance of connection with such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation of any person or persons upon whom the qualification of any such partnership, limited liability company, or corporation rested.~~

~~(g) All applicants for examinations and licenses provided for by this Code section and all applicants for renewal of licenses under this Code section shall be required to fill out a form which shall be provided by the division, which form shall show whether or not the applicant is an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation and, if a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the names and addresses of the partners or members or the names and addresses of the officers, when and where formed or incorporated, and such other information as the division in its discretion may require. All forms of application for renewal of licenses shall also show whether or not the~~

~~applicant, if it is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, still has connected with it a duly qualified person holding a license issued by the division.~~
~~(h) The division shall notify each local governing authority of the provisions of this chapter relating to licensure, especially the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section. The division shall notify such governing authorities that after December 31, 1984, any person desiring a license to engage in the vocation of low-voltage contracting shall be required to pass an examination as provided in this chapter.~~

~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10.
(a) For purposes of this Code section only, 'division' means the 'Division of Utility Contractors.'
(b)(1) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of utility contracting unless:
(A) Such ~~such~~ business holds a utility contractor license; and
(B) There ~~there~~ is regularly connected with such business a person or persons who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter, and such. ~~Such~~ utility manager must be ~~actually~~ actively engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis and must oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of the business.
(2) If ~~In cases where~~ a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation has more than one permanent office, then each permanent office shall be registered with the division and at least one person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued under this chapter shall be stationed in each office on a full-time basis and shall oversee the utility contracting work of all employees of that office.
~~(2)~~(3) The requirements of this Code section shall not prevent any person holding a valid license issued by the State Construction Industry Licensing Board, or any division thereof, pursuant to this chapter, from performing any work defined in the Code section or sections under which the license held by said person was issued.
(c) Any corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship desiring to qualify and be issued a utility contractor license under the provisions of this subsection shall:
(1) Submit a completed application to the division on the form provided indicating:
(A) The names and addresses of proprietor, partners, or officers of such applicant;
(B) The place and date such partnership was formed or such corporation was incorporated; and
(C) The name of the qualifying utility manager holding a current certificate who is employed for each permanent office location of the business from which utility contracting is performed;
(2) Submit its safety policy which must meet the minimum standards established by the board;
(3) Pay or have paid the required fees; and
(4) Not be otherwise in violation of this chapter.
(d) The decision of the division as to the qualifications of applicants shall, in the absence of fraud, be conclusive.

(e) It shall be the duty of the utility manager certificate holders and the licensed utility contractor to notify the division, in accordance with board rules, of the severance of connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rested.
(f) In the event that a licensed utility contractor temporarily does not have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work, upon notice by such utility contractor to the division within ~~five~~ seven days following the last day of employment of the utility manager certificate holder, the division shall grant the utility contractor a 90 day grace period in which to employ a utility manager certificate holder to oversee its utility contracting work before any action may be taken by the division to revoke the utility contractor's license. The division may, at its discretion, upon application by the utility contractor showing good cause, grant one additional 90 day grace period. Grace periods totaling not more than 180 days may be granted during any two-year period. Failure to have employed a utility manager certificate holder to oversee the utility contracting work of the utility contractor shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the utility contractor license after a notice of hearing.
(g) All applicants for renewal of utility contractor licenses provided for by this Code section shall be required to submit with the required fee a completed application on a form provided by the division.
(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to contract with any other person for the performance of utility contracting work who is known by such person not to have a current, valid license as a utility contractor pursuant to this chapter.

~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11.
(a) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No person may be employed as a utility manager unless that person holds a current utility manager certificate issued by the Division of Utility Contractors.
(b) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this chapter who satisfy the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter. Persons wishing to qualify for utility manager certification shall submit a completed application form documenting required experience and other qualifications as prescribed by the board with the required fees, ~~and~~ shall pass an examination, and~~. In order to obtain a utility manager certificate, an applicant~~ must submit proof of completion of a board approved safety training course ~~of safety training~~ in utility contracting ~~approved by the division~~. In order to continue to hold such certificate, the certificate holder must present proof to the division of completion of a safety training course approved by the division at least every two years from the date of the completion of the initial safety training course.
(c) An applicant may request an oral administration of the examination.

~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12.
(a) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No person may be employed as a utility foreman unless that person holds a current utility foreman certificate issued by the Division of Utility Contractors.
(b) The division shall certify all applicants for certification under this chapter who satisfy the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter. One requirement for such certification shall be the successful completion of a board approved safety training course ~~of safety training~~ in utility contracting approved by the division. In order to continue to hold such certificate, the certificate holder must submit proof to the division of completion of a safety training course approved by the division at least every two years from the date of the completion of the initial safety training course. In lieu of safety training any person desiring to be issued a utility foreman certificate may submit a completed application on or before December 31, 1994, which documents to the satisfaction of the division at least two years of experience as a utility foreman during the period between January 1, 1984, and June 30, 1994. Any person who does not submit a completed application for certification on or before December 31, 1994, must complete the required safety training in order to be certified.
(c) ~~After June 30, 1994, no~~ No utility system shall be constructed, erected, altered, or repaired unless a certified utility manager or certified utility foreman who holds a current certification is present at the job site of such construction, erection, alteration, or repair of the utility system.

~~43-14-9~~ 43-14-13.
(a) Every person holding a license issued by a division of the board shall display it in a conspicuous manner at his or her place of business.
(b) All commercial vehicles used by licensees and certificate holders exclusively in the daily operation of their business shall have prominently displayed thereon the company or business registration or certificate number issued by the Secretary of State's office. Such registration number or certificate number, or website address where such number can be found, shall also be prominently displayed on any advertising ~~in telephone yellow pages and newspapers~~ relating to work which a licensee or certificate holder purports to have the capacity to perform. Said registration or certificate number shall also be printed on all invoices and proposal forms.

~~43-14-10~~ 43-14-14.
This chapter shall be administered in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

~~43-14-11~~ 43-14-15.
Whenever it shall appear to a division of the board or to the executive director or to a county or municipal inspection authority that any person is or has been violating this chapter or any of the lawful rules, regulations, or orders of the board, the division of the board, the local inspection authority, or the appropriate prosecuting attorney may file a

petition for an injunction in the proper superior court of this state against such person for the purpose of enjoining any such violation. It shall not be necessary to allege or prove that there is no adequate remedy at law. The right of injunction provided for in this Code section shall be in addition to any other legal remedy which the board has and shall be in addition to any right of criminal prosecution provided for by law.

~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16.

(a) Any municipal or county inspection authority which meets the standards established by the board shall be authorized, after notice and hearing, to suspend the license or certificate of competency of, or refuse to restore a license or certificate of competency to, any person or licensee upon the grounds set out in paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-14-6; provided, however, that such suspension of a license by a local inspection authority shall be applicable only within the jurisdiction of such local authority. Any person aggrieved by an action of a local authority shall be entitled to an appeal to the appropriate division of the board and shall be entitled to a hearing.

(b)(1) This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the governing authority of any county or municipality in the state from adopting and enforcing codes at the local level; provided, however, that no county or municipality may require any licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber who has executed and deposited a bond as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection to give or furnish or execute any code compliance bond or similar bond for the purpose of ensuring that all construction, installation, or modifications are made or completed in compliance with the county or municipal ordinances or building and construction codes.

(2) In order to protect the public from damages arising from any work by a licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber, which work fails to comply with the ordinances or building and construction codes adopted by any county or municipal corporation, any such licensed conditioned air contractor or licensed plumber may execute and deposit with the judge of the probate court in the county of his or her principal place of business a bond in the sum of $10,000.00. Such bond shall be a cash bond of $10,000.00 or executed by a surety authorized and qualified to write surety bonds in the State of Georgia and shall be approved by the judge of the probate court. Such bond shall be conditioned upon all work done or supervised by such licensee complying with the provisions of any ordinances or building and construction codes of any county or municipal corporation wherein the work is performed. Action on such bond may be brought against the principal and surety thereon in the name of and for the benefit of any person who suffers damages as a consequence of said licensee's work not conforming to the requirements of any ordinances or building and construction codes; provided, however, that the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons so damaged shall in no event exceed the sum of such bond.

(3) In any case where a bond is required under this subsection, the conditioned air contractor or plumber shall file a copy of the bond with the building official in the political subdivision wherein the work is being performed.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to or affect any bonding requirements involving contracts for public works as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 13.

(c) No provision of this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a municipality or county from fixing, charging, assessing, or collecting any license fee, registration fee, tax, or gross receipt tax on any related business or on anyone engaged in any related business governed by this chapter.

~~43-14-12.1~~ 43-14-17.

(a) If a person is in violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 43-14-8, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work in progress or work completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of conditioned air contracting, plumbing contracting, or electrical contracting by an unlicensed person.

(b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed as a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe that such person is a licensed conditioned air contractor or in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, is a licensed plumbing contractor in the business or profession of a plumbing contractor, or is a licensed electrical contractor in the business or profession of an electrical contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, internet, social media and digital applications, television, radio, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or ~~sign at~~ signage at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing, the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a conditioned air contractor, plumbing contractor, or electrical contractor without a license as required under this chapter.

(d) The violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed ~~$500.00~~ $1,500.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section and chapter shall constitute a separate violation.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

~~43-14-12.2~~ 43-14-18.

(a) If a person is in violation of Code Section ~~43-14-8.2, 43-14-8.3, or 43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-10, 43-14-11, or 43-14-12, it shall not be necessary for an investigator to observe or witness the unlicensed person engaged illegally in the process of work or to show work

in progress or work completed in order to prove the unlawful practice of utility contracting by an unlicensed person.

(b) It shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of this chapter if any person not licensed as a utility contractor advertises that such person is in the business or profession of a utility contractor or advertises in a manner such that the general public would believe that such person is a licensed utility contractor or in the business or profession of a utility contractor. Advertising under this subsection includes, but is not limited to, newspaper, television, or radio advertisements, telephone directory listings, mailings, business cards, or a sign or signs at a place of business or attached to a vehicle.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 43-1-20.1, after notice and hearing, the board may issue a cease and desist order prohibiting any person from violating the provisions of this chapter by engaging in the business or profession of a utility contractor without a license as required under this chapter or by constructing, erecting, altering, or repairing a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at such job site.

(d) The violation of any cease and desist order of the board issued under subsection (c) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed $5,000.00 for each violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this Code section and chapter or constructs, erects, alters, or repairs a utility system without a properly certified utility manager or properly certified utility foreman present at such job site shall constitute a separate violation.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit the board from seeking remedies otherwise available by statute without first seeking a cease and desist order in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

~~43-14-13~~ 43-14-19.

(a) This chapter shall apply to all installations, alterations, and repairs of plumbing, air-conditioning and heating, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring or utility systems within or on public or private buildings, structures, or premises except as otherwise provided in this Code section.

(b) Any person ~~who~~ that holds a license issued under this chapter may engage in the business of plumbing contracting, electrical contracting, conditioned air contracting, ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage contracting, or utility contracting but only as prescribed by the license, throughout the state; and except as provided in Code Section ~~43-14-12~~ 43-14-16, no municipality or county may require such person to comply with any additional licensing requirements imposed by such municipality or county.

(c) This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The ~~the~~ installation, alteration, or repair of plumbing, air-conditioning and heating, utility systems, or electrical services, except ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services, up to and including the meters where such work is performed by and is an integral part of the system owned or operated by a public service corporation, an electrical, water,

or gas department of any municipality in this state, a railroad company, a pipeline company, or a mining company in the exercise of its normal function as such~~.~~;

(2) Low voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that the portion of the business of public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service of telecommunication systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter;

(3) The installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or telecommunication systems for the generation or distribution of electric current constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical Safety Code shall not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor, except as otherwise provided by law;

(4) Any technician employed by a municipal or county franchised community antenna television (CATV) system or a municipally owned CATV system in the performance of work on the system;

(5) Regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform plumbing, electrical, low voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting when working on the premises of their employer;

(6) A contractor certified by the Department of Public Health to make the connection to any on-site waste-water management system from the stub out exiting the structure to an on-site waste-water management system;

(7) Any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipally owned gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment; or

(8) Persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal when:

(A) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;

(B) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the aboveground sewer system; or

(C) Connecting the exterior water line to the aboveground water system.

(d) This chapter shall not prohibit:

(1) An ~~an~~ individual from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services in a residential dwelling owned or occupied by such individual; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and any applicable county or municipal resolutions, ordinances, codes, or inspection requirements~~.~~;

~~(e)~~(2) An ~~This chapter shall not prohibit an~~ individual employed on the maintenance staff of a facility owned by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services when such work is an integral part of the maintenance requirements of the facility; provided, however, that all such work must be done in

conformity with all other provisions of this chapter and the orders, rules, and regulations of the board.;

~~(f)~~(3) Any ~~This chapter shall not prohibit any~~ person from installing, altering, or repairing plumbing, plumbing fixtures, air-conditioning and heating fixtures, utility systems, or electrical or ~~low-voltage~~ low voltage wiring services in a farm or ranch service building or as an integral part of any irrigation system on a farm or ranch when such system is not located within 30 feet of any dwelling or any building devoted to animal husbandry. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the application of any resolution, ordinance, code, or inspection requirements of a county or municipality relating to such connections.;

(4) Any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the county or municipality; or

(5) Any propane dealer that is properly insured as required by law and that holds a liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing, repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system; provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do so under this chapter.

~~(g) This chapter shall not apply to low-voltage wiring performed by public utilities, except that such portion of the business of those public utilities which involves the installation, alteration, repair, or service of telecommunication systems for profit shall be covered under this chapter.~~

~~(h) This chapter shall not apply to the installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems or telecommunication systems for the generation or distribution of electric current constructed under the National Electrical Safety Code, which regulates the safety requirements of utilities; but the interior wiring regulated by the National Electrical Safety Code would not be exempt and must be done by an electrical contractor except as otherwise provided by law.~~

~~(i) This chapter shall not apply to any technician employed by a municipal or county-franchised community antenna television (CATV) system or a municipally owned community antenna television system in the performance of work on the system.~~

~~(j) This chapter shall not apply to regular full-time employees of an institution, manufacturer, or business who perform plumbing, electrical, low-voltage wiring, utility contracting, or conditioned air contracting when working on the premises of that employer.~~

~~(k) This chapter shall not apply to persons licensed as manufactured or mobile home installers by the state fire marshal when:~~

~~(1) Coupling the electrical connection from the service entrance panel outside the manufactured housing to the distribution panel board inside the manufactured housing;~~

~~(2) Connecting the exterior sewer outlets to the above-ground sewer system; or~~

~~(3) Connecting the exterior water line to the above-ground water system.~~

~~(l)~~(e) Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the department shall not be required to be licensed under:

(1) Code Section ~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections ~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11 and ~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12 in order to perform work for the department~~. Any person qualified by the Department of Transportation to perform work for the department shall not be required to be licensed under~~; or

(2) Code Section ~~43-14-8.2~~ 43-14-10 or certified under Code Sections ~~43-14-8.3~~ 43-14-11 and ~~43-14-8.4~~ 43-14-12 in order to perform work for a county, municipality, authority, or other political subdivision when such work is of the same nature as that for which the person is qualified when performing department work; provided, however, that such work is not performed on a utility system as defined in paragraph ~~(17)~~ (23) of Code Section 43-14-2 for which the person receives compensation.

~~(m) This chapter shall not prohibit any person from installing, altering, or repairing the plumbing component of a lawn sprinkler system from a backflow preventer which was installed by a licensed plumber; provided, however, that all such work must be done in conformity with all other provisions of this chapter, the rules and regulations of the board, and ordinances of the county or municipality.~~

~~(n)~~(f) Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor:

(1) As ~~as~~ part of a conditioned air contract to install, alter, or repair duct systems, control systems, or insulation is not required to hold a license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors. The conditioned air contractor must retain responsibility for completion of the contract, including any subcontracted work~~.~~;

(2) To ~~Any person who contracts with a licensed conditioned air contractor to~~ perform a complete installation, alteration, or repair of a conditioned air system must hold a valid license from the Division of Conditioned Air Contractors~~.~~; or

(3) To ~~Any person who contracts to~~ perform for or on behalf of a conditioned air contractor ~~to install, alter, or repair electrical, low-voltage~~ the installation, alteration, or repair of the electrical, low voltage, or plumbing components of a conditioned air system must hold a valid license from the appropriate division of the board.

~~(o) This chapter shall not prohibit any propane dealer who is properly insured as required by law and who holds a liquefied petroleum gas license issued by the Safety Fire Commissioner from installing, repairing, or servicing a propane system or the gas piping or components of such system; provided, however, that such propane dealers shall be prohibited from performing the installation of conditioned air systems or forced air heating systems unless licensed to do so under this chapter.~~

~~(p) This chapter shall not apply to any employee or authorized agent of a regulated gas utility or municipal owned gas utility while in the course and scope of such employment.~~

~~(q)~~(g) Any utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter shall be authorized to bid for and perform work on any utility system in this state without obtaining a license under Chapter 41 of this title. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a utility system or anyone soliciting work to be performed on a utility system to refuse to allow a utility contractor holding a valid utility contractor's license under this chapter to

bid for or perform work on a utility system on the basis that such contractor does not hold a license under Chapter 41 of this title.

~~43-14-14~~ 43-14-20.
Any person violating this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than ~~$1,000.00~~ $3,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

~~43-14-15~~ 43-14-21.
(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
(1) 'Discharge' means an honorable discharge or a general discharge from active military service. Such term shall not mean a discharge under other than honorable conditions, a bad conduct discharge, or a dishonorable discharge.
(2) 'Military' means the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard.
(b) A committee composed of the division director, members of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, and members of the relevant divisions of the licensing board representing the profession for which the applicant is seeking a license shall determine the military specialties or certifications the training or experience for which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license for Electrical Contractor Class I, Journeyman Plumber, Conditioned Air Contractor Class I, or Utility Foreman. The Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the committee.
(c) Any current or former member of the military may apply to the licensing board for the ~~immediate~~ expedited issuance of a license or certification based upon his or her having obtained a military specialty or certification, the training or experience for which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license or certification identified in subsection (b) of this Code section.
(d) In order to qualify under this subsection, an applicant shall make application not later than two years after his or her discharge. The licensing board, in its discretion, may by rule or regulation extend such two-year period for a license or certification, or class thereof, or may extend such two-year period for an individual applicant if certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, health, hospitalization, or other related emergencies or exigencies, prevented the member of the military from making an application.
(e) Such application shall be in such form and shall require such documentation as the division director shall determine. If the applicant satisfies the requirements of this Code section, the division director shall direct the appropriate division to issue the appropriate license, and the division shall immediately issue such license; provided, however, that the applicant shall satisfy all financial and insurance requirements for the issuance of such license. This Code section shall only apply to the initial issuance of a license. After the initial issuance of a license, the licensee shall be subject to any provisions relating to the renewal of the license applicable to all licensees.

43-14-22.

The board may establish a process through rules and regulations for licenses issued under this chapter to be placed on inactive status and the qualifications necessary for such licenses to be returned to active status; provided, however, that engaging in any conduct that requires a license under this chapter while holding an inactive license shall be considered an unlicensed practice and shall be prohibited."

SECTION 1-2.

Said title is further by revising Code Section 43-15-9, relating to professional engineer certificate of registration and eligibility, as follows:

"43-15-9.

To be eligible for a certificate of registration as a professional engineer, an applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

(1)(A) Obtain certification by the board as an engineer-in-training under paragraph (1) of Code Section 43-15-8;

(B) Acquire a specific record of not less than four years' experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the board which indicates the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; and

(C) ~~Subsequently pass~~ Pass a written examination in the principles and practice of engineering (professional engineer's examination);

(2)(A) Obtain certification by the board as an engineer-in-training under paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-15-8;

(B) Acquire a specific record of not less than seven years' experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the board which indicates the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; and

(C) ~~Subsequently pass~~ Pass a written examination in the principles and practice of engineering (professional engineer's examination);

(3)(A) Obtain certification by the board as an engineer-in-training under paragraph (3) of Code Section 43-15-8;

(B) Acquire a specific record of not less than seven years' experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the board which indicates the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; and

(C) ~~Subsequently pass~~ Pass a written examination in the principles and practice of engineering (professional engineer's examination); or

(4)(A) Graduate in an engineering or related science curriculum of not less than four academic years;

(B) Acquire a specific record of not less than 16 years' experience in engineering work, of which at least eight years have been in responsible charge of important engineering work of a character satisfactory to the board, which indicates the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; and

(C) ~~Subsequently pass~~ Pass a written examination in the principles and practice of engineering (professional engineer's examination)."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-1-4.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'License' means any document, permit, certificate of registration, or other authorization issued by or on behalf of a professional licensing board that is required for a person to engage in a profession, business, or trade.

(2) 'Licensee' means any person who is required to be licensed or who is actually licensed by a professional licensing board.

(b) The office of the Secretary of State, on behalf of all professional licensing boards under its jurisdiction that require continuing education, shall establish a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements and to determine whether a licensee is in full compliance with such requirements at the time of making application for license renewal. Such tracking solution may be an off-premises hosted software-as-a-service application accessible through a public website. The Secretary of State may contract with third parties to implement, integrate, or otherwise provide such tracking system.

(c) On and after January 1, 2026, a professional licensing board shall not renew a license until the applicant has complied with all applicable continuing education requirements as verified using the continuing education tracking solution required by subsection (b) of this Code section. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a professional licensing board from granting a waiver or imposing additional penalties as otherwise provided by law or by the rules or regulations of the applicable board for failure to comply with continuing education requirements.

(d) The professional licensing boards and the division director may adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement this Code section."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 8-2-26, relating to enforcement of codes generally, employment and training of inspectors, and contracts for administration and enforcement of codes, in subparagraph (d)(2)(D), by replacing "paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-12" with "paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-14-16".

(2) Code Section 8-2-102, relating to inspections, in subsection (e), by replacing "43-14-8.1" with "43-14-9".

SECTION 3-2.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 10-5B-3, relating to rules to prohibit deceptive, fraudulent, or abusive telemarketing activities authorized, in subsection (a), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(2) Code Section 10-5B-4, relating to required and prohibited telephone conduct and activities and liability, in subsection (a), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(3) Code Section 10-5B-5, relating to applicability to persons subject to other provisions of the Code, in subsection (c), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(4) Code Section 10-5B-7, relating to remedies, duties, prohibitions, and penalties not exclusive and construction with other provisions of the Code, in subsection (b), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

SECTION 3-3.

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended in Code Section 36-60-12.1, relating to fence detection systems, definition, and utilization, by revising paragraph (b)(1) as follows:

"(1) Treat fence detection systems in all zoning and permitting matters exclusively as alarm systems as such term is defined in ~~paragraph (.1) of~~ Code Section 43-14-2; and"

SECTION 3-4.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 43-41-2, relating to definitions relative to residential and commercial general contractors, in paragraph (3), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

(2) Code Section 43-41-17, relating to effective date of licensing and sanctioning provisions, unenforceable contracts, compliance with county or municipal requirements, exemption for DOT contractors, and other exceptions, in subsection (e), by replacing "low-voltage" with "low voltage".

SECTION 3-5.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended in:

(1) Code Section 46-3-30, relating to short title, by replacing "High-voltage" with "High Voltage".

(2) Code Section 46-3-31, relating to purpose of part, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

(3) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions, in paragraph (1), by replacing "High-voltage" with "High voltage" and in paragraphs (5) and (6), by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".

(4) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language and in paragraph (2), by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".
(5) Code Section 46-3-34, relating to utilities protection center, funding of activities, notice of work, delay, and responsibility for completing safety requirements, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.
(6) Code Section 46-3-35, relating to allocation of expense of precautionary measures taken pursuant to public highway construction, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage".
(7) Code Section 46-3-37, relating to applicability of part to railway systems and electrical engineering system or other entities, in subsection (b), by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" both times the term appears.
(8) Code Section 46-3-39, relating to restriction on liability of owners and operators of high-voltage lines and effect of part on duty or degree of care, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.
(9) Code Section 46-3-40, relating to criminal penalty, strict liability for injury or damage, indemnification, and liability for cost of delay, by replacing "high-voltage" with "high voltage" each time the term appears.

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	N Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Neal	N Smith, M
E Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson

Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	N Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	N Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
N Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 104, nays 61.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 100. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-10-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance of a new birth certificate following adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, so as to provide for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to certain adult persons who were adopted; to provide for a fee; to provide for the form of such copy; to standardize terminology relating to birth certificates; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins

Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	E Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	N Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	E Wade
Y Campbell, J	N Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	E Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
N Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	E Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 145, nays 14.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 20 Veterinarians; student loan repayment; who practice shelter medicine and in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; provide; create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization
(HEd-Hilton-48th) Kirkpatrick-32nd

SB 132 Insanity and Mental Incapacity; hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial; require (Substitute)(JudyNC-Smith-18th) Strickland-42nd

SB 185 Correctional Institutions of State and Counties; use of state funds or resources for certain treatments for state inmates; prohibit
(P&CH-Hilton-48th) Robertson-29th

SB 244 Criminal Proceedings; the award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon such defendant making a successful motion to disqualify the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Martin-49th) Beach-21st

SB 259 Juvenile Code; certain procedures to be followed when there is a determination of suspected child abuse or neglect; provide
(JudyJ-Ballinger-23rd) Brass-6th

SB 291 Special License Plates; establish an "America First" specialty license plate (Substitute)(MotV-Momtahan-17th) Gooch-51st

SR 8 Deputy Brandon Cunningham Memorial Intersection; Paulding County; dedicate (Substitute)(Trans-Prince-132nd) Anavitarte-31st

SR 231 Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial Interchange; Fulton County; dedicate (Substitute)(Trans-Hilton-48th) Albers-56th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolutions of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SR 8. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Brandon Cunningham and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Senator Valencia Seay has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Clayton and Fayette Counties; and

WHEREAS, Senator Seay diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state and uplifting the minds of the next generation as evidenced dramatically by her two years in the Georgia House of Representatives and 17 years in the Georgia Senate; and

WHEREAS, during her years in the Georgia Senate she served as a member of the Appropriations, Government Oversight, Public Safety, and Science and Technology Committees and an ex-officio on the Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Seay had a 22 year career in the banking industry as president and CEO of Seay & Associates; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2015 We Are Clayton Living Legend Award, the Living Legend Award from the Clayton County NAACP, and the 2015 Alpha Kappa Alpha Capitol Legislator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, National Organization of Women Legislators, Women in Government, and the Women's Legislative Caucus and she is a Life Member of the NAACP and the National Council of Negro Women; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her honor.

PART II

WHEREAS, the Honorable Vincent D. Fort was born on April 28, 1956, in New Britain, Connecticut, a beloved son of Charles Fort, Sr., and Clara Hutchinson Fort; and

WHEREAS, after completing his higher education, he settled in Atlanta, Georgia, where he became a respected historian, taught at Morehouse College and Morris Brown College, and served as assistant director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Georgia State Senator for the 39th District from 1996 to 2017, representing parts of Atlanta, East Point, College Park, Union City, and unincorporated Fulton County as well as consistently advocating for justice and equity for all; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Senator Fort authored Georgia's first hate crimes law, ensuring harsher penalties for crimes motivated by bias, as well as the Georgia Fair Lending Act, which stood at the time as the strongest anti-predatory lending legislation in the nation and protected consumers from abusive practices; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, he was elected as Georgia's Democratic Whip, during which time he championed legislation against discrimination, racial profiling, environmental racism, and labor injustices while supporting fair wages, labor unions, and stronger community protections; and

WHEREAS, he was named "Legislator of the Year" in 2017 by the Georgia Association of Educators for his advocacy of Senate Bill 30, which aimed to improve public education funding and enhance community schools; and

WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Cheryl, and the two were blessed with three remarkable children, Nyahuma, Clara-Faith, and Zoë, as well as three wonderful grandchildren, Gizelle, Chloe, and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fort was a powerful voice for economic and racial equality, and his commitment to the people will leave a lasting impact on the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Mr. Masen "Mase" Aubrey McIntyre II was born on July 9, 2001, in Austell, Georgia, the beloved son of Masen McIntyre and Brandy Drinnon McIntyre; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McIntyre graduated from Bowdon High School where he played football and tennis; and

WHEREAS, he was a stellar athlete as evidenced by his selection to the All-Region Team for football his senior year; and

WHEREAS, his talent and leadership on the football field earned him the title of Player of the Game on numerous occasions as well as being honored with the Golden Helmet Award from his coaches; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. McIntyre joined his father in the family business at M3 Logging; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous soul, Mr. McIntyre will long be remembered for his bright smile and his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Ms. Latasha R. Butts on October 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a native of Milledgeville, Georgia, Ms. Butts was a basketball star at the University of Tennessee with four regular season Southeastern Conference Championship wins before being drafted to the WNBA in 2004 by the Minnesota Lynx; and

WHEREAS, during her season in the WNBA, Ms. Butts played in 30 games and helped the franchise achieve a record 18 victories and a playoff appearance; and

WHEREAS, after a year with the WNBA, Ms. Butts returned to the University of Tennessee as a graduate assistant and later played basketball overseas in Portugal and Israel, as well as with the WNBA's Charlotte Sting and Houston Comets; and

WHEREAS, she coached for three seasons at UCLA, eight seasons at LSU, and four seasons at Georgia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Butts was serving as the head coach of the Georgetown University basketball team at the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, she was highly regarded in the basketball community and was known as a coach who expected excellence and cared deeply for her players; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, Dr. Roy Charles Bell was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 31, 1926, and graduated from Howard University and Howard University Dental School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bell was one of the first African Americans to practice dentistry in Atlanta and in 1964 he filed a lawsuit that led to the end of segregation of the Georgia Dental Association and, subsequently, the American Dental Association; and

WHEREAS, a leader during the Civil Rights movement, Dr. Bell served as a special projects coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., was born into a sharecropping family in Wheeler County, Georgia, and graduated as valedictorian of his 1966 class at Wheeler County High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's love of agriculture began at a young age through his involvement with the New Farmer's Association and Future Farmer's Association, leading him to become one of the first two black students to graduate with a doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia in 1973; and

WHEREAS, he served counties across southeast Georgia as a large and small animal veterinarian for over 46 years as the sole proprietor of Appling Animal Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hall made history once again in 1982 by being elected the first black city councilmember of Baxley City Council, a post he held for 36 years until his untimely passing in 2019; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as mayor pro tem for the last 12 years of his service on the city council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hall embodied the spirit of service and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VII

WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Blackwell was born in Homer, Georgia, on April 9, 1924, the beloved son of Lon B. and Alice Hill Blackwell; and

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army Air Force during World War II; and

WHEREAS, as a sergeant during the war, Mr. Blackwell was assigned to the 314th Depot Supply Squadron at the Bengal Air Base in Calcutta, India; and

WHEREAS, upon his return home, Mr. Blackwell continued to serve his country as a rural mail carrier with the United States Postal Service in Lula, Georgia, for 34 years and as an assistant magistrate judge in Banks County for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell was an active member of Homer Baptist Church, where he was on the Sunday School Celebration Committee, and the American Legion Post #215, Phi Delta Masonic Lodge #148, Banks County Chamber of Commerce, and Banks County Soil Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States should be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Nolan Sental Smith, Jr., was born on January 18, 2001, in Savannah, Georgia, and has shown the world what it means to dream big, work relentlessly, and rise above every challenge in pursuit of greatness; and

WHEREAS, from his early days on the football field in youth leagues to his standout performances at IMG Academy and Calvary Day School, Mr. Smith's passion for the game of football and unwavering determination have been evident in every play he has made, earning him admiration and respect from coaches, teammates, and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's time at the University of Georgia was nothing short of remarkable, where his relentless work ethic, leadership, and dedication to his football team helped secure two College Football Playoff National Championships, a testament to his commitment to excellence and his pivotal role in the success of the Georgia Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's dream of playing in the NFL became a reality when he was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2023 NFL draft, representing not only his talent but the power of perseverance, hard work, and faith in himself; and

WHEREAS, beyond the field, Mr. Smith is deeply committed to using his platform and influence to make a meaningful impact in his community and beyond, striving to be more than just a football player, but a role model, leader, and change-maker who inspires others to dream big, work hard, and give back to those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has touched countless lives through his dedication to inspiring and mentoring others, particularly through the Nolan Smith Foundation, which uplifts young athletes, providing them with the guidance to overcome obstacles, achieve their goals, and positively impact their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's story is not just one of athletic triumph, but a testament to the power of resilience, humility, and the profound impact one person can have on the lives of those around them, especially through his support of his family and their shared journey together; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Mother Essie Frankie Mae Stegall Arnold was born on April 10, 1930, in Newnan, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Essie Mae and Milton Stegall; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mother Arnold was a faithful and active member of Saint John A.M.E. Church, where she served as a stewardess, an officer of the steward board, and class leader and member of the missionary board society; and

WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, Mother Arnold was known for her gardening talents and "green thumb," impressing her Fairburn community neighbors with her impressive yard and earning her yard of the year recognition on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized with numerous awards and honors, including a Housing Authority Honors Award, Lawrence and Frankie Arnold Parents of the Year Award in 2001, a Crown Peace Award, and a Christian City Service Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART X

WHEREAS, born on July 3, 1937, in Fairburn, Georgia, Mayor Betty Hannah served the City of Fairburn for more than 28 years as a city council member and as mayor, dedicating herself to the improvement and development of the city; and

WHEREAS, as the first female and longest serving mayor of the City of Fairburn, Mayor Hannah focused on Fairburn's downtown area during her distinguished tenure, recognizing and preserving the character of the city's original transportation district and banking community as well as its proximity to the CSX railroad; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the city dedicated a building to Mayor Hannah in its newly built education campus, a project she was instrumental in developing; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hannah gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life, she made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART XI

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruby Floyd Grogan was born in Heardsville, Georgia, on August 23, 1920, the beloved daughter of W.R. Floyd and Ethel Roper Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loy James Grogan was born in Dawsonville, Georgia, on January 5, 1914, the beloved son of Roscoe Lafayette Grogan and Lona Fouts Grogan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grogan established L.J. Grocery in 1934 and after the two were united in love and marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grogan ran the daily operations of the store; and

WHEREAS, over the years, L.J. Grocery became an institution of the community in Matt, Georgia, providing necessary groceries and gasoline to an underserved community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Grogan exhibited extraordinary devotion and compassion to their neighbors, often providing food at no cost to families in need; and

WHEREAS, as pillars of their community, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

PART XII

WHEREAS, Mr. Zera D. Storey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Storey was born on December 6, 1904, in Brooks County, Georgia, the eldest son of David Storey and Letha Touchton, and he moved to Cook County, Georgia, in 1920; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Storey was raised in a sharecropper's house by his parents, growing up with very little schooling and working as a farmer and business entrepreneur until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he was respected and admired by the people of Cook County, Georgia, sharing labor with local farmers and becoming well known for his willingness to meet the needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Storey's life of strength, courage, service, and perseverance serves as an inspiration to all Georgians, and he will be remembered as a man of great faith, humor, and warmth, always quick to champion what was right and to speak out against what was wrong, his solid integrity was a moral strength to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted member of the Church of Christ in Adel, Georgia, where he gave of his time, talents, gifts, and prayers; taught Bible classes for over 40 years; was an active song leader; and participated in many gospel singing events and graveside memorials; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Mrs. Emma Lou Stover has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service for Gilmer County and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stover has worked for many years with the Ellijay Lions Club, where she spearheaded fundraisers to provide financial assistance for surgeries for the visually impaired, buying and wrapping Christmas gifts for the less fortunate, and providing college-level scholarships for the area's brightest students; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, she founded the Special Friends Program to support individuals with mental and physical disabilities in Gilmer County and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, including as a steadfast advocate for veterans and active duty members of the military through participation with the annual community Veterans Day parade; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

PART XV

WHEREAS, Mr. David Allen Donley devoted his life to bringing music to the community of Holly Springs and Hickory Flat, leaving behind a legacy of honesty, integrity, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donley opened his store, Donley's Music, in 1996 at the corner of Bells Ferry Road and Highway 92, before moving the store to Holly Springs in 2006, and finally to the store's current location on Hickory Flat Highway in 2008; and

WHEREAS, his store became a destination for musicians of all skill levels, providing a sense of community to those who visited through bluegrass jams, music lessons, and other community oriented programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donley's faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to his hundreds of students, particularly those from disadvantaged and low-income backgrounds, often led him to provide guitars to those in need, sponsor guitar clubs, and complete lessons or instrument repairs for those who could not pay, which he saw as an investment in students' lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donley's spirit and love for music has inspired many members of the Holly Springs and Hickory Flat communities to become better musicians and better people, including Bryce Leatherwood, the 2022 winner of *The Voice*, who cited Mr. Donley as one of his greatest inspirations; and

WHEREAS, beyond his love for music, Mr. Donley is remembered as an avid fisherman who found enjoyment in sharing his hobby with others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donley will be forever remembered as a loving husband, father, and beloved citizen of Cherokee County and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, Mr. Lamar Hudgins has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudgins graduated from the U.S. Army Engineer School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968 in the role of construction surveyor in an engineering battalion; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with Dougherty County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudgins served with honor and distinction on the Albany Board of City Commissioners before dedicating 28 years to the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners, standing as the longest serving commissioner in the county's history; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudgins's leadership has been invaluable to numerous organizations, including the Board of Managers for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, Mr. William A. Fickling, Jr., has long been recognized for his contributions to this state and leadership in the financial and healthcare industries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fickling graduated from Auburn University, where he was a three-year starting forward on the basketball team, was named to the school's "Team of the Decade" for the 1950's; and as a member of the school's track team, won the Southeastern Conference high hurdle championship two times; and

WHEREAS, he serves as chairman of the Mulberry Street Investment Company, a diversified family management company headquartered in Macon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fickling has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Beech Street Corporation, President and Chairman of Charter Medical Corporation, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 1985 Walter Gilbert Award from Auburn University, the Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Auburn School of Business, Award for Management Excellence and Achievement from the University of Georgia, Business Executive of the Year by the Georgia Security Dealers Association, and a Gold Award from The Wall Street Transcript; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin R. Polote, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Polote established Polote Homebuilders in 1970 and became a fixture in the construction industry in Savannah, Georgia, providing quality homes for the area; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, in the last 55 years, the Polote Corporation has grown from a home builder to an early graduate of the government's 8a program, completing and participating on projects from Georgia to California that range from $450,000 to over $1.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Polote has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including recognition by the Georgia Minority Supplier Diversity Council with a Blue Legend Award, a distinction reserved for those who have exemplified excellence in deed and works; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART XIX

WHEREAS, Coach Carl Middleton was a pillar of the Alfred Ely Beach High School athletic program for over four decades and he dedicated his life to uplifting and inspiring young athletes to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Alfred Ely Beach High School, Coach Middleton led athletes as a basketball coach, softball coach, head football coach, track and field coach, and athletic director; and

WHEREAS, his 1967 men's track team placed second in the state and set a 440-relay team record that lasted over ten years, while his women's track teams won twelve city championships, six region championships, and placed in the top ten at state championships on four occasions; and

WHEREAS, as coach of the men's junior varsity basketball team, Coach Middleton amassed an incredible career record of 154-10; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized as Coach of the Year six times by the Georgia High School Association, was inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, and was further honored with the establishment of the Carl Middleton Male Athlete Award to annually honor Alfred Ely Beach High School's most outstanding male athlete; and

WHEREAS, Coach Middleton served as a role model to countless young athletes who have gone on to make contributions both in the field of athletics and in their communities and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XX

WHEREAS, the Honorable Susan Holmes has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a seventh generation citizen of Jasper County, Georgia, Representative Holmes was raised on a cotton farm in the community of Farrar in northern Jasper County, graduated from Monticello High School, and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talent, and energy to the citizens of Butts, Jones, and Monroe counties since 2010 as the State Representative for House District 129; and

WHEREAS, Representative Holmes serves as vice chairman of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and Special Rules committees, as secretary of the Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications and Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment committees, and as a member of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service in the Georgia House of Representatives, she served as mayor of the City of Monticello for 12 years, serving as the first female mayor for the city; and

WHEREAS, Representative Holmes has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including Monticello-Jasper County Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, 100 Most Influential Georgians by *Georgia Trend Magazine*, Northeast Georgia's Most Outstanding Citizen, and the Georgia Downtown Association's Outstanding Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her honor.

PART XXI

WHEREAS, Ms. Rachel Hodge was highly regarded by the citizens of her community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity with a commitment to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge was born in St. Marys, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Christopher and Melissa Crosby Hodge and graduated from Camden County High School; and

WHEREAS, as the daughter of a law enforcement officer with the Department of Natural Resources, Ms. Hodge grew up to follow in her father's footsteps to serve as an Emergency 9-1-1 Communications Officer with the Camden County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, she exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all her duties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge's life was tragically cut short on April 18, 2020, on her way home from work; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

PART XXII

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 139/Riverdale Road from Church Street to Garden Walk Road in Clayton County is dedicated as the Honorable Valencia Seay Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 139/Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and Lee Street Southwest in Fulton County is dedicated as the Senator Vincent D. Fort Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 100 over Turkey Creek in Carroll County is dedicated as the Masen "Mase" McIntyre Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 49 from the Milledgeville Bypass SR 29/US 441 to the Macon Bibb County line in Baldwin County is dedicated as the Latasha R. Butts Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 85/Interstate 75 over Edgewood Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the Dr. Roy Charles Bell Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 15 from mile point 76.17 to 76.716 in Appling County is dedicated as the Dr. Esco Hall, Jr. Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 51 from Hill Street to State Route 164 in Banks County is dedicated as the World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell Memorial Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 95/State Route 405 at State Route 204/Fort Argyle Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Nolan S. Smith, Jr. Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from State Route 29 to Bay Street in Fulton County is dedicated as the Mother Frankie Mae Arnold Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 29 from State Route 138 to State Route 74 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Mayor Betty Hannah Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 369 and Bannister Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Ruby and Loy Grogan Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 and Springhill Road in Cook County is dedicated as the Zera D. Storey Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the entire portion of State Route 206 in Coffee County is dedicated as Veterans Perimeter Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 52 East over Owl Town in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Emma Lou Stover Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 140 from Darnell Road to East Cherokee Drive in Cherokee County is dedicated as the David Allen Donley Memorial Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 234/Gillionville Road and Eight Mile Road in Dougherty County is dedicated as the Lamar Hudgins Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 83 over the Towaliga River in Monroe County is dedicated as the William A. Fickling, Jr. Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 25/U.S. Route 17 and Little Neck Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Benjamin R. Polote, Sr. Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 95 over the Ogeechee River Tributary in Chatham County is dedicated as the Coach Carl Middleton Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 11 from Maddox Street to West Greene Street in Jasper County is dedicated as the Honorable Susan Holmes Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 25 Spur/Satilla Bluff Road and Pine Forest Drive in Camden County is dedicated as the Rachel Hodge Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Senator Valencia Seay, Mr. Nolan Sental Smith, Jr., the Grogan family, Mrs. Emma Lou Stover, Mr. Lamar Hudgins, Mr. William A. Fickling, Jr., Mr. Benjamin R. Polote, Sr., and the Honorable Susan Holmes; and to the families of the Honorable Vincent D. Fort; Mr. Masen "Mase" Aubrey McIntyre II, Ms. Latasha R. Butts, Dr. Roy Charles Bell, Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., Mr. Bobby Blackwell, Mother Essie Frankie Mae Stegall Arnold, Mayor Betty Hannah, Mr. Zera D. Storey, Mr. David Allen Donley, Coach Carl Middleton, and Ms. Rachel Hodge.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
E Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 168, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

SR 231. By Senators Albers of the 56th, McLaurin of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Jeremy Labonte and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Officer Jeremy Labonte was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Labonte diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the City of Roswell Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Labonte was born on August 17, 2000, in Austell, Georgia, the beloved son of Roger and Brandi Labonte, and his life was tragically cut short in the line

of duty after he was shot while responding to a report of suspicious activity on February 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of King's Way Christian School in Douglasville, Georgia, Officer Labonte earned his bachelor's degree from Georgia State University and began his career in law enforcement in 2021 with the City of Roswell Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate, hardworking, and protective man, Officer Labonte will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Labonte exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, Deputy Brandon Cunningham was born on August 30, 1993, in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved son of Maria Elena Cunningham and Kevin Maynard Cunningham, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Cunningham graduated from Marietta High School in 2012 and joined the Paulding County Sheriff's Department in 2020, where he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Cunningham will long be remembered for his lively spirit and sense of humor and his love for anime, cars, shoes, and hats, and this loving father and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Officer Christopher Lee Ruse was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ruse diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Winder City Police Department, Arcade City Police Department, and Pendergrass City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty after he was shot by an occupant of a fleeing vehicle while in pursuit on December 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ruse led an exceptional career of public service and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Ruse will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this dedicated law enforcement officer will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ruse exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Officer Scott Ozburn Riner was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Riner diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a corrections officer with Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short after he was shot in the parking lot of the Gwinnett County Comprehensive Correctional Complex as he prepared to begin his shift; and

WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly to help at-risk teens through Gwinnett County's Prison Awareness Program before it was discontinued in 2017 and he continued to serve as a mentor to participants even after the conclusion of the program; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the program was revived and renamed the Scott Riner Prison Awareness Program to honor his lasting impact and his commitment to youth in Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, Officer Riner led an exceptional career of public service and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Riner will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this dedicated law enforcement officer will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Riner exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, Trooper Jimmy Cenescar was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Cenescar was born in Port Au Prince, Haiti, on August 8, 1995, the beloved son of Helas and Wisleine Cenescar; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement with the Atlanta Police Department, where he earned recognition and honors for his 2022 rescue of a driver who had driven off a bridge; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Cenescar joined the Department of Public Safety and graduated from the 114th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School in 2023 and exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Cenescar's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty on January 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART VI

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of State Route 400/US 19 and State Route 140/Holcomb Bridge Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and State Route 120 in Paulding County is dedicated as the Deputy Brandon Cunningham Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 129 and Wayne Poultry Road/Village Parkway in Jackson County is dedicated as the Christopher Lee Ruse Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 316 and Hi Hope Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Officer Scott Riner Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 324 over Interstate 85 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Trooper Jimmy Cenescar Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the families of Officer Jeremy Labonte, Deputy Brandon Cunningham, Officer Christopher Lee Ruse, Officer Scott Ozburn Riner, and Trooper Jimmy Cenescar.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted, by substitute.

SB 259. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Dolezal of the 27th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 25th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to provide for certain procedures to be followed when there is a determination of suspected child abuse or neglect; to provide for a physician holding temporary physical custody of a child based on a suspicion of child abuse or neglect to provide certain information to a parent or legal guardian and to the Division of Family and Children Services; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson

Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 132. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 41st and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insanity and mental incapacity, so as to require a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial; to provide for the release of reports of such evaluations; to establish different procedures in cases where the subject has been accused only of one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, including automatic dismissal in some cases, subject to exceptions; to provide for such different procedures and such exceptions; to

provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insanity and mental incapacity, so as to require a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial; to provide for the release of reports of such evaluations; to establish different procedures in cases where the subject has been accused only of one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, including automatic dismissal in some cases, subject to exceptions; to provide for such different procedures and such exceptions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, so as to provide for the receipt of conviction data; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insanity and mental incapacity, is amended by revising Code Section 17-7-129, relating to mental capacity to stand trial and release of competency evaluation to prosecuting attorney, as follows:

"17-7-129.

(a) When information becomes known to the court sufficient to raise a bona fide doubt regarding the accused's mental competency to stand trial, the court has a duty, sua sponte, to inquire into the accused's mental competency to stand trial; provided, however, that if such information is made known to the court by the accused or the attorney for the accused, a hearing as provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 17-7-130 shall be required. The court may order the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to conduct an evaluation of the accused's competency. ~~If the court determines that it is necessary to have a trial on the issue of competency, the court shall follow the procedures set forth in Code Section 17-7-130.~~ The court's order shall set forth those facts which give rise to its bona fide doubt as to the accused's mental competency to stand trial. The evaluation of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall be submitted to the court, and the court shall submit such evaluation to the attorney for the accused or, if pro se, to the accused, but otherwise, the report shall remain under seal.

(b) If ~~the court orders a competency evaluation and~~ the accused serves notice of a special plea of mental incompetency to stand trial ~~or raises the issue of insanity~~ and the court orders a competency evaluation, the court shall release the competency evaluation to the attorney for the accused or, if pro se, to the accused, and to the prosecuting attorney~~.~~ ~~Such~~; provided, however, that such evaluation shall not be released to any other person absent a court order.

(c) If the court determines that it is necessary to have a trial on the issue of competency, the court shall follow the procedures set forth in Code Section 17-7-130."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 17-7-130, relating to proceedings upon a plea of mental incompetency to stand trial, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) If an accused files a motion requesting a competency evaluation, the court shall hold a hearing to determine if there is sufficient information to raise a bona fide doubt regarding the accused's current mental competency to stand trial. The prosecuting attorney may submit information regarding the accused's current mental competency to stand trial. Any evidence presented by the accused, may, upon request by the accused or the attorney for the accused, be ex parte and any evidence submitted by either party shall be filed under seal. The court may, upon cause shown at such hearing, order the department to conduct an evaluation by a physician or licensed psychologist to determine the accused's mental competency to stand trial ~~and, if such~~.

(B) If the physician or licensed psychologist provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph determines the accused to be mentally incompetent to stand trial, the ~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ department, in its sole discretion, shall determine an appropriate treatment with the capability to restore the accused to competency, which may include inpatient treatment in a secure facility designated by the department or a jail-based competency restoration program~~. If~~, and, if the accused is a child, the department shall be authorized to place such child in a secure facility designated by the department.

(C) The department's evaluation made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be submitted to the court, and the court shall submit such evaluation to the attorney for the accused or, if pro se, to the accused~~, but otherwise,~~; provided, however, that the evaluation shall be under seal and shall not be released to any other person absent a court order.

(D) As used in this paragraph, the term 'jail-based competency restoration' means clinical services for competency restoration that are provided in jails to persons found incompetent to stand trial pursuant to mutual agreements entered into between sheriffs and the department to offer such clinical services in jails.

(2) If the accused files a special plea alleging that the accused is mentally incompetent to stand trial, it shall be the duty of the court to have a bench trial, unless the state or the accused demands a special jury trial, to determine the accused's competency to stand trial. Once a special plea has been filed, the court shall submit the department's evaluation to the prosecuting attorney.

(c)(1) If the court finds the accused is mentally incompetent to stand trial, the court may order a department physician or licensed psychologist to evaluate and diagnose the accused as to whether there is a substantial probability that the accused will attain mental competency to stand trial in the foreseeable future. The court shall retain jurisdiction over the accused and shall transfer the accused to the physical custody of the department. At its discretion, the court may allow the evaluation to be performed on the accused as an outpatient if the accused is charged with a nonviolent offense.

(2) The ~~Such~~ evaluation provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be performed:

(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, within 90 days after the department has received actual custody of an accused or, in the case of an outpatient, a court order requiring evaluation of an accused. If the accused is a child, the department shall be authorized to place such child in a secure facility designated by the department; or

(B) If the accused is charged only with one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, within 45 days after the department has received actual custody of an accused or, in the case of an outpatient, a court order requiring evaluation of an accused; provided, however, that the provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply to a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in violation of Code Section 40-6-391 or a misdemeanor charge involving an act of domestic violence.

(3) If the evaluation provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shows:

~~(1)~~(A) That the accused is mentally competent to stand trial, the department shall immediately report that determination and the reasons therefor to the court, and the court shall submit such determination to the attorney for the accused or, if pro se, to the accused and to the prosecuting attorney. The accused shall be returned to the court as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section;

~~(2)~~(B) That the accused is mentally incompetent to stand trial and that there is not a substantial probability that the accused will attain competency in the foreseeable future, the court shall follow the procedures set forth in subsection (e) of this Code section for civil commitment or release; or

~~(3)~~(C) That the accused is mentally incompetent to stand trial but there is a substantial probability that the accused will attain competency in the foreseeable future:

(i) Except as provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph, by the end of the 90 day period provided for in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, or at any prior time, the department shall report that finding and the reasons therefor to the court and shall retain custody over the accused for the purpose of continued treatment for an additional period not to exceed nine months; provided, however, that if the accused is charged with a misdemeanor offense or a nonviolent offense, the court shall retain jurisdiction over the accused but may, in its discretion, allow continued treatment to be done on an outpatient basis by the department~~. The~~ and the department shall monitor the accused's outpatient treatment for the additional period not to exceed nine months; or

(ii) If the accused is charged only with one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, by the end of the 45 day period provided for in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, or at any prior time, the department shall report that finding and the reasons therefor to the court and shall retain custody over the accused for the purpose of continued treatment for an additional period not to exceed 120 days; provided, however, that the court shall retain jurisdiction over the accused but may, in its discretion, allow continued treatment to be done on an outpatient basis by the department and the department shall monitor the accused's outpatient treatment for the additional period not to exceed 120 days.

(D)(i) If, by the end of the nine-month period provided for in division (i) of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph or at any prior time the accused's condition warrants, the accused is still determined by the department physician or licensed psychologist to be mentally incompetent to stand trial, irrespective of the probability of recovery in the foreseeable future, the department shall report that finding and the reasons therefor to the court. The court shall then follow the procedures in subsection (e) of this Code section for civil commitment or release.

(ii) If, by the end of the 120 day period provided for in division (ii) of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph or at any prior time the accused's condition warrants, the accused is still determined by the department physician or licensed psychologist to be mentally incompetent to stand trial, irrespective of the probability of recovery in the foreseeable future, the charges against the accused shall be dismissed as a matter of law by the court and the accused shall be referred to a community service board unless otherwise ordered by the court for cause shown upon the hearing of a motion by the prosecuting attorney."

SECTION 3.

Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, is amended by revising Code Section 37-1-28, relating to conviction data, as follows:

"37-1-28.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'conviction data' means a record of a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere with regard to any crime, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(b) The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data that is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment in a position the duties of which involve direct care, treatment, custodial responsibilities, or any combination thereof for its clients. ~~The department may also receive conviction data which is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment in a position if, in the judgment of the employer, a final employment decision regarding the selectee can only be made by a review of conviction data in relation to the particular duties of the position and the security and safety of clients, the general public, or other employees.~~

(c) The department may receive from any law enforcement agency conviction data which is relevant to a person whom the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment in a position if, in the judgment of the employer, a final employment decision regarding the selectee can only be made by a review of conviction data in relation to the particular duties of the position and the security and safety of clients, the general public, or other employees.

~~(c)~~(d) The department shall establish a uniform method of obtaining conviction data under subsection (a) of this Code section which shall be applicable to the department and its contractors. Such uniform method shall require the submission to the Georgia Crime Information Center of fingerprints and the records search fee in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. Upon receipt thereof, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall promptly transmit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall promptly conduct a search of its own records and records to which it has access. After receiving the fingerprints and fee, the Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the department in writing of any derogatory finding, including, but not limited to, any conviction data regarding the fingerprint records check or if there is no such finding.

~~(d)~~(e) All conviction data received shall be for the exclusive purpose of making employment decisions or decisions concerning individuals in the care of the department and shall be privileged and shall not be released or otherwise disclosed to any other person or agency. Immediately following the employment decisions or upon receipt of the conviction data, all such conviction data collected by the department or its agent shall be maintained by the department or agent pursuant to laws regarding and the rules or regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center, as is applicable. Penalties for the unauthorized release or disclosure of any conviction data shall be as prescribed pursuant to laws regarding and rules or regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Crime Information Center, as is applicable.

~~(e)~~(f) The department may promulgate written rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section.

~~(f)~~(g) The department shall be authorized to conduct a name or descriptor based check of any person's criminal history information, including arrest and conviction data, and other information from the Georgia Crime Information Center regarding any adult person who provides care or is in contact with persons under the care of the department without the consent of such person and without fingerprint comparison to the fullest extent permissible by federal and state law.

~~(g)~~(h) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to any motions made or hearings or trials commenced on or after such date.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 142, nays 24.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives

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April 2, 2025

Clerk of the House,

On April 2nd, I missed the vote on SB 132 and would like the official record to reflect a vote of a Yes.

Thank you,

/s/ Rep. Kim Schofield
Rep. Kim Schofield, D63
Georgia General Assembly

SB 185. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Burns of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to correctional institutions of state and counties, so as to prohibit the use of state funds or resources for certain treatments for state inmates; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Board of Corrections relating to such prohibitions and exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

E Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	E Romman
E Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	E Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	E Santos
E Baker	E Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	E Schofield

Y Ballard	E Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	E Dawson	E Holland	E Miller	E Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	E Holly	E Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
E Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	E Myles	Y Smith, L
E Beckles	E Douglas	Howard, K	E Neal	E Smith, M
E Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	E Drenner	E Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	E Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	E Jackson, D	E Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	E Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	E Panitch	E Taylor, R
Burnough	E Evans	Y Jenkins	E Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	E Jones, A	E Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	E Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	E Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
E Campbell, L	E Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	E Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	E Reese	Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
E Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	E Williams, MF
Y Chastain	E Griffin	E Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	E Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 100, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The Speaker Pro Tem assumed the Chair.

SB 244. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the assessment and payment of costs of criminal proceedings, so as to provide for the award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon such defendant making a successful motion to disqualify the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case; to provide for procedures for assessing and paying such fees and costs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 17 and 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure and General Assembly, respectively, so as to enact provisions relating to certain criminal prosecutions; to provide for the award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon the disqualification of the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case and the subsequent dismissal of the case by the court or a subsequent prosecutor; to provide for procedures for assessing and paying such fees and costs; to allow for wrongful conviction and incarceration compensation claims; to provide for a short title; to establish eligibility criteria; to provide for notice of claims; to require administrative law judges within the Office of State Administrative Hearings to hear and evaluate such claims; to provide for the burden of proof and evidence to be considered by an administrative law judge; to establish amounts of compensation that may be awarded; to require the release of claims prior to receiving an award of compensation; to establish the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund; to provide for the payment of compensation awards from such trust fund; to provide for the waiver of sovereign immunity; to provide for rules and regulations; to require the Supreme Court of Georgia and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to provide certain individuals with a copy of this Act; to provide for definitions; to exclude wrongful conviction and incarceration compensation claims from the purview of the Claims Advisory Board; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Chapter 11, relating to assessment and payment of costs of criminal proceedings, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"17-11-6.

(a) In the event that:

(1) The prosecuting attorney in a felony or misdemeanor criminal case is disqualified due to improper conduct on the part of such prosecuting attorney; and

(2) Such criminal case is dismissed by the court or a subsequent prosecutor tasked with prosecuting such case following such disqualification;

any defendant against whom such charges are dismissed shall be entitled to an award of all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the defendant in defending the case.

(b) A defendant entitled to fees and expenses as provided in this Code section shall file a motion for reasonable attorney's fees and costs within 45 days of the final termination of the underlying criminal case. The judge to whom the criminal case was assigned shall consider and determine such motion for reasonable attorney's fees and costs without a jury and shall award such reasonable attorney's fees and costs as provided for under this Code section to such defendant.
(c) Attorney's fees and costs awarded under this Code section shall be paid from the funds of the office of the prosecuting attorney as budgeted by the county or counties comprising the judicial circuit of such prosecuting attorney."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 22

17-22-1.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Act.'

17-22-2.
As used in this chapter, the term:
(1) 'Alford plea' means a plea of guilty entered by a defendant while maintaining his or her innocence, as recognized by the United States Supreme Court in the case of North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970).
(2) 'Claimant' means an individual seeking compensation under this chapter for his or her wrongful conviction and incarceration.
(3) 'Prosecuting district attorney' means the district attorney whose office prosecuted the claimant for the crime or crimes that resulted in the wrongful conviction and incarceration for which the claimant is seeking compensation under the provisions of this chapter.
(4) 'State governmental entity' means any office, authority, agency, department, unit, division, instrumentality, institution, commission, board, branch, or other entity of state government.

17-22-3.
(a) The Office of State Administrative Hearings, established pursuant to Code Section 50-13-40, shall have the sole and exclusive authority to consider claims of wrongful conviction and incarceration in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
(b) For purposes of considering claims of wrongful conviction and incarceration and awarding compensation pursuant to this chapter, an administrative law judge appointed

pursuant to Code Section 50-13-40 shall be designated by the Office of State Administrative Hearings for each claim filed under this chapter.

(c) Any such administrative law judge shall be authorized to determine:

(1) Whether a claimant qualifies for compensation under this chapter; and

(2) The amount of compensation, if any, to be awarded under this chapter.

17-22-4.

(a) A claim for compensation under this chapter shall:

(1) Be filed directly with the Office of State Administrative Hearings;

(2) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section, be filed within three years after the date of the acknowledgment obtained pursuant to Code Section 17-22-12, or within three years of July 1, 2025, whichever occurs later;

(3) Be captioned 'In the Matter of the Wrongful Conviction of [Claimant];' and

(4) Be served on the Attorney General and the prosecuting district attorney.

(b) If, during the two years before the limitations period under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section would otherwise expire, the claimant obtains new evidence of innocence that the claimant could not previously have obtained with reasonable diligence, the claimant may file a claim under this chapter within two years of the date on which the claimant obtains such new evidence.

(c) If, after the limitations period under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section has expired, the claimant obtains new evidence of innocence that the claimant could not previously have obtained with reasonable diligence, the claimant may file a claim under this chapter within two years of the date on which the claimant obtains such new evidence.

(d) A claim for compensation may be brought under this chapter by the heirs at law or the legal representative of a deceased individual.

17-22-5.

(a) To be eligible to receive compensation under this chapter, a claimant must establish by a preponderance of evidence to the administrative law judge that:

(1) The claimant was convicted of a felony by a court of this state and served all or part of the sentence for such felony;

(2) The claimant did not commit the crime for which the claimant was convicted and did not commit any lesser included offense; and

(3) One of the following apply to the claimant:

(A) The claimant's conviction was reversed or vacated and the charges against the claimant were dismissed after the conviction was reversed or vacated;

(B) The claimant's conviction was reversed or vacated and the claimant was thereafter acquitted of the charges;

(C) The claimant's conviction was reversed or vacated and the claimant thereafter entered an Alford plea or a plea of nolo contendere when the claimant would otherwise have been entitled to a new trial; or

(D) The claimant received a pardon for the conviction based on the claimant's innocence.

(b) In evaluating whether a claimant has met the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, an administrative law judge may, in the interest of justice, give due consideration to difficulties of proof caused by the passage of time, the death or unavailability of witnesses, the destruction of evidence, and other factors not caused by the claimant or those acting on the claimant's behalf.

(c) Upon determining that a claimant meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, an administrative law judge shall award compensation to the claimant for wrongful conviction and incarceration in accordance with the provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that no compensation shall be awarded if the administrative law judge determines by a preponderance of the evidence that:

(1) The claimant was an accomplice in the commission of the crime for which the claimant was convicted; or

(2) For the purpose of protecting the true perpetrator from conviction, the claimant intentionally and voluntarily caused the conviction by entering a guilty plea, by committing perjury at trial, or by fabricating evidence at trial.

17-22-6.

(a) Upon receiving a claim under this chapter filed and served in accordance with Code Section 17-22-4, the Office of State Administrative Hearings shall, within 15 days, designate an administrative law judge to adjudicate the claim and notify the claimant, the Attorney General, and the prosecuting district attorney of such designation.

(b) Any such administrative law judge shall, within 180 days of being designated to adjudicate the claim, hold a hearing to determine if the claimant is eligible for compensation under this chapter, and if so, the amount of compensation to be awarded. The Attorney General and the prosecuting district attorney shall be entitled to file, within 30 days of such administrative law judge being designated to adjudicate the claim, a response in opposition to the claim and appear at the hearing for the purpose of contesting the claim.

(c) At a hearing held pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section on a claim filed under this chapter, the claimant, the Attorney General, or the prosecuting district attorney may present evidence in support of or in opposition to the claimant's eligibility for compensation under this chapter or regarding the amount of compensation that the claimant is entitled to pursuant to Code Section 17-22-7. The rules of evidence established in Code Section 50-13-15 shall apply in any such hearing held.

(d) Within 30 days of holding a hearing under subsection (b) of this Code section, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision on the claimant's eligibility for compensation under this chapter and the amount of compensation to be awarded under Code Section 17-22-7, if any, which shall include a statement of the administrative law judge's findings and an explanation of the administrative law judge's calculation of any such compensation to be awarded. Within 30 days after the administrative law judge has issued such decision, the claimant, the Attorney General, or the prosecuting district

attorney may appeal such decision by filing, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 5, a petition for review in the Superior Court of Fulton County or in the superior court of the county in which the claimant was prosecuted for the crime or crimes leading to the wrongful conviction and incarceration, provided that such appeal shall be without a jury, shall be confined to the record, and nothing in this chapter shall preclude the appeal of any decision or order issued by such superior court during or upon the completion of its review of the decision issued by the administrative law judge. If no such appeal of the administrative law judge's decision is timely filed, such decision shall become final and the administrative law judge shall, subject to the limitation provided in subsection (e) of this Code section, issue a judgment either awarding compensation to the claimant or denying the claim. If such an appeal of the administrative law judge's decision is filed, the administrative law judge shall only issue a judgment when such appeal process is completed in accordance with any orders of the reviewing court. The issuance of a judgment after completion of such appeal process shall be subject to the limitation provided in subsection (e) of this Code section.

(e) No claimant shall be entitled to compensation under this chapter, and no judgment awarding compensation to a claimant under this chapter shall be issued by an administrative law judge under subsection (d) of this Code section, unless and until the claimant has executed and filed with the Office of State Administrative Hearings a release and waiver, in a form and manner as the Office of State Administrative Hearings shall prescribe in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services, that releases, satisfies, acquits, and forever discharges any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, and damages, of every kind and nature whatsoever, past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, that the claimant has or may claim to have against the state, any state governmental entity, or any current or former members, officers, employees, or agents of the state or any state governmental entity that arise out of or relate to any and all facts in connection with the claimant's wrongful conviction and incarceration. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a claimant to release any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, or damages that the claimant may have or claim to have against any political subdivision of this state or any current or former members, officers, employees, or agents of any political subdivision of this state.

17-22-7.

(a) A claimant that satisfies the requirements of and is entitled to compensation under Code Section 17-22-5 shall be awarded:

(1) For each year of incarceration, $75,000.00, provided that a prorated amount shall be allocated to any partial year of incarceration;

(2) An additional $25,000.00 for each year of incarceration while awaiting a sentence of death based on the conviction at issue, provided that a prorated amount shall be allocated to any partial year of incarceration;

(3) The reasonable and necessary attorney's fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the claimant or on the claimant's behalf in reversing or vacating the claimant's conviction, obtaining a pardon, and filing a claim for compensation under this chapter; and

(4) Reimbursement for restitution, costs, fines, fees, or surcharges paid by or on behalf of the claimant as a result of the wrongful conviction at issue.

(b) In calculating time of incarceration, an administrative law judge shall only include time served for the charge for which the claimant is making a claim under this chapter, consistent with the requirements of Code Section 17-10-11; provided, however, that a claimant shall not be entitled to compensation under this chapter for any portion of a sentence spent incarcerated during which the claimant was also serving a concurrent sentence of incarceration for another crime for which the claimant's conviction was not overturned and for which the claimant was not pardoned based on innocence, except to the extent that:

(1) The sentence for that crime was longer than it would have been without consideration by the sentencing court of one or more of the crimes at issue; or

(2) The intact conviction was based on an Alford plea or a plea of nolo contendere maintaining a claim of innocence that the claimant accepted to resolve the underlying case after the original conviction was overturned, and the claimant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant did not commit the crime that resulted in the Alford plea or the plea of nolo contendere.

(c) If a claimant has received a monetary award or settlement in a civil action against the state, any state governmental entity, or any member, officer, employee, or agent of the state or a state governmental agency arising from or relating to the claimant's wrongful conviction and incarceration, such amount received by the claimant, less any attorney's fees, costs, and expenses paid by the claimant in obtaining the civil action award or settlement, shall be deducted from the amount of the compensation award to which the claimant is entitled under subsection (a) of this Code section.

(d) Beginning on January 1, 2026, and each year thereafter, the Office of State Administrative Hearings, by rules and regulations, shall adjust the dollar amounts specified in subsection (a) of this Code section to reflect the effect of annual inflation or deflation on the cost of living that citizens of this state experienced in the prior calendar year. In making such adjustments, the Office of State Administrative Hearings may use the Consumer Price Index, or its successor or appropriate replacement index, if any, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

17-22-8.

(a) Any award of compensation made pursuant to this chapter shall not be:

(1) Subject to any monetary limitation of damages awarded in civil actions;

(2) Subject to any state income taxes; or

(3) Reduced by any expense related to the claimant's wrongful incarceration incurred by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

(b) No attorney shall collect any fees, costs, or expenses from a claimant in connection with obtaining relief under this chapter, including any fees, costs, or expenses calculated

on a contingency basis, except for the amounts awarded under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 17-22-7.

17-22-9.

(a) There is created the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund as a separate fund in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall credit to the trust fund all moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of providing claimants with compensation under this chapter and shall invest the moneys held in the trust fund in the same manner in which state funds are invested as authorized by the State Depository Board pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50.

(b) No award of compensation issued under this chapter shall be payable except from the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any execution or levy against any state property or state funds, and such execution or levy against any state property or state funds for purposes of paying compensation awards issued under this chapter is expressly prohibited. The liability of the state under this chapter shall never exceed the amount of funds available in the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund and no award of compensation issued under this chapter shall be payable unless and until the General Assembly appropriates moneys for the payment thereof.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds, any award of compensation issued under this chapter shall be paid out of the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund as follows:

(1)(A) If the judgment awarding such compensation is issued by the administrative law judge pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 17-22-6 before September 1 of a given calendar year, the state treasurer shall pay to the claimant an initial sum of $6,000.00 within 60 days of such judgment being issued and such judgment being presented to the state treasurer for payment, and such initial sum shall be deducted from the total award amount.

(B) If the judgment awarding such compensation is issued by the administrative law judge pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 17-22-6 on or after September 1 of a given calendar year, the state treasurer shall pay to the claimant an initial sum of $18,000.00 within 60 days of such judgment being issued and such judgment being presented to the state treasurer for payment, and such initial sum shall be deducted from the total award amount.

(2) Thereafter, the General Assembly shall, through an amended appropriations Act for the current fiscal year for a judgment issued before September 1 of a given calendar year or through the general appropriations Act for the next fiscal year for a judgment issued on or after September 1 of a given calendar year, appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the remainder of the award of compensation; provided, however, that, for any award of compensation that exceeds $1.5 million, the General Assembly shall appropriate such sum in equal amounts over three separate fiscal years. Within 60 days of such appropriation being made and such funds being credited to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund, the state treasurer shall pay to

the claimant the remainder of the award of compensation; provided, however, that, if such award exceeds $1.5 million, the state treasurer shall pay to the claimant the remainder of the award in three equal payments, each within 60 days of such amounts being appropriated by the General Assembly and credited to the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund.

(d) Any payment of an award of compensation pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section may be made to or for the benefit of the claimant, or, in the case of the death of the claimant, to or for the benefit of one or more heirs at law or designated beneficiaries of the claimant.

17-22-10.

Subject to the provisions and limitations of this chapter, the sovereign immunity of this state is waived for the purpose of authorizing claimants to file claims for and seek compensation awards under this chapter and for authorizing payment of any judgment awarding such compensation from the Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Trust Fund.

17-22-11.

The Office of State Administrative Hearings, through the chief state administrative law judge, shall have the power to promulgate any rules and regulations and establish any procedures that are necessary to carry out, and are not inconsistent with, the provisions of this chapter.

17-22-12.

(a) A court entering a dismissal or judgment of acquittal after a defendant's criminal conviction has been overturned, vacated, or reversed shall provide a copy of this chapter to the defendant at the time of entry of the dismissal or acquittal and obtain from the defendant a written acknowledgment of receipt of a copy of this chapter on a form established by the Supreme Court of Georgia. Such acknowledgment shall be transmitted by the court to the Supreme Court of Georgia and shall be entered on the docket by the Supreme Court of Georgia. The acknowledgment shall be admissible in any proceeding subsequently filed by the defendant under this chapter.

(b) Upon the issuance and acceptance of a pardon of innocence or a commutation of sentence resulting in release because of a finding of innocence, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall provide a copy of this chapter to the individual receiving the pardon or commutation and obtain from the individual a written acknowledgment of receipt of a copy of this chapter on a form established by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. The acknowledgment shall be retained on file by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles as part of its official records and shall be admissible in any proceeding subsequently filed by the individual under this chapter."

SECTION 2-2.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to General Assembly, is amended in Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 5, relating to claims against state, departments, or agencies, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-5-87.

The Claims Advisory Board shall not consider and no compensation shall be paid under this article concerning any claim against the state for any wrongful conviction and incarceration."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

(b) Part I of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall apply to all criminal cases pending on and after such effective date.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Neal of the 79th was excused from voting on SB 244.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	E LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
E Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 103, nays 61.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 862 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 371. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th, Greene of the 154th, Dubnik of the 29th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds generally under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for an increase of the state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding from $300 million to $375 million annually; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 397. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections; to revise provisions related to the timelines for calling special elections and the dates on which special elections can be held; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 513. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to revise provisions related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services be borne by unincorporated residents; to provide for annual reports thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 398. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gaines of the 120th, Dempsey of the 13th, Camp of the 135th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the production and sale of cottage food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures; to provide for definitions; to

provide for inspections; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for conforming changes; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit local regulation of cottage food items; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 291. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit

corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, is amended in subsection (l) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) A special license plate displaying an image of the American flag, and the words 'America First' to represent patriotism, a commitment to prioritize the interests of this nation above all else, and to reinforce a sense of national pride and unity. Notwithstanding subsection (h) of this Code section, the department shall be authorized to issue such license plate prior to receipt of 1,000 prepaid applications; provided, however, that, if 1,000 applications have not been submitted prior to January 1, 2028, the department shall not continue to manufacture such license plate. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be deposited in the general fund."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Cannon of the 58th objected to agreeing to the report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill.

The Speaker ruled the objection out of order.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	E Crowe	E Hilton	Y McDonald	E Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
E Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	N Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	E Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 95, nays 68.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 7:00 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 14. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Crawford of the 89th and Fleming of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cornbread as the official state bread of Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 233. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate Brunswick stew as the official state stew; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 756. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Hitchens of the 161st, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham Area Transit Authority, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5082), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5296), so as to abolish the current authority memberships; to provide for new board membership; to provide terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 768. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Okoye of the 102nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue and re-create the State Court of Gwinnett County, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3331), as amended, so as to provide a supplement for the chief judge of said court; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 769. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Mitchell of the 88th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3722), so as to change provisions relating to the salary supplements for the judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 770. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved

February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, so as to provide an additional supplement for the chief judge of said circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 778. By Representative Dickey of the 134th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Upson County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 811. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 813. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $12,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 814. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or older; to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 815. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Corbett of the 174th, Burchett of the 176th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Lowndes County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $12,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 823. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for certain senior citizens, approved April 22, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3588), so as to revise the definition of senior citizen; to provide that the homestead exemption granted by this Act shall be in lieu of and not in addition to any other homestead exemption applicable to Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes; to fix a nonsubstantive scrivener's error; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 824. By Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to close for new applications certain homestead exemptions for senior citizens from Dawson County ad valorem taxes for county purposes and homestead exemptions for senior citizens from Dawson County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; to provide for

a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 832. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, New of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Smith of the 18th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Paulding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 834. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Cedartown, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 835. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3763), as amended, so as to increase such exemption; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 837. By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th, Prince of the 132nd and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Richmond County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 840. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Pickens County Airport Authority, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3645), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 841. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Pickens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed $40,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 842. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of $250,000.00 of the appraised value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4357), so as to revise the exemption amount; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 843. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Dalton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or over, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3766), as amended, so as to increase such exemption; to revise provisions for the grandfathering of certain residents; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 844. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Whitfield County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $150,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or over, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4538), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4354), so as to revise the exemption amount; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 848. By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Polk County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the greater of 50 percent or $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older, in the amount of the greater of 75 percent or $80,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, and in the amount of the full assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 77 years of age or older, all with a temporary cap on the annual aggregate exemption amount; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 850. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Howard of the 129th, Heffner of the 130th and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Augusta-Richmond County ad valorem taxes for consolidated government purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 853. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Tunnel Hill ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $325,000.00 for each resident of the City of Tunnel Hill who is 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 854. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a new homestead exemption from City of Cohutta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of $100,000.00 for each resident of the City of Cohutta who is 70 years of age or older, approved May 3, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 4375), so as to increase the exemption amount to $325,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 855. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Thomasville to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A., approved April 27, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3799), so as to revise provisions related to the expenditure of certain

proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 856. By Representative LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Brooks County Development Authority, approved March 9, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2097), so as to revise provisions related to the appointment of members of the authority; to repeal outdated districting and initial term provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 859. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from certain City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for each resident of the city who is 65 years of age or older or totally disabled, approved March 29, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3950), as amended, so as to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $60,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age or totally disabled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 861. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide homestead exemptions from City of Calhoun independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are at least 65 but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4537), so as to increase said homestead exemption for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 869. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Cartersville and Bartow County, Georgia,

approved February 28, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2270), so as to provide for the legislative delegation of Bartow County to appoint a member; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 870. By Representatives Neal of the 79th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Flournoy of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Clayton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead for residents of that county who are disabled veterans, senior citizens, unremarried surviving spouses of a peace officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, or 100 percent disabled; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability and a sunset; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Hilton of the 48th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 20. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 906. By Representatives Henderson of the 113th, Lupton of the 83rd and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Burnelle Henderson; and for other purposes.

HR 907. By Representatives Henderson of the 113th, Lupton of the 83rd and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Archie S. Shepherd; and for other purposes.

HR 908. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ella Levenia Sosebee McMichen; and for other purposes.

HR 909. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Reverend Franklin D. Blackshear; and for other purposes.

HR 910. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating the 90th birthday of Mrs. Lee Ellen Hanberry; and for other purposes.

HR 911. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Freedom, the live bald eagle mascot of Georgia Southern University; and for other purposes.

HR 912. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Conn Family; and for other purposes.

HR 913. By Representative Gilliard of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Juneteenth Atlanta upon its 13th Annual Parade & Music Festival; and for other purposes.

HR 914. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd, Dawson of the 65th and Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Coweta County Cattlemen's Association for its exemplary performance at the 2025 Georgia Cattlemen's Association Convention; and for other purposes.

HR 915. By Representative Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Celia Young; and for other purposes.

HR 916. By Representative Townsend of the 179th:

A RESOLUTION commending John "JT" Marshburn on his election as Secretary of the College Republican National Committee; and for other purposes.

HR 917. By Representatives Beckles of the 96th, Evans of the 57th, Adeyina of the 110th, McClain of the 109th, Clark of the 108th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Whine Walk Run 5K and International Food Festival; and for other purposes.

HR 918. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hong of the 103rd, Park of the 107th, Beckles of the 96th and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Payne-Corley House; and for other purposes.

HR 919. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending Yasmeen Salam; and for other purposes.

HR 920. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Stacey Garel; and for other purposes.

HR 921. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Davis of the 87th, Bennett of the 94th and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 13, 2025, as Lou Walker Senior Center Day; and for other purposes.

HR 922. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Holland of the 54th, Panitch of the 51st, Tran of the 80th, Jackson of the 68th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending The Empowerment Workshop and its founder, Le'Dor Milteer; and for other purposes.

HR 923. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Jackson of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joan Quaterman upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 924. By Representative Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and honoring Eric Hunt; and for other purposes.

HR 925. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Momtahan of the 17th, New of the 40th, Smith of the 18th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sheriff Gary Gulledge; and for other purposes.

HR 926. By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Denney H. Rogers; and for other purposes.

HR 927. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Campbell of the 171st and Greene of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the centennial anniversary of the John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 928. By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Cannon of the 172nd, LaHood of the 175th, Dickey of the 134th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending David Curtis Bridges, PhD, upon his induction into the Georgia Agriculture Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

HR 929. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge upon the 88th anniversary of its establishment; and for other purposes.

HR 930. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th, Bennett of the 94th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 29 to April 5, 2025, as Georgia Community-Based Doula Week; and for other purposes.

HR 931. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Arlene Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 932. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2024-2025 Pickens County Dragonettes for their excellent season; and for other purposes.

HR 933. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st and Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Atlanta Drive GC for winning the inaugural TGL Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 934. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Mathiak of the 82nd and New of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mesha Mainor; and for other purposes.

HR 935. By Representative Taylor of the 92nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Bald Rock Baptist Church and congratulating Pastor Christopher M. Shipp on the occasion of his 28th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 936. By Representative Gullett of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending DeeDee Hamilton; and for other purposes.

HR 937. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 44th, Williams of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the 90th anniversary of the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre; and for other purposes.

HR 938. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating DeKalb County School District 2025 Georgia Scholar Sophia Ocfemia; and for other purposes.

HR 939. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating DeKalb County School District 2025 Georgia Scholar Lauren Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 940. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating DeKalb County School District 2025 Georgia Scholar Meti Kejela; and for other purposes.

HR 941. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Drenner of the 85th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating DeKalb County School District 2025 Georgia Scholar Rebecca Larkin; and for other purposes.

HR 942. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating DeKalb County School District 2025 Georgia Scholar Swayam Rathod; and for other purposes.

HR 943. By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating DeKalb County School District 2025 Georgia Scholar Harper May; and for other purposes.

HR 944. By Representatives McQueen of the 61st and Mitchell of the 88th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending V&L Research and Consulting; and for other purposes.

HR 945. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Sig Mosley for his extraordinary contributions to the entrepreneurial and investment community in Georgia and beyond; and for other purposes.

HR 946. By Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Oliver of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION commending the State of Georgia for its economic leadership and recognizing the importance of transparent, informed decision making; and for other purposes.

The House stood at ease.

The Speaker called the House to order.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 862. By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, McQueen of the 61st, Glaize of the 67th, Jones of the 60th, Dawson of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to fix the salary of the sheriff of Fulton County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	N Cooper	N Hawkins	N Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	N Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McCollum	E Sanchez
E Au	N Crowe	N Hilton	N McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
E Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	N Meeks	N Scoggins
N Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	N DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	N Seabaugh
N Barrett	N Dempsey	N Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barton	N Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	N Silcox
Y Bazemore	N Donatucci	N Howard, J	Y Myles	N Smith, L
Y Beckles	N Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	N Huddleston	N New	N Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	E Smith, V
Y Berry	N Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	N Stephens

Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
N Bonner	N Efstration	N Jackson, E	Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	N O'Steen	N Taylor, D
N Burchett	N Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	N Thomas
N Byrd	N Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Townsend
N Cameron	Y Flournoy	N Jones, J	N Parrish	Y Tran
N Camp	N Ford	E Jones, S	N Parsons	N Wade
N Campbell, J	N Franklin	E Jones, T	N Persinger	N Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	N Petrea	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	N Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
N Carpenter	E Gilliard	N LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
N Carson	E Glaize	N Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	N Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	N Rice	N Williams, N
N Cheokas	N Gullett	N Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williamson
N Clark, D	N Gunter	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Hagan	E Martin	E Ridley, Jor	N Yearta
N Clifton	Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 63, nays 88.

The Bill, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

Representative Hugley of the 141st moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to HB 862.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	N Cooper	N Hawkins	N Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	N Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
N Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McCollum	Y Sanchez
E Au	N Crowe	N Hilton	N McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
N Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	N Meeks	N Scoggins
N Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	N DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	N Seabaugh
N Barrett	N Dempsey	N Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barton	N Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	N Silcox
Y Bazemore	N Donatucci	N Howard, J	Y Myles	N Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	N Huddleston	N New	N Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	N Newton	N Smith, V
Y Berry	N Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	N Stephens
N Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
N Bonner	N Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	N O'Steen	N Taylor, D
N Burchett	N Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	N Jenkins	Y Paris	N Thomas
N Byrd	N Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Townsend
N Cameron	Y Flournoy	N Jones, J	N Parrish	Y Tran

N Camp	N Ford	E Jones, S	N Parsons	N Wade
N Campbell, J	N Franklin	E Jones, T	N Persinger	N Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	N Petrea	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	N Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
N Carpenter	E Gilliard	N LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
N Carson	E Glaize	N Leverett	N Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	N Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	N Rice	N Williams, N
N Cheokas	N Gullett	N Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williamson
N Clark, D	N Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Hagan	E Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Yearta
N Clifton	N Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 67, nays 96.

The motion was lost.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 155. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, and Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for the appeal of superior court decisions on zoning decisions of counties and municipal corporations; to repeal provisions authorizing administrative officers to exercise

zoning powers; to repeal provisions authorizing quasi-judicial boards and agencies to hear and render decisions on applications for special administrative permits and conditional permits; to revise definitions; to amend Code Section 36-36-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to "contiguous area" defined, so as to revise provisions for certain properties owned by municipalities; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, is amended by revising Code Section 36-36-114, relating to arbitration panel, composition and membership, assistance in formulating record, and regulation, as follows:

"36-36-114.

(a) Not later than the ~~fifteenth calendar~~ twentieth business day following the date that the department ~~received the~~ first receives an objection of a proposed annexation as provided for in Code Section 36-36-113, ~~an arbitration~~ a panel of five arbitrators shall be appointed by the department using the selection process detailed ~~as provided~~ in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(b)(1) ~~The arbitration panel shall be composed of five members to be selected as provided in this subsection.~~ The department shall develop and maintain three pools of potential arbitrators, comprised as follows:

(A) One ~~one~~ pool which consists of persons who are currently or within the previous six years have been municipal elected officials, managers, or administrators;

(B) One ~~one~~ pool which consists of persons who are currently or within the previous six years have been county elected officials, managers, or administrators; and

(C) One ~~one~~ pool which consists of persons with a master's degree or higher in public administration or planning and who are currently employed by an institution of higher learning in this state, other than the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia.

(2) Each ~~The~~ pool shall be sufficiently large to ensure as nearly as practicable that no person shall be required to serve on more than four panels in any one calendar year and serve on no more than one panel in any given county in any one calendar year.

(3) The department is authorized to coordinate with the Georgia Municipal Association, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, ~~the Council of Local Governments,~~ and similar organizations in developing and maintaining such pools.

(c)(1) Within 15 business days of the date that the department first receives an objection of a proposed annexation as provided for in Code Section 36-36-113, ~~Upon receiving notice of a disputed annexation,~~ the department shall ~~choose at random four names~~ submit to the county and municipal corporations a list of 11 potential arbitrators

consisting of four potential arbitrators randomly selected by the department from the pool of municipal officials, four ~~names~~ potential arbitrators randomly selected by the department from the pool of county officials, and three ~~names~~ potential arbitrators randomly selected by the department from the pool of academics; provided, however, that the department shall ensure that none of such selections shall include a person who:

(A) Is ~~is~~ a resident of the county which has interposed the objection or any municipal corporation located wholly or partially in such county~~,~~;

(B) Actively seeks employment in the county which has interposed the objection or any municipal corporation located wholly or partially in such county;

(C) Is or has been employed within the preceding six years by the county which has interposed the objection or any municipal corporation located wholly or partially in such county; or

(D) Has ~~and further provided that none of such selections shall include a person who has~~ already served on four other arbitration panels in the then-current calendar year.

(2) Until noon on the twentieth business day following the date that the department receives the notice of disputed annexation:

(A) The municipal corporation shall be permitted to strike or excuse up to two of the ~~names chosen~~ four arbitrators that were randomly selected by the department from the county officials pool by submitting written notice of any such strikes to the department;

(B) The ~~the~~ county shall be permitted to strike or excuse up to two of the ~~names chosen~~ four arbitrators that were randomly selected by the department from the municipal officials pool by submitting written notice of any such strikes to the department; and

(C) The ~~the~~ county and municipal ~~corporation~~ corporations shall each be permitted to strike or excuse one of the ~~names chosen~~ three arbitrators that were randomly selected by the department from the academic pool by submitting written notice of any such strikes to the department.

(3) At the close of the period for permitted strikes as allowed in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the department shall finalize the arbitration panel for the given annexation dispute by appointing:

(A) Two arbitrators from the county officials subset identified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who were not stricken;

(B) Two arbitrators from the municipal officials subset identified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who were not stricken; and

(C) One arbitrator from the academic subset identified in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection who was not stricken.

(4) In the event that more than the required number of arbitrators remains within any given subset, the department shall randomly appoint the number of arbitrators needed for such subset from among those arbitrators remaining within such subset.

(5) In the event that an arbitrator refuses or becomes unable to serve on a given panel to which he or she has been appointed pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the department shall randomly appoint a new arbitrator to such panel by randomly selecting

an eligible arbitrator from the specific pool of arbitrators from which the original arbitrator was randomly selected under paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided, however, that such new arbitrator shall not have been previously stricken by the county or municipality.

(d) Prior to being eligible to serve on any of the three pools, persons interested in serving on such panels shall receive joint training in alternative dispute resolution together with zoning and land use training, which may be designed and overseen by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia in conjunction with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association, provided such training is available. Provided that the General Assembly appropriates sufficient funds in an applicable fiscal year, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia shall provide at least one training program per year to train new potential panel members.

(e) At the time any person is selected to serve on a panel for any particular annexation dispute, he or she shall sign the following oath: 'I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully perform my duties as an arbitrator in a fair and impartial manner without favor or affection to any party, and that I have not and will not have any ex parte communication regarding the facts and circumstances of the matters to be determined, other than communications with my fellow arbitrators, and will only consider, in making my determination, those matters which may lawfully come before me.'

(f) The department shall develop and maintain a list of court reporters and hearing officers that may be employed by the department at the request of an arbitration panel to assist the panel in formulating the record before the panel. An arbitration panel may by majority vote of its members elect to employ court reporters and hearing officers from such list. Any costs or charges related to the employment of court reporters and hearing officers pursuant to this subsection shall be evenly divided between the city and the county.

(g) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for uniform procedures and operations of arbitration panels established pursuant to this article. Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' to the contrary, such proposed rules and regulations shall be submitted to the chairperson of the House Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Operations."

SECTION 1-2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 36-36-115, relating to meetings of arbitration panel, duties, findings and recommendations, and compensation, as follows:

"36-36-115.

(a)(1)(A) The arbitration panel appointed pursuant to Code Section 36-36-114 shall meet as soon after appointment as practicable and shall receive evidence and argument from the municipal corporation, the county, and the applicant or property owner and shall by majority vote render a decision which shall be binding on all parties to the dispute as provided for in this article not later than 60 days following

such appointment, provided that the chairperson of the arbitration panel shall be authorized to extend such deadline one time for a period of up to ten business days~~.~~; provided, however, that ~~Notwithstanding anything in this subparagraph to the contrary,~~ the municipal corporation and county may by mutual agreement, postpone the arbitration procession for a period of up to 180 days to negotiate a potential settlement, and such postponement shall stay the 60 day deadline provided herein.

(B) Meetings of the panel may occur in person, virtually, or via teleconference. The meetings of the panel in which evidence is submitted or arguments of the parties are made, whether such meeting is in person, virtual, or via teleconference, shall be open to the public pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50.

(C) The panel shall first determine the validity of the grounds for objection as specified in the objection. If an objection involves the financial impact on the county as a result of a change in zoning or land use or the provision of maintenance of infrastructure, the panel shall quantify such impact in terms of cost. As to any objection which the panel has determined to be valid, the panel, in its findings, may establish reasonable zoning, land use, or density conditions applicable to the annexation and propose any reasonable mitigating measures as to an objection pertaining to infrastructure demands.

(2) In arriving at its determination, the panel shall consider:

(A) The existing comprehensive land use plans of both the county and city;

(B) The existing land use patterns in the area of the subject property;

(C) The existing zoning patterns in the area of the subject property;

(D) Each jurisdiction's provision of infrastructure to the area of the subject property and to the areas in the vicinity of the subject property;

(E) Whether the county has approved similar changes in intensity or allowable uses on similar developments in other unincorporated areas of the county;

(F) Whether the county has approved similar developments in other unincorporated areas of the county which have a similar impact on infrastructure as complained of by the county in its objection; and

(G) Whether the infrastructure or capital outlay project which is claimed adversely impacted by the county in its objection was funded by a county-wide tax.

(3) The county shall provide supporting evidence that its objection is consistent with its land use plan and the pattern of existing land uses and zonings in the area of the subject property, which may include, but not be limited to, adopted planning documents and capital or infrastructure plans.

(4) The cost of the arbitration shall be equally divided between the city and the county; provided, however, that if the panel determines that any party has advanced a position that is not valid, the costs shall be borne by the party or parties that have advanced such position.

(5) The reasonable costs of participation in the arbitration process of the property owner or owners whose property is at issue shall be borne by the county and the city in the same proportion as costs are apportioned under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(6) The panel shall deliver its written findings and recommendations to the parties and the department by verifiable delivery. The written findings and recommendations shall include a signed statement for each panel member as to whether or not he or she voted in support of or against such findings and recommendations. The department shall maintain a data base and record of arbitration panel results and at least annually publish a report on such decisions and make such report freely available on the department's website.

(b) If the decision of the panel contains zoning, land use, or density conditions, the findings and recommendations of the panel shall be recorded in the deed records of the county with a caption describing the name of the current owner of the property, recording reference of the current owner's acquisition deed and a general description of the property, and plainly showing the expiration date of any restrictions or conditions.

(c) The arbitration panel shall be dissolved on the tenth day after it renders its findings and recommendations but may be reconvened as provided in Code Section 36-36-116.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, the members of the arbitration panel shall receive the same per diem, expenses, and allowances for their service on the panel as authorized by law for members of the General Assembly plus $100.00 in total for all days of service for serving on an arbitration panel.

(e) If the panel so agrees, any one or more additional annexation disputes which may arise between the parties prior to the panel's initial meeting may be consolidated for the purpose of judicial economy if there are similar issues of location or similar objections raised to such other annexations or the property to be annexed in such other annexations is within 2,500 feet of the subject property."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 5-6-34, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, as follows:

"(a) Appeals may be taken to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals from the following judgments and rulings of the superior courts, the Georgia State-wide Business Court, the constitutional city courts, and such other courts or tribunals from which appeals are authorized by the Constitution and laws of this state:

(1) All final judgments, that is to say, where the case is no longer pending in the court below, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-35;

(2) All judgments involving applications for discharge in bail trover and contempt cases;

(3) All judgments or orders directing that an accounting be had;

(4) All judgments or orders granting or refusing applications for receivers or for interlocutory or final injunctions;
(5) All judgments or orders granting or refusing applications for attachment against fraudulent debtors;
(6) Any ruling on a motion which would be dispositive if granted with respect to a defense that the action is barred by Code Section 16-11-173;
(7) All judgments or orders granting or refusing to grant mandamus or any other extraordinary remedy, except with respect to temporary restraining orders;
(8) All judgments or orders refusing applications for dissolution of corporations created by the superior courts;
(9) All judgments or orders sustaining motions to dismiss a caveat to the probate of a will;
(10) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 17-10-6.2;
(11) All judgments or orders in child custody cases awarding, refusing to change, or modifying child custody or holding or declining to hold persons in contempt of such child custody judgment or orders;
(12) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 35-3-37; ~~and~~
(13) All judgments or orders entered pursuant to Code Section 9-11-11.1; and
(14) All final judgments or orders reviewing a zoning decision, as such term is defined in paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-66-3."

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 5-6-35, relating to cases requiring application for appeal, requirements for application, exhibits, response, issuance of appellate court order regarding appeal, procedure, supersedeas, jurisdiction of appeal, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in custody cases, as follows:

"(a) Appeals in the following cases shall be taken as provided in this Code section:
(1) Appeals from decisions of the superior courts reviewing decisions of the State Board of Workers' Compensation, the State Board of Education, auditors, state and local administrative agencies, ~~and~~ lower courts, and quasi-judicial decisions of boards or agencies of local governments, including those defined in paragraphs (1.1) and (1.2) of Code Section 36-66-3 by petition for review; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to decisions of the Public Service Commission and probate courts and to cases involving ad valorem taxes and condemnations;
(2) Appeals from judgments or orders in divorce, alimony, and other domestic relations cases including, but not limited to, granting or refusing a divorce or temporary or permanent alimony or holding or declining to hold persons in contempt of such alimony judgment or orders;
(3) Appeals from cases involving distress or dispossessory warrants in which the only issue to be resolved is the amount of rent due and such amount is $2,500.00 or less;
(4) Appeals from cases involving garnishment or attachment, except as provided in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 5-6-34;

(5) Appeals from orders revoking probation;
(5.1) Appeals from decisions of superior courts reviewing decisions of the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board;
(5.2) Appeals from decisions of superior courts granting or denying petitions for release pursuant to Code Section 42-1-19;
(6) Appeals in all actions for damages in which the judgment is $10,000.00 or less;
(7) Appeals, when separate from an original appeal, from the denial of an extraordinary motion for new trial;
(8) Appeals from orders under subsection (d) of Code Section 9-11-60 denying a motion to set aside a judgment or under subsection (e) of Code Section 9-11-60 denying relief upon a complaint in equity to set aside a judgment;
(9) Appeals from orders granting or denying temporary restraining orders;
(10) Appeals from awards of attorney's fees or expenses of litigation under Code Section 9-15-14;
(11) Appeals from decisions of the state courts reviewing decisions of the magistrate courts by de novo proceedings so long as the subject matter is not otherwise subject to a right of direct appeal;
(12) Appeals from orders terminating parental rights; and
(13) Appeals from orders under subsection (a) of Code Section 44-14-610 granting or denying an objection to the filing of a lis pendens or granting or denying a motion canceling a lis pendens."

SECTION 2-3.

Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 36-66-2, relating to legislative purpose and local government zoning powers, and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(1) Provide by ordinance or resolution for such administrative officers, boards, or agencies as may be expedient for the efficient exercise of delegated, quasi-judicial zoning powers and to establish procedures and notice requirements for hearings before such quasi-judicial ~~officers,~~ boards~~,~~ or agencies that are consistent with the minimum procedures provided for in this chapter to assure due process is afforded the general public; and"

SECTION 2-4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraphs (1.1) and (4) of Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions, and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Quasi-judicial ~~officers,~~ boards~~,~~ or agencies' means ~~an officer, board, or agency appointed by a local government to exercise delegated, quasi-judicial zoning powers including hearing appeals of administrative decisions by such officers, boards, or agencies and hearing and rendering decisions on applications for variances, special administrative permits, special exceptions, conditional use permits, or other similar permits not enumerated herein as a zoning decision, pursuant to standards for the~~

~~exercise of such quasi-judicial authority adopted by a local government~~ any board or agency designated by ordinance to make quasi-judicial decisions.

(1.2) 'Quasi-judicial decision' means a final quasi-judicial action that is the exercise of quasi-judicial land use powers, including hearing appeals of administrative decisions and hearing and rendering decisions on applications for variances, administrative permits, or other similar permits not enumerated herein as a zoning decision, pursuant to standards for the exercise of such quasi-judicial authority adopted by a local government. Such term does not include permits issued or decisions made by administrative staff pursuant to the authority designated by ordinance which contains an express right to appeal to a local government board or authority which is subject to these provisions applicable to quasi-judicial decisions."

"(4) 'Zoning decision' means final legislative action by a local government which results in:

(A) The adoption or repeal of a zoning ordinance;

(B) The adoption of an amendment to a zoning ordinance which changes the text of the zoning ordinance;

(C) The adoption or denial of an amendment to a zoning ordinance to rezone property from one zoning classification to another;

(D) The adoption or denial of an amendment to a zoning ordinance by a municipal local government to zone property to be annexed into the municipality;

(E) The grant or denial of ~~a permit relating to~~ an application for a special use of property; or

(F) The grant or denial of an application for a variance or the imposition or modification of conditions concurrent and in conjunction with a decision pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (E) of this paragraph, or a subsequent modification to such a variance or condition."

SECTION 2-5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (b), (c), (g), and (h) of Code Section 36-66-4, relating to adoption of hearing policies and procedures and standards for exercise of zoning power, as follows:

"(b) If a zoning decision of a local government is for the rezoning of property and the rezoning is initiated by a party other than the local government, then:

(1) The notice, in addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, shall include the location of the property, the present zoning classification of the property, and the proposed zoning classification of the property; and

(2) A sign containing information required by local ordinance or resolution shall be placed in a conspicuous location on the property not less than 15 days nor more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing.

(c) If the zoning decision of a local government is for the rezoning of property and the amendment to the zoning ordinance to accomplish the rezoning is ~~defeated~~ denied by the local government, then the same property may not again be considered for rezoning until

the expiration of at least six months immediately following the ~~defeat~~ denial of the rezoning by the local government or the conclusion of related judicial proceedings."

"(g) A local government delegating decision-making power to a quasi-judicial ~~officer,~~ board~~,~~ or agency shall provide for a hearing on each proposed action described in paragraph ~~(1.1)~~ (1.2) of Code Section 36-66-3. Notice of such hearing shall be provided at least ~~30~~ 15 but not more than 45 days prior to the quasi-judicial hearing, with such notice being made as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section and with additional notice being mailed to the owner of the property that is the subject of the proposed action.

(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, when a proposed zoning decision relates to an amendment of the zoning ordinance to revise one or more zoning classifications or definitions relating to single-family residential uses of property so as to authorize multifamily uses of property pursuant to such classification or definitions, or to grant ~~blanket~~ permission, under certain or all circumstances, for property owners to deviate from the existing zoning requirements of a single-family residential zoning, such zoning decision shall be adopted in the following manner:

(A) The zoning decision shall be adopted at two regular meetings of the local government making the zoning decision, during a period of ~~not less than 21~~ at least 15 but not more than 45 days apart; and

(B) Prior to the first meeting provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, at least two public hearings shall be held on the proposed action. Such public hearings shall be held at least three months and not more than nine months prior to the date of final action on the zoning decision. Furthermore, at least one of the public hearings shall be held between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. The hearings required by this paragraph shall be in addition to any hearing required under subsection (a) of this Code section. The local government shall give notice of such hearing by:

(i) Posting notice on each affected premises in the manner prescribed by subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that when more than 500 parcels are affected, in which case posting notice is required every 500 feet in the affected area; and

(ii) Publishing in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial boundaries of the local government a notice of each hearing at least 15 days and not more than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Both the posted notice and the published notice shall include a prominent statement that the proposed zoning decision relates to or will authorize multifamily uses or give ~~blanket~~ permission to the property owner to deviate from the zoning requirements of a single-family residential zoning of property in classification previously relating to single-family residential uses. The published notice shall be at least nine column inches in size and shall not be located in the classified advertising section of the newspaper. The notice shall state that a copy of the proposed amendment is on file in the office of the clerk or the recording officer of the local government and in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county of the legal situs of the local government for the

purpose of examination and inspection by the public. The local government shall furnish anyone, upon written request, a copy of the proposed amendment, at no cost.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall also apply to any zoning decisions that provide for the abolition of all single-family residential zoning classifications within the territorial boundaries of a local government or zoning decisions that result in the rezoning of all property zoned for single-family residential uses within the territorial boundaries of a local government to multifamily residential uses of property.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to zoning decisions for the rezoning of property from a single-family residential use of property to a multifamily residential use of property when the rezoning is initiated by the owner or authorized agent of the owner of such property or when the local government adopts a zoning ordinance or zoning map applicable to the entire land area under the governance of the local government, as opposed to a subset of parcels of land under the governance of the local government."

SECTION 2-6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (b.1) and (c) of Code Section 36-66-5, relating to adoption of hearing policies and procedures and standards for exercise of zoning power, as follows:

"(b.1) In addition to policies and procedures required by subsection (a) of this Code section, each local government providing for a quasi-judicial ~~officer's, board's,~~ board's or agency's grant, denial, or review of a quasi-judicial matter ~~may~~ shall adopt specific standards and criteria governing the exercise of such quasi-judicial decision-making authority, and such standards shall include the factors by which the local government directs the evaluation of a quasi-judicial matter. Such standards shall be printed and copies thereof made available for distribution to the general public.

(c) The policies and procedures required by subsection (a) of this Code section and the adoption of standards required by ~~subsection~~ subsections (b) and ~~permitted by subsection~~ (b.1) of this Code section shall be included in and adopted as part of the zoning ordinance. Prior to the adoption of any zoning ordinance enacted on or after July 1, 2022, a local government shall conduct a public hearing on a proposed action which may be advertised and held concurrent with the hearing required by subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-4 for the adoption of a zoning ordinance. The provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-4 relating to notices of public hearings for the purposes of that subsection shall also apply to public hearings required by this subsection."

SECTION 2-7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-66-5.1, relating to judicial review and procedures, as follows:

"(2) Quasi-judicial decisions as described in this chapter ~~and zoning decisions under subparagraph (E) of paragraph (4) of Code Section 36-66-3~~ shall be subject to appellate review by the superior court pursuant to its appellate jurisdiction from a lower judicatory body and shall be brought by way of a petition for such review as provided

for in Title 5. Such matters shall be reviewed on the record which shall be brought to the superior court as provided in Title 5."

PART IIA
SECTION 2A-1.

Code Section 36-36-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to "contiguous area" defined, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) If, at the time annexation procedures are initiated, the entire area to be annexed is owned by the municipal governing authority to which the area is to be annexed and if the annexation of municipally owned property is approved by resolution of the governing authority of the county wherein the property is located and by a majority of the qualified voters of such county voting on a referendum to approve such annexation, then the term 'contiguous area' shall mean any area which, at the time annexation procedures are initiated, abuts directly on the municipal boundary or which would directly abut on the municipal boundary if it were not otherwise separated from the municipal boundary by lands owned by the municipal corporation or some other political subdivision, by lands owned by this state, or by the definite width or by the length of:

(1) Any street or street right of way;

(2) Any creek or river; or

(3) Any right of way of a railroad or other public service corporation

which divides the municipal boundary and any area proposed to be annexed."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

(a) Part I of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

(b) Part II of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all zoning and quasi-judicial decisions occurring on and after such date; provided, however, that no zoning or quasi-judicial decision occurring prior to December 31, 2026, shall be rendered invalid or void if a local government fails to implement the provisions set out in Code Section 36-66-5.1.

(c) Part IIA and Part III of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Anderson of the 10th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 155 (HB 155/SCSFA) by replacing lines 424 through 437 with the following:

"(c) If, at the time annexation procedures are initiated, the entire area to be annexed is owned by the municipal governing authority to which the area is to be annexed and if the annexation of municipally owned property is approved by resolution of the governing authority of the county wherein the property is located, then the term 'contiguous area' shall mean any area which, at the time annexation procedures are initiated, abuts directly on the municipal boundary or which would directly abut on the municipal boundary if it were not otherwise separated from the municipal boundary by lands owned by the municipal corporation or some other political subdivision, by lands owned by this state, or by the definite width or by the length of:

(1) Any street or street right of way;

(2) Any creek or river; or

(3) Any right of way of a railroad or other public service corporation

which divides the municipal boundary and any area proposed to be annexed; provided, however, that an annexation by the length of paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection shall also be approved by a majority of the qualified voters of such county voting on a referendum to approve such annexation."

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 155.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	N Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook

N Cannon, P	Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 130, nays 35.

The motion prevailed.

HB 136. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Blackmon of the 146th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cox of the 28th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to revise and create new tax credits related to children; to increase the state tax credit for certain child and dependent care expenses; to create new tax credits for individuals with children under the age of six, for employers that pay certain child care expenses, and for insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability for contributions to qualified organizations that support foster children and justice involved youth; to provide for terms, conditions, limitations, and procedures for such credits; to revise a tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations; to expand the organizations that qualify for such contributions; to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures certain services for justice involved youth; to provide for the

services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a sunset; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.10, relating to tax credits for qualified child and dependent care expenses, as follows:

"48-7-29.10.

(a) A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 for qualified child and dependent care expenses. ~~Such credit shall be determined by applying a percentage to~~ The amount of such credit shall be equal to 50 percent of the amount of the credit provided for in Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code which is claimed and allowed pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. ~~Such percentage shall be:~~

~~(1) Ten percent for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and prior to January 1, 2007;~~

~~(2) Twenty percent for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and prior to January 1, 2008; and~~

~~(3) Thirty percent for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.~~

(b) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused tax credit shall not be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(c) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

SECTION 1-2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.27.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'qualifying child' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 24(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, provided that such child has not yet attained age six.

(b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in an amount equal to $250.00 for each qualifying child of the taxpayer.

(c) In no event shall more than one taxpayer be allowed the tax credit granted under this Code section for the same qualifying child. In the case of parents or legal guardians who

do not file income taxes jointly for any reason, the child shall be the qualifying child for only one parent or legal guardian, which shall be the parent or legal guardian who had custody of the qualifying child for more than one-half of the tax year in question; provided, however, that the noncustodial parent or legal guardian may claim the credit if:

(1) A court of competent jurisdiction has unconditionally awarded, in writing, the noncustodial parent or legal guardian the tax credit authorized under this Code section, and such parent or legal guardian attaches a copy of the court order with his or her tax return; or

(2) The noncustodial parent or legal guardian attaches a copy of a written declaration made by the custodial parent or legal guardian of a qualifying child that he or she assigns the credit to the noncustodial parent or legal guardian and will not claim the credit allowed under this Code section with respect to such child for such tax year.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section, in the case of any taxable nonresident or part-year resident whose tax was prorated as provided by Code Section 48-7-85, the amount of the credit determined pursuant to such subsection shall be prorated based on the ratio of income taxable to this state as properly reported on Schedule 3, Line 9 of the Georgia Form 500 for the taxable year.

(e) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused tax credit shall not be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(f) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.28.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Child care facility' means a child care learning center or family child care learning home that is permitted, licensed, or commissioned by the Department of Early Care and Learning pursuant to Chapter 1A of Title 20.

(2) 'Eligible child care payments for employees' means payments:

(A) Made directly to a child care facility in the name and for the benefit of an employee whose child is enrolled in such facility and is under the age of six;

(B) Which total at least $1,000.00 per taxable year for each employee for which such payments are made; and

(C) That are made for an employee in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other compensation and benefits for such employee.

(b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article for eligible child care payments for employees in an amount:

(1) Equal to $500.00 per child for which such payments are made per taxable year; or

(2) Equal to $1,000.00 per child for which such payments are made if it is the first taxable year in which the taxpayer provided eligible child care payments for employees and prior to such taxable year the taxpayer did not pay for, reimburse for, or otherwise subsidize the costs of child care for employees.

(c) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed $20 million per year.

(d) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused tax credit shall not be allowed to be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's succeeding years' tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(e) A taxpayer seeking to claim a tax credit pursuant to this Code section shall submit an application to the department for preapproval of such tax credit in the manner specified by the department. The department shall preapprove such application within 30 days based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the amount requested, the department shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(f) The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section.

(g) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2030."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.24, relating to tax credits for contributions to foster child support organizations, as follows:

"48-7-29.24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Aging foster children' means:

(A) Foster children aged 16 through 18 ~~that would benefit based on projected status at age 18, as determined by the division~~; and

(B) Former foster children ~~up to and including age 21, or age 25 if legally possible,~~ aged 16 through 25 who ~~have not been adopted or reunited with families~~ were in foster care for at least six months after reaching age 14.

(2) 'Aging-out program' means a program with the primary function of supporting aging foster children and justice involved youth.

(2.1) 'Business enterprise' means any insurance company or the headquarters of any insurance company required to pay the tax provided for in Code Section 33-8-4.

(3) 'Division' means the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services.

(4) 'Foster child support organization' means:

(A) The aging-out program of the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation;

(B) The aging-out program of the University System of Georgia Foundation, provided that such program is certified by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget as an aging-out program; or

(C) Any domestic nonprofit corporation which maintains nonprofit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and tax exempt status under Code Section 48-7-25, that has the primary function of:

(i) Operating an aging-out program that primarily supports aging foster children or operating as or supporting a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or licensed child-caring institution; or

(ii) Disbursing funds directly to one or more of the entities identified in subparagraphs (A) or (B) or division (C)(i) of this paragraph.

(4.1) 'Justice involved youth' means youth aged 18 through 25 who:

(A) Were previously or are currently committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to a court order as authorized by paragraph (11) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-601; and

(B) As a result of such commitment, have been previously placed or are currently placed in a nonsecure facility or community setting.

(4.2) 'Mentorship services' means support services directly provided to an aging foster child or justice involved youth by a mentor, such as role modeling, informal counseling, guiding, motivating, and sharing time together.

(5) 'Qualified contributions' means the preapproved contribution of funds made during the taxable year by a taxpayer or a business enterprise to a qualified organization under the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(6) 'Qualified expenditures' means expenditures made by a qualified organization for the following purposes; provided, however, that such term shall not include any expenditures for which the qualified organization has received or is eligible to receive reimbursement from the division:

(A) The costs associated with tuition waivers granted pursuant to Code Section 20-3-660;

(B) Wraparound services for ~~individuals~~ aging foster children and justice involved youth who are:

(1) Enrolled in ~~attending~~ a public or private postsecondary educational institution ~~under a waiver granted pursuant to Code Section 20-3-660~~; ~~or~~

(2) Enrolled in a program to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(3) Enrolled in a recognized vocational school; or

(4) Participating in a registered apprenticeship program, provided that the participant and the organization for which the participant is an apprentice document that the participant is compliant with the rules of the apprenticeship program; or

(C) Mentorship services provided to aging foster children~~,~~ and justice involved youth; provided, however, that such expenditures shall not include:

(1) Compensation for a single mentor which exceeds ~~no mentor shall be compensated in excess of~~ $100.00 per month for an aging foster child or justice

involved youth or ~~$500.00~~ $1,200.00 per year for any aging foster child or justice involved youth; or

(2) Payments made to employees of a qualified organization who perform duties other than providing mentorship services for the organization.

(7) 'Qualified organization' means a foster child support organization that has been certified and listed by the division pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(8) 'Wraparound services' means services provided directly to aging foster children or justice involved youth to support their education through high school completion, vocational, and postsecondary education services, housing services, vocation services, medical services, counseling services, mentorship services, nutrition services, transportation services, ~~or~~ daily living essentials and clothing, and up to ~~$150.00~~ $200.00 per month in direct cash payments for use on personal necessities.

(b)(1) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $20 million ~~per~~ for calendar year 2025. For calendar years 2026 and after, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $30 million per calendar year, and no more than $10 million of such aggregate amount shall be allowed for business enterprises.

(2) Subject to the aggregate limit provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the limitations of ~~subsection~~ subsections (b.1), (b.2), and (k) of this Code section, each:

(A) Taxpayer ~~taxpayer~~ shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified contributions ~~made by the taxpayer on or after January 1, 2023~~, as follows:

~~(A)~~(i) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount of qualified contributions made;

~~(B)~~(ii) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the actual amount of qualified contributions made;

~~(C)~~(iii) Anything to the contrary contained in ~~subparagraph (A) or (B)~~ division (i) or (ii) of this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph notwithstanding, in the case of an individual taxpayer who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, the actual amount of qualified contributions it made; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership; or

~~(D)~~(iv) In the case of a ~~A~~ corporation or other entity not provided for in ~~subparagraphs (A)~~ divisions (i) through ~~(C)~~ (iii) of this ~~paragraph shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, for qualified contributions in an amount not to exceed~~ subparagraph, the actual amount of qualified contributions made; and

(B) Business enterprise shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 33-8-4 in an amount equal to its qualified contributions.

(b.1) For the period beginning on January 1 and ending on June 30 of each year, ~~an individual~~ a taxpayer shall not be allowed a credit for contributions, and the commissioner shall not preapprove any contributions, that exceed the following limits:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, $2,500.00;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, $5,000.00;

(3) In the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, $5,000.00; or

(4) In the case of a corporation or other entity not provided for in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection, ~~10~~ 30 percent of such entity's income tax liability.

(b.2) For the period beginning on July 1 and ending on December 31 of each year, to the extent that the aggregate amounts of tax credits authorized by subsection (b) of this Code section have not been reached, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate additional requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer and the qualified organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration.

(b.3) A taxpayer that is preapproved for a tax credit allowed pursuant to this Code section and that does not make a qualified contribution of the total preapproved amount shall be allowed such credit in an amount not to exceed 95 percent of the amount of the qualified contribution actually made by the taxpayer.

(c) ~~Not later than October 1, 2022, the~~ The commissioner shall establish a page on the department's public website for the purpose of implementing this Code section. Such page shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) A link to the division's web based application for certification as a qualified organization as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section;

(2) The current list of all qualified organizations;

(3) The total amount of tax credits remaining and available for preapproval for each year;

(4) A web based method for taxpayers or business enterprises seeking the preapproval status for contributions; and

(5) The information received by the department from each qualified organization pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (g) except for division (g)(1)(B)(iv) of this Code section.

(d)(1) The division shall establish and maintain a web based application process for the purpose of certifying foster child support organizations as qualified organizations. At a minimum, such application created by the division shall include an agreement submitted by the applicant to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this Code section.

(2) ~~The~~ (A) Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the division shall certify any valid foster child support organization as a qualified organization upon successful completion of such application process and shall decertify an organization that fails to maintain the requirements to be a qualified organization or that the division determines to have violated any other law.

(B) For any foster child support organization that is not a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or licensed child-caring institution or that meets the definition of such term only as set forth in division (a)(4)(C)(ii) of this Code section to be certified as a qualified organization, such organization shall provide documentation demonstrating that for a period of at least two calendar years prior to the submission of its application, the organization has operated an aging-out program and, during that period, has provided services to at least 100 aging foster children or justice involved youth.

(C) After receiving certification pursuant to this subsection, each qualified organization other than a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or licensed child-caring institution shall annually demonstrate to the division's satisfaction that it continues to maintain the requirements to be a qualified organization, and shall annually submit to the division a copy of such organization's most recent annual audit.

(3) The division shall certify any foster child support organization operating as a Georgia licensed child-placing agency or licensed child-caring institution as a qualified organization within ten days of receipt of a written request or application.

(4) The ~~division shall accept a first round of applications for certification as qualified organizations by October 1, 2022, and shall certify and notify such applicants of the division's decision on or before November 30, 2022. Thereafter the~~ division shall establish a process for rolling applications and certifications consistent with the requirements of this Code section.

(e)(1) Prior to making a contribution to any qualified organization, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the commissioner, of the total amount of contribution that such taxpayer or business enterprise intends to make to such qualified organization.

(2) Within 30 days after receiving a request for preapproval of contributions, the commissioner shall preapprove, deny, or prorate requested amounts on a first come, first served basis and shall provide notice to such taxpayer or business enterprise and the qualified organization of such preapproval, denial, or proration. Such notices shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer or business enterprise. The preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(3) Within 60 days after receiving the preapproval notice issued by the commissioner pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the taxpayer or business enterprise shall contribute the preapproved amount to the qualified organization or such preapproved contribution amount shall expire. The commissioner shall not include such expired amounts in determining the remaining amount available under the aggregate limit for the respective calendar year.

(f)(1) Each qualified organization shall issue to each contributor a letter of confirmation of contribution, which shall include the taxpayer's or business enterprise's name, address, tax identification number, the amount of the qualified contribution, the date of

the qualified contribution, and the total amount of the credit allowed to the taxpayer or business enterprise.

(2)(A) In order for a taxpayer or business enterprise to claim the tax credit allowed under this Code section, all such applicable letters as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be attached to the taxpayer's tax return or a business enterprise's tax return provided for in Code Section 33-8-6.

(B) If ~~When~~ the taxpayer files an electronic return, such confirmation shall only be required to be electronically attached to the return if the Internal Revenue Service allows such attachments to be affixed and transmitted to the department. In any such event, the taxpayer shall maintain such confirmation and such confirmation shall only be made available to the commissioner upon request.

(C) With respect to a business enterprise's tax return provided for in Code Section 33-8-6, the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the manner in which such letters of confirmation of donations shall be filed in the case of tax returns filed electronically.

(3) The commissioner shall allow tax credits for any preapproved contributions made to a qualified organization at the time the contributions were made if such organization was a qualified organization at the time of the commissioner's preapproval of the contributions and the taxpayer or business enterprise has otherwise complied with this Code section.

(g)(1) Each qualified organization shall annually submit to the department no later than ~~May 15~~ July 15 of each year:

(A) A complete copy of its IRS Form 990 including applicable attachments, or for any qualified organization that is not required by federal law to file an IRS Form 990, such organization shall submit to the commissioner equivalent information on a form prescribed by the commissioner; provided, however, that, if the organization's IRS Form 990 is not prepared by the filing deadline, the organization shall provide such form at the same time it submits such form to the Internal Revenue Service; and

(B) A report detailing the contributions received during the calendar year pursuant to this Code section on a date determined by, and on a form provided by, the commissioner which shall include:

(i) The total number and dollar value of individual contributions and tax credits approved. Individual contributions shall include contributions made by those filing income tax returns as a single individual or head of household and those filing joint returns;

(ii) The total number and dollar value of corporate contributions and tax credits approved;

(iii) The total number and dollar value of all qualified expenditures made; ~~and~~

(iv) A list of contributors, including the dollar value of each contribution and the dollar value of each approved tax credit; and

(v) An accounting of the funds withheld from qualified contributions demonstrating that no more than 10 percent of such funds were withheld from qualified expenditures, as required by subparagraph (j)(1)(A) of this Code section.

(2) Except for the information published in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section, all information or reports relative to this Code section that were provided by qualified organizations to the department shall be confidential taxpayer information, governed by Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, whether such information relates to the contributor or the qualified organization.

(h) By April 1 of each year, each qualified organization shall ~~publicly~~ post on its public website in a prominent place:

(1) A ~~a~~ copy of its prior year's annual ~~budget~~ financials containing the total amount of funds received from all sources relative to the amount of qualified contributions it received and the total amount and a description of how such contributions were utilized.; and

(2) A certification, signed by the chief executive officer of the qualified organization and attested to by an independent accounting firm, which substantially complies with the following statement:

'I hereby certify that:

(A) The organization has materially complied with the requirements of subparagraph (j)(1)(A) of O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.24 in that no more than 10 percent of qualified contributions received by [the qualified organization] were retained by, withheld by, or otherwise paid to the organization; and

(B) The description of how [the qualified organization] utilized the qualified contributions is true and correct.'

(i)(1) A taxpayer or business enterprise shall not be allowed to designate or direct the taxpayer's or business enterprise's qualified contributions to any particular purpose or for the direct benefit of any particular individual.

(2) A taxpayer or business enterprise that operates, owns, or is a subsidiary of an association, organization, or other entity that contracts directly with a qualified organization shall not be eligible for tax credits allowed under this Code section for contributions made to such qualified organization.

(3) In soliciting contributions, no person shall represent or direct that, in exchange for making qualified contributions to any qualified organization, a taxpayer or business enterprise shall receive any direct or particular benefit. The status as a qualified organization shall be revoked for any qualified organization determined to be in violation of this paragraph and shall not be renewed for at least two years.

(j)(1)(A) Each qualified organization shall use at least ~~80~~ 90 percent of the funds received by it from qualified contributions to make qualified expenditures. Each qualified organization shall maintain accurate and current records of all expenditures of such funds and provide such records to the commissioner upon his or her request. In no event shall a qualified organization retain for its own use or apply to its overhead or administrative expenses more than 10 percent of the funds received pursuant to this Code section.

(B) No foster child support organization that meets only the definition of such term as provided in division (a)(4)(C)(ii) of this Code section shall retain more than 2.5 percent of qualified contributions for itself for any reason and shall only serve to pass

all of its qualified contributions to one or more qualified organizations that are foster child support organizations as such term is defined in subparagraphs (a)(4)(A), (a)(4)(B), or division (a)(4)(C)(i) of this Code section.

(2) A qualified organization that fails to comply with any of the requirements under this Code section shall be given written notice by the department of such failure to comply by certified mail and shall have 90 days from the receipt of such notice to correct all deficiencies.

(3) Upon failure to correct all deficiencies within 90 days, the department shall revoke the foster child support organization's status as a qualified organization and such entity shall be immediately removed from the department's list of organizations. All applications for preapproval of tax credits for contributions to such foster child support organization under this Code section made on or after the date of such removal shall be rejected.

(4) Each foster child support organization that has had its status revoked and has been delisted pursuant to this Code section, shall immediately cease all expenditures of funds received relative to this Code section, and shall transfer all of such funds that are not yet expended, to a properly operating qualified organization within 30 calendar days of its removal from the department's list of qualified organizations.

(k)(1) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section to a taxpayer for any amount of qualified contributions that were utilized as deductions or exemptions from taxable income.

(2) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit used under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability or the business enterprise's state tax liability owed pursuant to Code Section 33-8-4. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against the succeeding three years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer or business enterprise against prior years' tax liability.

(l) The chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee and the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations shall have the authority to request an audit concerning this Code section as a whole or of any one or more qualified organizations. The commissioner, the state auditor, each qualified organization, each aging-out program, and the director of the division shall cooperate to the full extent necessary to conduct such audits.

(m) At the discretion of the commissioner or the director of the division, any suspected misuse of funds contributed or expended pursuant to this Code section shall be forwarded to the Attorney General for investigation and prosecution.

(n) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-7-60, relating to confidentiality of tax information, exceptions, authorized inspection by certain officials, furnishing information

to local tax authorities, furnishing information to nonofficials, conditions, and effect of Code section, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d.1) The commissioner shall be authorized in his or her sole discretion to share information necessary to efficiently administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of tax credit administration when another state agency has statutory authority to administer such tax credits. Any confidential information furnished pursuant to this Code section shall retain its character as confidential and privileged information. Any person who divulges confidential information obtained pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to the same penalties as provided under Code Section 48-7-61 for unlawful divulgence of confidential taxpayer information."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

(a) This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.
(b) Section 1-1 of this Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3-2.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Newton of the 127th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 136 (LC 50 1259S) by replacing "10" *with* "20" *on lines 333, 351, and 373.*

By replacing "~~80~~ 90" *with* "80" *on line 368.*

Representative Newton of the 127th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 136.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 4.

The motion prevailed.

HB 129. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, Huddleston of the 72nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for postproduction expenditures, so as to renew a tax credit for postproduction expenditures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Except in the case of the underlying portion of a tract of real property on which is actually located a constructed storm-water wetland, the following additional rules shall apply to the qualification of conservation use property for current use assessment:

(1) When one-half or more of the area of a single tract of real property is used for a qualifying purpose, then such tract shall be considered as used for such qualifying purpose unless some other type of business is being operated on the unused portion; provided, however, that such unused portion must be minimally managed so that it does not contribute significantly to erosion or other environmental or conservation problems. The lease of hunting rights or the use of the property for hunting purposes shall not constitute another type of business. The charging of admission for use of the property for fishing purposes shall not constitute another type of business;

(2)(A)(i) The owner of a tract, lot, or parcel of land totaling less than ten acres shall be required by the tax assessor to submit additional relevant records regarding proof of bona fide conservation use for qualified property that on or after May 1, 2012, is either first made subject to a covenant or is subject to a renewal of a previous covenant. The provisions of this paragraph relating to requiring additional relevant records regarding proof of bona fide conservation use shall not apply to such property if the owner of the subject property provides one or more of the following:

~~(i)~~(I) Proof that such owner has filed with the Internal Revenue Service a Schedule E, reporting farm related income or loss, or a Schedule F, with Form 1040, or, if applicable, a Form 4835, pertaining to such property;

~~(ii)~~(II) Proof that such owner has incurred expenses for the qualifying use; or

~~(iii)~~(III) Proof that such owner has generated income from the qualifying use.

(ii) Prior to a denial of eligibility under this paragraph, the tax assessor shall conduct and provide proof of a visual, on-site inspection of the property. Reasonable notice shall be provided to the property owner before being allowed a visual, on-site inspection of the property by the tax assessor.

(B) The owner of a tract, lot, or parcel of land totaling ten acres or more shall not be required by the tax assessor to submit additional relevant records regarding proof of

bona fide conservation use for qualified property that on or after May 1, 2012, is either first made subject to a covenant or is subject to a renewal of a previous covenant;

(3) No property shall qualify as bona fide conservation use property if such current use assessment would result in any person who has a beneficial interest in such property, including any interest in the nature of stock ownership, receiving in any tax year any benefit of current use assessment as to more than 2,000 acres. If any taxpayer has any beneficial interest in more than 2,000 acres of tangible real property which is devoted to bona fide conservation uses, such taxpayer shall apply for current use assessment only as to 2,000 acres of such land;

(4) No property shall qualify as bona fide conservation use property if it is leased to a person or entity which would not be entitled to conservation use assessment~~;~~. This paragraph shall not apply to a corporation, a partnership, a general partnership, a limited partnership, a limited corporation, or a limited liability company registered with the Secretary of State that meets the following conditions:

(A)(i) Its ownership includes only natural or naturalized citizens;

(ii) It has as its primary purpose the production of agricultural products or timber from or on the land, including, but not limited to, subsistence farming or commercial production; and

(iii) It derives 80 percent or more of its gross income from bona fide conservation uses, including earnings on investments directly related to past or future bona fide conservation uses, within this state; or

(B) At least one of its members has no less than a 25 percent ownership interest in the property being leased and would be entitled to conservation use assessment;

(5) No property shall qualify as bona fide conservation use property if such property is at the time of application for current use assessment subject to a restrictive covenant which prohibits the use of the property for the specific purpose described in subparagraph (a)(1)(E) of this Code section for which bona fide conservation use qualification is sought; and

(6) No otherwise qualified property shall be denied current use assessment on the grounds that no soil map is available for the county in which such property is located; provided, however, that, if no soil map is available for the county in which such property is located, the owner making an application for current use assessment shall provide the board of tax assessors with a certified soil survey of the subject property unless another method for determining the soil type of the subject property is authorized in writing by such board."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 48-7-40.26A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for postproduction expenditures, is amended by revising subsections (d) and (f) as follows:

"(d) The tax credits allowed under this Code section for all postproduction companies shall be subject to the following aggregate annual caps:

(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2018~~ 2026, and before January 1, ~~2019~~ 2031, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $10 million; and

(2) ~~For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $10 million;~~

~~(3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed $10 million per year;~~

~~(4) The tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not be available for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023; and~~

~~(5)~~ If the aggregate amount of tax credits claimed by taxpayers under this Code section during a year is less than the aggregate annual cap applicable to such year, the unclaimed portion of the aggregate annual cap shall be added to the aggregate annual cap applicable to the next succeeding year or years until it is fully claimed."

"(f) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2018~~ 2026, and before January 1, ~~2023~~ 2031, the postproduction company shall report to the Department of Revenue on its Georgia income tax return the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'full-time employee' shall mean a person who performs a job that requires a minimum of 35 hours ~~a~~ per week, and pays at or above the average wage earned in the county with the lowest average wage earned in this state, as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor. Notwithstanding Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, for such taxable years, the commissioner shall annually report to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee. The report shall include the name, tax year beginning, and monthly average number of full-time employees for each postproduction company. The first report shall be submitted by June 30, 2018, and each year thereafter by June 30."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Carson of the 46th was excused from voting on HB 129.

Representative Cannon of the 172nd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 129.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	E Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	N Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	N Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 149, nays 13.

The motion prevailed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #3
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 39th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 12 Inspection of Public Records; documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; revise provisions (Substitute)
(GAff-Anderson-10th) Ginn-47th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 47 3721S)

SB 20 Veterinarians; student loan repayment; who practice shelter medicine and in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; provide; create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization
(HEd-Hilton-48th) Kirkpatrick-32nd
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 61 0266S)

SB 36 "Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act"; enact (Judy-Smith-18th) Setzler-37th

SB 46 "Government Serves the People Act"; enact (B&FAO-Bonner-73rd) Harbin-16th

SB 255 General Assembly; authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; codify a process (Substitute)(Rules-Leverett-123rd) Cowsert-46th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 12. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; to revise definitions; to revise provisions related to judicial enforcement of inspection requests; to provide

for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 20. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for tuition grants to children and spouses of certain public employees killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to provide for charitable contributions to the Georgia Student Finance Authority for such grants; to expand eligibility for the Public Safety Memorial Grant to provide for tuition grants to children and spouses of emergency medical technicians, firefighters, highway emergency response operators, law enforcement officers, and prison guards who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to provide for tuition grants to children and spouses of public school employees and public school teachers who are killed or permanently disabled by an act of violence in the line of duty; to provide definitions; to provide for maximum grant amounts; to provide for eligibility; to provide for an application process; to provide for grant renewals; to provide for the purchase of loans made to students for educational purposes for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to provide for the appointment of additional members to the State Veterinary Education Board; to authorize the State Veterinary Education Board to establish committees; to provide for definitions; to require

the State Veterinary Education Board to establish and maintain separate programs for loan purchases made under this part and loan purchases made under Part 6B of this article and account separately for the funding of each program; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, is amended in Part 3, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, by revising Code Section 20-3-316.2, relating to voluntary donations through state income tax returns and drivers' license fees benefitting children of certain public servants seeking postsecondary education, as follows:

"20-3-316.2.

(a)(1) Each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2017~~ 2026, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state revenue commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to make a charitable contribution to the Georgia Student Finance Authority to provide financial assistance toward the postsecondary educational costs of the children and spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and prison guards employed by the state or other public employer~~,~~ and Highway Emergency Response Operators of the Department of Transportation who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty and the children and spouses of public school employees and public school teachers who were killed or permanently disabled by an act of violence in the line of duty by either donating all or any part of any tax refund due and authorizing a reduction in the refund check otherwise payable or contributing any amount over and above any amount of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions accompanying the income tax return shall include a description of the intended use of the moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax return who desires to make a charitable contribution to the Georgia Student Finance Authority may designate such contribution as provided on the appropriate income tax return form.

(2) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount so contributed and shall transmit such amount to the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(b) Beginning January 1, ~~2017~~ 2026, the Department of Driver Services shall, through appropriate language on its forms for the issuance and renewal of drivers' licenses and identification cards, offer individuals the opportunity to make a voluntary charitable contribution of $1.00, $5.00, or $10.00 to the Georgia Student Finance Authority to

provide financial assistance toward the postsecondary educational costs of the children and spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and prison guards employed by the state or other public employer~~,~~ and Highway Emergency Response Operators of the Department of Transportation who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty and the children and spouses of public school employees and public school teachers who were killed or permanently disabled by an act of violence in the line of duty. The form shall contain a description of the intended use of moneys received from the contributions. Each individual who desires to make a charitable contribution may designate such contribution on the appropriate form, and the Department of Driver Services shall accept such contribution. The Department of Driver Services shall determine annually the total amount so contributed, shall withhold therefrom a reasonable amount for administering this voluntary charitable contribution program, and shall transmit the balance to the Georgia Student Finance Authority for funding, in whole or in part, the postsecondary educational costs of such students. If, in any tax year, the administrative costs of the Department of Driver Services for collecting charitable contributions pursuant to this subsection exceed the sum of such contributions, the administrative costs which the Department of Driver Services is authorized to withhold from such contributions shall not exceed the sum of such contributions."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, is amended in Subpart 7 of Part 3, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, by revising Code Section 20-3-450, relating to legislative findings and purpose of subpart, as follows:

"20-3-450.

The General Assembly finds that certain citizens are called upon to enforce the criminal laws of this state and to protect persons and properties within the state and that they provide a valuable and vital public service to the state and to citizens and properties within the state at a great personal sacrifice and risk to their own lives and well-being. The purpose of the General Assembly, as provided for in this subpart, is to enable the authority to provide educational grant assistance to the children and spouses of such persons who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty."

SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-451, relating to definitions, as follows:

"20-3-451.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' means a period of time, typically nine months, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least ~~two semesters' or three~~

~~quarters' academic work~~ nine or more credit hours per term or semester or in which a part-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of eight or fewer credit hours per term or semester.

(2) 'Approved school' ~~means the same schools as enumerated in Code Section 20-3-391 relative to the state student incentive grant program~~ shall have the same meaning as the term 'eligible postsecondary institution' as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(3) 'Eligible student' means a person who qualifies for an educational grant under this subpart.

(4) 'Emergency medical technician' means a person employed by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state who has been certified as an emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, or paramedic pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 31.

(5) 'Firefighter' means a person employed, appointed, or regularly enrolled by the state or by any county or municipal fire department whose duties include extinguishing fires or investigating cases of suspected arson.

(6) 'Highway emergency response operator' means an individual employed by the Department of Transportation who operates a towing or recovery vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle.

(7) 'In the line of duty' means:

(A) With respect to an emergency medical technician, when performing services for and receiving compensation from the public agency which employs such emergency medical technician or when performing emergency medical services;

(B) With respect to a firefighter, when responding to or returning from a fire or other emergency, performing duties during any fire or other emergency, or performing duties intended to protect life and property, including, without limitation, actual participation in a training exercise;

(C) With respect to a highway emergency response operator, when performing services for and receiving compensation from the Department of Transportation;

(D) With respect to a law enforcement officer, when performing services for the law enforcement agency which employs such officer, responding to any situation which would save a life or preserve the peace, or preventing or attempting to prevent the commission of a crime; or

(E) With respect to a prison guard, when performing services for and receiving compensation from the public agency which employs such prison guard.

~~(4)~~(8) 'Law enforcement officer' means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, ~~policeman,~~ peace officer, officer or member of the Department of Public Safety, or other officer or official who has the power of arrest and who is responsible for enforcing the criminal laws of the state or its political subdivisions.

~~(5)~~(9) 'Permanent disability' or 'permanently disabled' means physical incapacity to perform the duties of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, ~~or~~ prison guard, emergency medical technician, or highway emergency response operator as determined by the public employer designated in paragraph (3) of Code Section 20-3-453, provided that such incapacity is likely to be permanent based upon current medical standards.

~~(6)~~(10) 'Prison guard' means a person employed by the state or by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state whose principal duties relate to supervision and incarceration of persons accused or convicted of violation of the criminal laws of the state or any county, municipality, or other political subdivision thereof."

SECTION 2-3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-452, relating to amount of grants to each eligible student, as follows:

"20-3-452.

There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school the sum of ~~$2,000.00~~ no more than $18,000.00 per academic year. No person shall be eligible to receive grant assistance provided under this subpart in excess of ~~$8,000.00~~ $72,000.00. Grant assistance to eligible students under this subpart shall be payable during the period of a summer school quarter or semester. The payment of grants to eligible students under this subpart shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this subpart in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly."

SECTION 2-4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-453, relating to eligibility of students, as follows:

"20-3-453.

No grants shall be payable to any person under this subpart who fails to meet any of the following qualifications or restrictions:

(1) Such person ~~must~~ shall be the child, either natural or adopted, or the spouse of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, ~~or~~ prison guard, emergency medical technician, or highway emergency response operator who has been permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty or while performing the duties to which he or she was assigned ~~in the normal course of employment~~. If such person is the adopted child of any such law enforcement officer, firefighter, ~~or~~ prison guard, emergency medical technician, or highway emergency response operator, such person ~~must~~ shall have been adopted and any final order of adoption issued prior to the date of the accident or event causing the death or permanent disability of such parent;

(2) Such person ~~must~~ shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of registration in an approved school and ~~must~~ shall remain a citizen of ~~the~~ this state while receiving funds under this subpart;

(3) The ~~deceased or disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter, or prison guard~~ parent or spouse of such person ~~must~~ shall have been ~~an employee, either full-time or part-time, or an officer or official, whether elected or appointed, of~~ employed, appointed, or regularly enrolled by this state or any county, municipality, department, board, bureau, branch, agency, commission, authority, or political subdivision of the state on the date of the accident or event from which death or permanent disability resulted; and

(4) Any person otherwise meeting the conditions of this subpart shall be eligible to receive a grant even though the accident or the event causing the death or disability of such person's parent or spouse occurred prior to July 1, ~~1980~~ 2025."

SECTION 2-5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-455, relating to administration of program and physical examinations, as follows:

"20-3-455.

The authority is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or convenient for administration of this program and to establish procedures for determination of eligibility of applicants. The authority is also authorized to establish standards and procedures for verifying the death or permanent disability of the applicant's parent or spouse and for such purpose is authorized to require a physical examination and to pay for the cost of such examination from funds appropriated for use by the authority for the purposes of this subpart."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, is amended in Part 3, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, by adding a new subpart to read as follows:

"Subpart 7C

20-3-466.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Academic year' means a period of time, typically nine months, in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least nine or more credit hours per term or semester or in which a part-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of eight or fewer credit hours per term or semester.

(2) 'Act of violence' means a willful act of violence.

(3) 'Approved school' shall have the same meaning as the term 'eligible postsecondary institution' as set forth in Code Section 20-3-519.

(4) 'Authority' means the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

(5) 'Eligible student' means a person who qualifies for an educational grant under this Code section.

(6) 'In the line of duty' means while on duty and performing services for and receiving compensation from the local education agency which employs such public school teacher or public school employee.

(7) 'Local education agency' shall have the same meaning as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-167.1.

(8) 'Permanent disability' means disability due to:

(A) Loss of both eyes or blindness in both eyes with only light perception;
(B) Loss or loss of use of both hands;
(C) Loss or loss of use of both legs;
(D) Loss of a lower extremity or residuals of organic disease or injury which so affect the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without resort to a wheelchair; or
(E) Organic brain damage resulting from direct physical trauma incurred after July 1, 2001, which so affects the mental capacity as to preclude the ability to function productively in any employment.

(9) 'Public school employee' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-910.

(10) 'Public school teacher' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 20-2-880.

(b) There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school the sum of no more than $18,000.00 per academic year. No person shall be eligible to receive grant assistance provided under this Code section in excess of $72,000.00. Grant assistance to eligible students under this Code section shall be payable during the period of a summer school quarter or semester. The payment of grants to eligible students under this Code section shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the purposes of this Code section in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly.

(c) No grants shall be payable to any person under this Code section who fails to meet any of the following qualifications or restrictions:

(1) Such person shall be the child, either natural or adopted, or the spouse of a public school teacher or public school employee who has been killed by an act of violence in the line of duty or who has a permanent disability due to an act of violence in the line of duty. If such person is the adopted child of any such public school teacher or public school employee, such person shall have been adopted and any final order of adoption issued prior to the act of violence causing the death or permanent disability of such parent;

(2) Such person shall have been a citizen of this state for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of registration in an approved school and shall remain a citizen of this state while receiving funds under this Code section;

(3) The parent or spouse of such person shall have been a public school employee or public school teacher on the date of the act of violence from which death or permanent disability resulted; and

(4) Any person otherwise meeting the conditions of this Code section shall be eligible to receive a grant even though the act of violence causing the death or permanent disability of such person's parent or spouse occurred prior to July 1, 2025.

(d) Any person meeting the conditions of this Code section may apply to the authority for a grant. Such application shall be submitted in writing on forms prescribed by the authority for such purpose. The applicant shall furnish such information as may be required by the authority for determination of eligibility for the grant. The authority shall approve grant renewals only upon receipt of the recipient's application therefor and upon

a finding that the recipient has successfully completed the work of the preceding school period and presents evidence that he or she is a student in good standing, that he or she remains a citizen of this state, and that he or she remains otherwise qualified to receive such grant under this Code section.

(e) The authority is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or convenient for administration of this Code section and to establish procedures for determination of eligibility of applicants. The authority is also authorized to establish standards and procedures for verifying the death or permanent disability of the applicant's parent or spouse and for such purpose is authorized to require a physical examination and to pay for the cost of such examination from funds appropriated for use by the authority for the purposes of this Code section."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-518.1, relating to definitions relative to state veterinary education, as follows:

"20-3-518.1.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Animal shelter,' 'nonprofit pet sterilization clinic,' 'pet sterilization services,' and 'shelter medicine' shall have the same meanings as set forth in Code Section 20-3-518.8.

(2) 'Board' means the State Veterinary Education Board created under Code Section 20-3-518.2.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Commissioner' means the Commissioner of Agriculture.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Department' means the Department of Agriculture."

SECTION 4-2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 20-3-518.2, relating to State Veterinarian Education Board, as follows:

"20-3-518.2.

(a) There shall be a State Veterinary Education Board which shall consist of:

(1) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;

(2) The dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Georgia or his or her designee;

(3) The dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of the University of Georgia or his or her designee;

(4) A person actively engaged in the production of livestock in this state, to be appointed by the Governor, who shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is qualified and appointed. The term of the initial member appointed under this paragraph shall commence on July 1, 2011; ~~and~~

(5) A person actively engaged in the private practice of veterinary medicine in this state, whose practice includes but is not necessarily limited to food animals, to be

appointed by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, who shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is qualified and appointed. The term of the initial member appointed under this paragraph shall commence on July 1, 2011.;

(6) A person employed as an executive director or equivalent of an animal shelter or a nonprofit pet sterilization clinic in this state, to be appointed by the Governor, who shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is qualified and appointed. The term of the initial member appointed under this paragraph shall commence on January 1, 2026; and

(7) A veterinarian employed full time in the practice of shelter medicine or pet sterilization services in this state, to be appointed by the Governor, who shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is qualified and appointed. The term of the initial member appointed under this paragraph shall commence on January 1, 2026.

(b) Any vacancies on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(c)(1) The board shall elect annually a chairperson and a vice chairperson to serve in the absence or inability of the chairperson. The board shall meet at least once each year at such time and place as may be fixed by the board. Special meetings shall be held upon the call of the chairperson. ~~Three~~ A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no official action shall be taken by the board except upon the affirmative vote of at least ~~three~~ a majority of the members of the board.

(2)(A) The board shall be authorized to establish a committee, consisting of two or more members of the board, which, to the extent provided by the board, shall have and exercise the authority of the board in regard to the loan purchases provided for in this part.

(B) The board shall be authorized to establish a committee which, to the extent provided by the board, shall have and exercise the authority of the board in regard to the loan purchases provided for in Part 6B of this article.

(d) The board shall be attached to the Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes only, pursuant to Code Section 50-4-3.

(e) The board shall establish and maintain separate programs for loan purchases made under this part and loan purchases made under Part 6B of this article and shall account separately for the funding of each program. Any state appropriation of funds shall separately identify the amount of funds appropriated for each program."

SECTION 4-3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 6B

20-3-518.8.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Animal shelter' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 4-11-2.
(2) 'Board' means the State Veterinary Education Board created under Code Section 20-3-518.2.
(3) 'Nonprofit organization' means an organization which is exempt from taxation under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
(4) 'Nonprofit pet sterilization clinic' means a veterinary facility that exclusively offers pet sterilization services and which is a nonprofit organization.
(5) 'Pet sterilization services' means procedures that meet or exceed veterinary medical standards of care in providing sterilization of dogs, cats, and pet rabbits.
(6) 'Shelter medicine' means veterinary practices used to manage the health of populations of animals handled by animal shelters.
(7) 'Veterinary facility' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-50-3.

20-3-518.9.
(a) Beginning January 1, 2026, the board may provide for the purchase of loans made to students for educational purposes who have completed a program of study in the field of doctor of veterinary medicine or its equivalent and are authorized to practice veterinary medicine in this state and are residents of this state, with services in the form of the practice of veterinary medicine while residing in this state to be rendered as consideration for such loan purchases.
(b) Only persons who have been practicing veterinary medicine for ten years or less shall be eligible for loan purchases under this part.
(c) Only persons who practice shelter medicine full time or who practice full time at a nonprofit pet sterilization clinic shall be eligible for loan purchases under this part.
(d) For eligible applicants who practice shelter medicine full time, the board shall give priority to applicants whose practices include pet sterilization services.

20-3-518.10.
(a)(1) Subject to appropriations, persons whose applications are approved and enter into a loan purchase agreement with the board, as provided by Code Section 20-3-518.9, shall receive a loan purchase in a total amount to be determined by the board, but not exceeding $75,000.00 per person. The loan purchases shall be paid in such manner as the board shall determine.
(2) The loan purchases to be granted to each applicant shall be based upon the condition that the consideration for such loan purchases shall be services to be rendered by the applicant after entering into a loan purchase agreement with the board by practicing his or her profession full time in a board approved animal shelter or nonprofit pet sterilization clinic.
(3) For time served after entering into a loan purchase agreement with the board in practicing his or her profession full time in an animal shelter or nonprofit pet sterilization clinic, the applicant shall receive a loan purchase at a rate equivalent to

$25,000.00 per 12 months of service; provided, however, that the total purchase amount shall not exceed the maximum specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) The board shall not enter into new loan purchase agreements with more than four persons per year for shelter medicine or nonprofit pet sterilization services; provided, however, that the total sum of loan purchases from state appropriations for which the board contractually obligates itself in any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount of funds for such loan purchase agreements specified in annual appropriations Acts. Funds in the loan purchase fund account that are not expended or contractually obligated by the board for loan purchases during any fiscal year shall lapse.

20-3-518.11.

(a) Before being granted a loan purchase, each applicant shall enter into a contract with the board for a term of three consecutive years agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the loan purchase is granted, including such terms and provisions as will carry out the full purpose and intent of this part. No person shall be eligible to receive such loan purchase more than once during his or her lifetime. The form of such contract shall be prepared and approved by the Attorney General, and each contract shall be signed by the chairperson of the board and by the applicant.

(b) The board shall have the authority to cancel the loan purchase contract of any applicant at any time for any cause deemed sufficient by the board, provided that such authority shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably exercised.

(c) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this part."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 160, nays 5.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 46. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Dolezal of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to improve government service delivery in this state; to provide for the appointment of a State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead within the Georgia Technology Authority to coordinate such efforts; to establish the powers and duties of such individual; to establish the heads of each state agency as responsible for the government service delivery of their agency and provide for related powers and duties; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	E Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 128, nays 35.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 567. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions and conditions; to provide for authorized practices; to provide for a referred dentist; to provide for ownership of documents; to provide for a limited number of dental hygienists to perform teledentistry under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to allow for coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 586. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Hatchett of the 155th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intangible recording tax, so as to revise the notes for which such tax is imposed; to provide for procedures; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 645. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to repeal certain provisions requiring COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 148. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Williamson of the 112th, Powell of the 33rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to revise provisions relating to the education and experience requirements of certified public accountants; to revise provisions relating to licensure of firms practicing public accountancy; to revise provisions relating to reciprocity; to conform terminology; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budget and audits, so as to conform a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 36. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for statutory interpretation; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	N Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 96, nays 70.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 40. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute as amended to the following bill of the House:

HB 266. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 551. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathis of the 133rd and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits for motor vehicles; to amend Code Section 43-47-8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to license applications for used motor vehicle dealers and used motor vehicle parts dealers, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental licenses, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 582. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 17, and 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, and evidence, respectively, so as to provide for defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim; to provide a privilege for participation in victim centered programs and victim-offender dialogues; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for civil immunity for facilitators in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 36. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 54. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 31, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, health, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services to patients of licensed home health agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for the approval of continuing education regarding death certificates for certain physician assistants by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and for certain advanced practice registered nurses by the Georgia Board of Nursing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 253. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code and general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, so as to enact "Ethan's Law"; to provide limitations on ordering a child to be sent to a family reunification program; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 370. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, so as to require the property tax bill for any school district that opts out of the state-wide base year homestead exemption to state the total amount of the school district's reserve funds; to require a statement on the property tax bill regarding certain political subdivisions that do not have in effect a base year homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 491. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Rhodes of the 124th, Howard of the 71st, Mathis of the 133rd, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 and Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting and noncommercial fishing, respectively, so as to remove an exception for the use of air guns to hunt wildlife; to revise provisions concerning the taking of catfish by bow and arrow; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 78. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Richardson of the 125th, Yearta of the 152nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 176. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly

appealable; to change provisions relating to cases requiring application of appeal; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to change provisions relating to amendments on motions for new trial; to amend Code Section 17-7-93 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reading of indictment or accusation, answer of accused to charge, recordation of "guilty" plea and pronouncement of judgment, withdrawn guilty pleas, and pleas by immigrants, so as to provide for a time frame regarding the withdrawal of a guilty plea; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 339. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Williamson of the 112th, Gaines of the 120th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor carriers, so as to exempt ride share drivers or ride share network services from the definition of motor carrier; to provide for definitions; to revise legislative findings; to exempt ride share network services from liability for actions of ride share drivers in certain instances; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 131. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to revise the advertisement requirements before an owner of a self-service storage facility can enforce an owner's lien; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 630. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor

vehicle parts dealers, so as to remove the used car division and the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; to confer the powers and duties of such divisions to the board; to revise the membership of the board; to revise the powers and duties of the board; to revise and clarify provisions relating to applications for and requirements of licenses; to revise provisions relating to the change of location by licensees; to revise and provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 308. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to provide for issuance of certificates of title by the Department of Revenue for such vehicles; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of miniature on-road vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 635. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd, Reeves of the 99th, Persinger of the 119th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to revise provisions relating to the State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors; to revise and clarify qualifications for licensure as a residential or commercial general contractor; to revise provisions relating to examination of applicants; to revise provisions relating to the refusal to grant a license, revocation of a license, or other

disciplinary action of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 255. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to codify a process for the authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; to provide for oaths and subpoena powers related to such investigatory powers; to provide for confidentiality of certain materials; to explicitly preserve any authority, immunity, privilege, or power granted to or possessed by the General Assembly or its members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to codify a process for the authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; to provide for oaths and subpoena powers related to such investigatory powers; to provide for confidentiality of certain materials; to explicitly preserve any authority, immunity, privilege, or power granted to or possessed by the General Assembly or its members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-1-17.

(a) The Senate or the House of Representatives may, through rules of procedure or resolution, authorize one or more committees of such chamber to exercise the investigatory powers provided for in Code Section 45-15-19. The Senate and the House of Representatives may, through joint resolution or joint rules of procedure, authorize

one or more joint committees to exercise the investigatory powers provided for in Code Section 45-15-19.

(b) For the purpose of conducting any investigation, a committee that has been authorized to exercise investigatory powers pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall have the power to administer oaths; to call any party to testify under oath at such investigation; to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records, and papers; and to take the depositions of witnesses. For such purposes, the committee is authorized to issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena to compel the production of any books, records, or papers consistent with the rules of procedure or resolution enabling such committee. A subpoena issued under this Code section may be served at any place in this state and in any manner authorized in Code Section 24-13-24.

(c) When authorized by the rules of procedure or resolution enabling such committee, the confidential treatment of material and information in the course of investigations and other proceedings of such committee shall be recognized by law. Such confidential treatment shall be preserved in proceedings under this Code section and as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d)(1) In case of refusal to obey a subpoena issued under this Code section to any person and upon application by the committee that has been authorized to exercise investigatory powers pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the superior court in whose jurisdiction the witness is to appear or in which the books, records, or papers are to be produced may issue to that person an order requiring him or her to appear before the court to show cause why he or she should not be held in contempt for refusal to obey the subpoena. Failure to obey a subpoena may be punished by the court as contempt of court.

(2) If the application for a subpoena requests confidential treatment, the court shall take any and all steps necessary or appropriate to preserve the confidentiality of the application. The court may, but shall not be required to, issue the subpoena in such a manner as to preserve its confidentiality. If the court determines that a subpoena may be issued but confidential treatment is not warranted under the rules of procedure or resolution enabling such committee, the judge shall so notify the chairperson or acting chairperson; and the chairperson or acting chairperson shall then have the option to:

(A) Abandon the request for a subpoena, in which case the application shall remain confidential; or

(B) Accept the determination of the court, in which case the subpoena shall issue, but the application and the issuance shall not be treated as confidential.

(e) Nothing in this Code section, Code Section 28-1-16, Code Section 45-15-17, or Code Section 45-15-19, or in any other section of this Code, is intended to, or shall be interpreted as, abrogating, modifying, superseding, or in any other way limiting any authority, immunity, privilege, or power granted to or possessed by the General Assembly, the Senate, the House of Representatives, any committee of either chamber, any joint committee, and the members thereof, whether explicitly or implicitly, by the Constitution, the rules of procedure of either chamber, statutory law, decisional law, or common law and the General Assembly expressly intends to preserve all such authority,

immunity, privilege, and power. Nor is this Code section in any way intended to, or shall be interpreted as, abrogating, modifying, superseding, or in any limiting any investigations by, or powers of, any committees of the Senate or the House of Representatives that were authorized, or to any subpoenas issued by or other actions taken by any such committee, prior to the effective date of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	E Moore	N Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	E Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	E Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
E Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	E Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	E Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	E Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	E Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF

Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 91, nays 67.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following Bill of the Senate was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

SB 40. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House substitute to SB 40 (LC 55 0593S) by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:*
To amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 and Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers and solid waste management, respectively, so as to revise provisions relating to certain materials; to provide for the applicability of the definition of

By replacing line 8 with the following:
remain in effect after January 1, 2026; to revise provisions relating to surcharges on certain waste; to provide for related

By inserting between lines 192 and 193 the following:
Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solid waste management, is amended in Code Section 12-8-39, relating to cost

reimbursement fees, surcharges, exempt contracts, and reporting, by revising subparagraph (d)(1)(B) as follows:

"(B) When a municipal solid waste disposal facility is operated by private enterprise, the host local government is authorized and required to impose a surcharge of $1.00 per ton or volume equivalent for construction or demolition waste, ~~or~~ inert waste, or nonmetallic waste resulting from the shredding of motor vehicles or household appliances, in addition to any other negotiated charges or fees which shall be imposed by and paid to the host local government for the facility."

SECTION 10.

By replacing line 195 with the following:

SECTION 11.

Representative McDonald III of the 26th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to SB 40.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

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N Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
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Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion the ayes were 91, nays 63.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Jasperse of the 11th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Resolution of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

Representative Jasperse of the 11th withdrew his motion.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Sharper of the 177th et al., Petrea of the 166th, Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Tran of the 80th, Sainz of the 180th, Efstration of the 104th, and Burns of the 159th.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 127. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Leverett of the 123rd, Rice of the 139th, Barrett of the 24th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, so as to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 197. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail the effort that shall be made by treating health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 156. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Hilton of the 48th, LaHood of the 175th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to provide the Department of Transportation with authority over vertiports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 177. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Reeves of the 99th and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide protection for household pets in both family violence and dating violence protective orders; to provide for a definition and an exclusion; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 93. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Esteves of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-153.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," so as to prohibit the three-cuing system from inclusion in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy; to prohibit public schools from employing the three-cueing system or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading; to provide for

criteria for core curricula for state approved educator preparation programs; to provide for and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 212. By Senators Still of the 48th, Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Hodges of the 3rd and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit the disclosure of public student directory information to political candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, political organizations, or persons or groups acting on their behalf; to amend Article 15 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to miscellaneous offenses relative to elections and primaries; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for government transparency and campaign finance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 245. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, meditation, hearing, and notification to family members of child's participation in events, to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Friday, April 4, 2025, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Friday, April 4, 2025.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, April 4, 2025

Fortieth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room #507 E
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 2, 2025

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Vote on HB 123

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Today, I vote YES to HB 123. Unfortunately, I missed the vote, as I was away from my Chamber seat. Again, I ask that you change the "X" in my name to YES to support HB 123 Criminal procedure.

/s/ Terry Alexis Cummings
State Representative, District 39
House of Representatives

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

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Alexander	Corbett	E Henderson	Mathis	Romman
Anderson	Cox	Herring	McClain	Sainz
Au	Crawford	Hilton	McCollum	Sampson
E Baker	Cummings	Hitchens	McDonald	Sanchez
Ballard	Davis	Holcomb	McQueen	Schofield
Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Meeks	Scoggins

Barnes	Dempsey	Holly	Miller	Scott
Barrett	Dickey	Hong	Mitchell	Seabaugh
Barton	Donatucci	Horner	Momtahan	Sharper
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard, J	Myles	Silcox
Beckles	Draper	Howard, K	Neal	Smith, L
Bell	Drenner	Huddleston	New	Smith, TP
Bennett	Dubnik	Hugley	Newton	Smith, V
Berry	Dunahoo	E Hutchinson	Okoye	Stephens
Blackmon	Efstration	Jackson, E	Olaleye	Stinson
Bonner	Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Oliver	Tarvin
Buckner	Erwin	Jasperse	O'Steen	Taylor, D
Burchett	Evans	Jones, A	Panitch	Taylor, R
Burnough	Fleming	Jones, J	Park	Townsend
Byrd	Flournoy	Jones, S	Parrish	Tran
Cameron	Ford	Jones, T	Parsons	Wade
Camp	Franklin	Kahaian	Persinger	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Frye	Kelley	Petrea	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gaines	Kendrick	Powell	E Wiedower
Cannon, C	Gambill	LaHood	Prince	Wilkerson
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Leverett	Reese	Williams, A
Carpenter	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	Williams, N
Carson	Greene	Lim	Rhodes	Williamson
Carter	Griffin	Lumsden	Rice	Willis
Chastain	Gullett	Lupton	Richardson	Yearta
Cheokas	Gunter	Martin	Ridley, Jas	Burns, Speaker
Clark, D	Hagan			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Crowe of the 118th, DeLoach of the 167th, Heffner of the 130th, Jackson of the 68th, Jenkins of the 136th, Moore of the 91st, Thomas of the 21st, Wiedower of the 121st, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Jay Williams, Mizpah Church, Clyo, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Hilton of the 48th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 897. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to make insulin accessible to individuals who are in urgent need of a short-term affordable insulin supply; to require a manufacturer of insulin to establish procedures to make insulin available under such program; to provide for enforcement, penalties, and appellate procedures; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 898. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Hugley of the 141st, Park of the 107th, Miller of the 62nd, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to make insulin accessible, under certain conditions, to an eligible individual who needs an affordable supply of insulin for up to one year, with the option to renew annually; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 899. By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd, Leverett of the 123rd and Camp of the 135th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer-on-death deeds, so as to modify certain provisions regarding transfer-on-death deeds; to provide for a definition; to provide for the acceptance of a real estate transfer; to provide for revocation; to provide for limitations; to provide for curing defects; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to year's support, so as to provide for precedence of transfer-on-death deeds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 900. By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Seabaugh of the 34th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-23-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of funds from the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System by superior court judges, district attorneys, or solicitors-general and crediting service, so as to provide that any member of such retirement system shall be eligible to transfer funds; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 901. By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Davis of the 87th and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, so as to provide that the election superintendent of a county may permit any elector of the county to vote in any precinct of the county which such elector chooses in a primary, election, or runoff under certain conditions; to provide for certain notices; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 902. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Douglas of the 78th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for transparency and

accountability in insurance rates and rate regulation after the enactment of tort reform law; to provide for definitions; to provide for examinations and hearings; to provide for the publication of certain information; to extend the time for data collection and analysis related to tort reform law; to provide for findings on savings from tort reform law; to provide for the publication of reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 903. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Jasperse of the 11th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding administrative procedure, so as to provide that the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" shall apply to all executive branch agencies; to provide for certain exceptions; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 904. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from the certificate of need program, so as to revise an exemption from certificate of need requirements concerning life plan communities; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 905. By Representatives Richardson of the 125th, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-23-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of funds from the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System by superior court judges, district attorneys, or solicitors-general and crediting service, so as to provide that any member of such retirement system shall be eligible to transfer funds; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 906. By Representative Smith of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, so as to require long-term care facilities to post a link on their websites to the official website of the office of the long-term care ombudsman; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

HB 907. By Representatives Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jasperse of the 11th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31C of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to require certain local school systems to either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services to students in grades nine through 12; to require local school systems to provide to completion special schools the contact information for students who stop attending or withdraw from the local school system, subject to conditions and exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 908. By Representative Smith of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance in elementary and secondary education, so as to prohibit a public school, private school, or home school program from requiring a child who has successfully completed all requirements for a high school diploma to take or attend classes for any additional course; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 909. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12, 25, and 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, fire protection and safety, and insurance, respectively, so as to provide greater health protections for firefighters; to create the Firefighter Health Advisory Council and establish its powers; to provide for the establishment and purpose of the Firefighter PFAS Initiative; to provide for reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 910. By Representative Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to authorize and provide for the regulation and taxation of sports betting in this state; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to exclude any consideration paid to a sports betting licensee from the definition of "bet"; to provide for the exemption of persons licensed for online sports betting from regulations and restrictions regarding gambling information; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt wagers placed as part of sports betting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 911. By Representative Cummings of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to libel and slander, so as to prohibit individuals from bringing defamation actions against another individual who makes a communication regarding an incident of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or sex discrimination when that individual believed such incident to have occurred; to provide for attorney's fees and costs for a prevailing defendant; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 912. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Carter of the 93rd, Ballard of the 147th, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for up to $500,000.00 in matching grants by the State Board of Education to local units of administration for the purpose of providing home reading programs for students in kindergarten through fourth grade; to authorize the State Board of Education to receive and administer federal funds for such grants; to provide for eligibility; to require the State Board of Education to develop rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 913. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Gullett of the 19th, Holcomb of the 101st, Reeves of the 99th and Crawford of the 89th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedure of the Department of Administrative Services relative to state purchasing, so as to prohibit a governmental entity from entering into contracts for the licensing of software applications that limit such governmental entity's ability to install or run such software applications on certain desktop or server hardware of such governmental entity's choosing; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 914. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Campbell of the 35th, Cummings of the 39th and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sex discrimination in employment, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Labor to ensure that certain employees receive comparable pay for comparable work in jobs which require comparable skill, effort, and responsibility; to provide for powers and duties of the Commissioner; to provide for consent orders, administrative orders, hearings, penalties, and judicial review; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Industry and Labor.

HB 915. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to authorize county and municipal law enforcement agencies to employ civilian personnel to assist in certain investigations; to provide for a definition; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for the establishment of a training program for civilian community responders by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the uniform rules of the road, so as to authorize civilian community responders to assist in directing and regulating the flow of traffic; to provide that civilian community responders utilize uniform motor vehicle accident reports and reporting procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 916. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Judicial Council, so as to create a grant program for the purpose of providing funding for civil legal services to low-income individuals; to provide for eligibility criteria and standards; to provide for the council to establish the grant amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 917. By Representatives Jones of the 25th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide generally for open enrollment processes for students to transfer between local school systems and between schools within local school systems; to provide for rules, regulations, and policies; to prohibit discrimination; to prohibit charging tuition for transfers between local school systems, subject to an exception; to provide for appeals of denials of transfer requests; to provide for the submission and publication of reports; to revise the calculations for equalization grants; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 918. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to permit private school students, home study students, and nonresident public school students to enroll as part-time students in any public school in this state, subject only to enrolling school capacity and academic and grade level prerequisites; to provide for schools enrolling such students to receive state funds; to prohibit tuition; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 919. By Representative Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6A of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to outdoor stewardship, so as to eliminate reductions in appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks.

HB 920. By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Park of the 107th, Jones of the 143rd, Heffner of the 130th, Myles of the 126th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to prohibit individuals who have been members of hate groups from serving in law enforcement and the organized militia under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for enforcement and screening; to provide for appeals; to provide for public reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security.

HB 921. By Representatives Park of the 107th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Howard of the 129th, Herring of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Board of Education,

so as to require the Georgia Department of Education to complete a study within 90 days of any action by any branch of the federal government that results in certain reductions of the scope, workforce, or budget of the United States Department of Education to determine the impact on public schools in this state; to provide for reporting; to authorize the department to contract with a nonpartisan independent entity to conduct such study; to provide definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 905. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th, Bazemore of the 69th, Jackson of the 68th, McQueen of the 61st and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Department of Education to implement a public awareness campaign for grade levels K-12 regarding blockchain, cryptocurrency, and Web3; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HR 947. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Five Points MARTA Station Permit Issuance; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 948. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th and Newton of the 127th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 883	HB 884
HB 885	HB 886
HB 887	HB 888
HB 889	HB 890

HB 891	HB 892
HB 893	HB 894
HB 895	HR 882
HR 883	HR 884

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 883 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephens of the 164th
Chairman

Representative Parrish of the 158th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 885 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Carter of the 93rd et al., Romman of the 97th et al., Roberts of the 52nd et al., Stinson of the 150th et al., Smith of the 18th, Efstration of the 104th, Taylor of the 92nd et al., Willis of the 55th et al., Sharper of the 177th et al., Cannon of the 172nd, Martinez of the 111th et al., Bell of the 75th et al., and Cannon of the 58th.

The following Bills and Resolution of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 586. By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Hatchett of the 155th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intangible recording tax, so as to revise the notes for which such tax is imposed; to provide for procedures; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intangible recording tax, so as to revise the notes for which such tax is imposed; to provide for procedures; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to intangible recording tax, is amended in Code Section 48-6-60, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (3) and by repealing paragraph (4) as follows:

"(3) 'Long-term note secured by real estate' means any note representing credits secured by real estate by means of mortgages, deeds to secure debt, purchase money deeds to secure debt, bonds for title, or any other form of security instrument, when any part of the principal of the note falls due more than ~~three years~~ 62 months from the date of the note or from the date of any instrument executed to secure the note and conveying or creating a lien or encumbrance on real estate for such purpose."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 48-6-66, relating to showing correct amount and due date on instruments conveying, encumbering, or creating a lien upon real estate, as follows:

"48-6-66.

Every instrument conveying, encumbering, or creating a lien upon real estate shall set forth in words and figures the correct amount of the note secured by the instrument and the date upon which the note falls due. When the note falls due within ~~three years~~ 62

months from the date of the note or from the date of any instrument executed to secure the note, a statement of that fact in lieu of specifying the date upon which the note falls due may be made in the security instrument and shall constitute sufficient compliance with this Code section. The inclusion in the instrument of a provision that the instrument secures all other indebtedness then existing or thereafter incurred shall not require the setting forth in the instrument of existing indebtedness for loans not made on the security of the instrument."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 48-6-68, relating to bond for title in absence of security deed and recording and tax, as follows:

"48-6-68.

Any seller of real estate who retains title to the real estate as security for the purchase price and who does not convey title to the purchaser or take back a deed to secure debt shall execute and deliver to the purchaser a bond for title which shall correctly set forth the unpaid portion of the purchase price and the maturity of the indebtedness. If any part of the purchase price falls due more than ~~three years~~ 62 months from the date of the instrument, the seller shall have the instrument recorded before delivery of the bond for title in the county where the land is located and shall pay the tax required by this article for the recording of the instrument."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Williamson of the 112th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 586.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 161, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 131. By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, Oliver of the 84th, Holcomb of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to revise the advertisement requirements before an owner of a self-service storage facility can enforce an owner's lien; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as to revise the advertisement requirements before an owner of a self-service storage facility can enforce an owner's lien; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 10-4-213, relating to enforcement of lien without judicial intervention and execution of rental agreement, as follows:

"(a) Provided that it complies with the requirements of this Code section, an owner may enforce the lien without judicial intervention. The owner shall obtain from the occupant a written rental agreement which includes the following language:

'This agreement, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, ____, by and between _____, hereinafter called Owner, and _____, hereinafter called Occupant, whose last known address is _____. For the consideration hereinafter stated, Owner agrees to let Occupant use and occupy a space in the self-service storage facility, known as _____, situated in the City of _____, County of _____, State of Georgia, and more particularly described as follows: Building #_____, Space #_____, Size _____. Said space is to be occupied and used for the purposes specified herein and subject to the conditions set forth for a period of _____, beginning on the _____ day of _____, ____, and continuing month to month until terminated.

'"Space,'" as used in this agreement, will be that part of the self-service storage facility as described above. Occupant agrees to pay Owner, as payment for the use of the space and improvements thereon, the monthly sum of $_____. Monthly installments are payable in advance on or before the first of each month, in the amount of $_____, and a like amount for each month thereafter, until the termination of this agreement.

If any monthly installment is not paid by the seventh calendar day of the month due, or if any check given in payment is dishonored by the financial institution on which it is drawn, Occupant shall be deemed to be in default.

Occupant further agrees to pay the sum of one month's fees, which shall be used as a clean-up and maintenance fund, and is to be used, if required, for the repair of any damage done to the space and to clean up the space at the termination of the agreement. In the event that the space is left in a good state of repair, and in a broom-swept condition, then this amount shall be refunded to Occupant. However, it is agreed to between the parties that Owner may set off any claims it may have against Occupant from this fund.

The space named herein is to be used by Occupant solely for the purpose of storing any personal property belonging to Occupant. Occupant agrees not to store any explosives or any highly inflammable goods or any other goods in the space which would cause danger to the space. Occupant agrees that the property will not be used for any unlawful purposes and Occupant agrees not to commit waste, nor alter, nor affix signs on the space, and to keep the space in good condition during the term of this agreement.

OWNER HAS A LIEN ON ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY STORED IN OCCUPANT'S SPACE FOR RENT, FEES FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF RENT, LABOR, OR OTHER CHARGES, PRESENT OR FUTURE, IN RELATION TO THE PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR ITS

PRESERVATION OR EXPENSES REASONABLY INCURRED IN ITS SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. PERSONAL PROPERTY STORED IN OCCUPANT'S SPACE WILL BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF IF NO PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR A CONTINUOUS THIRTY-DAY PERIOD AFTER DEFAULT. IN ADDITION, UPON OCCUPANT'S DEFAULT, OWNER MAY WITHOUT NOTICE DENY OCCUPANT ACCESS TO THE PERSONAL PROPERTY STORED IN OCCUPANT'S SPACE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. IF ANY MONTHLY INSTALLMENT IS NOT MADE BY THE SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY OF THE MONTH DUE, OR IF ANY CHECK GIVEN IN PAYMENT IS DISHONORED BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ON WHICH IT IS DRAWN, OCCUPANT IS IN DEFAULT FROM DATE PAYMENT WAS DUE.

I hereby agree that all notices other than bills and invoices shall be given by hand delivery, verified mail, or email at the following addresses:

_____ (hand delivery)
_____ (verified mail)
_____ (email).

and I further understand that I may designate to ~~owner~~ Owner an agent to receive such notice by providing:

_____ (hand delivery)
_____ (verified mail)
_____ (email).

For purposes of Owner's lien: '"personal property '" means movable property, not affixed to land, and includes, but is not limited to, goods, wares, merchandise, motor vehicles, trailers, watercraft, household items, and furnishings; '"last known address '" means the street address or post office box address provided by Occupant in the latest rental agreement or the address provided by Occupant in a subsequent written notice of a change of address by hand delivery, verified mail, or email.

Owner's lien is superior to any other lien or security interest, except those which are evidenced by a certificate of title or perfected and recorded prior to the date of this rental agreement in Georgia, in the name of Occupant, either in the county of Occupant's 'last known address' or in the county where the self-service storage facility is located, except any tax lien as provided by law and except those liens or security interests of whom Owner has knowledge through Occupant's disclosure in this rental agreement or through other written notice. Occupant attests that the personal property in Occupant's space(s) is free and clear of all liens and secured interests except for _____. Owner's lien attaches as of the date the personal property is brought to the self-service storage facility.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this rental agreement, the exclusive care, custody, and control of any and all personal property stored in the leased space shall remain vested in Occupant. Owner does not become a bailee of Occupant's personal property by the enforcement of Owner's lien.

If Occupant has been in default continuously for thirty (30) days, Owner may enforce its lien, provided Owner shall comply with the following procedure:

Occupant shall be notified of Owner's intent to enforce Owner's lien by written notice delivered in person, by verified mail, or by email. Owner also shall notify other parties with superior liens or security interests as defined in this rental agreement. A notice given pursuant to this rental agreement shall be presumed sent when it is deposited with the United States Postal Service or the statutory overnight delivery service properly addressed with postage or delivery fees prepaid or sent by email. If Owner sends notice of a pending sale of property to Occupant's last known email address and does not receive a nonautomated response or a receipt of delivery to the email address, Owner shall send notice of the sale to Occupant by verified mail to Occupant's last known address or to the last known address of the designated agent of the Occupant before proceeding with the sale.

Owner's notice to Occupant shall include an itemized statement of Owner's claim showing the sum due at the time of the notice and the date when the sum became due. Owner's notice shall notify Occupant of denial of access to the personal property and provide the name, street address, email address, and telephone number of Owner or its designated agent, whom Occupant may contact to respond to this notice. Owner's notice shall demand payment within a specified time, not less than fourteen (14) days after delivery of the notice. It shall state that, unless the claim is paid, within the time stated in the notice, the personal property will be advertised for public sale to the highest bidder, and will be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder, at a specified time and place.

After the expiration of the time given in Owner's notice, Owner shall publish an advertisement of the public sale to the highest bidder, once ~~a week, for two consecutive weeks,~~ in the legal organ for the county where the self-service storage facility is located; provided, however, that the advertisement of the sale may be done in any other commercially reasonable manner when the property being sold is anything other than a motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer, any watercraft, or any recreational vehicle. The advertisement and sale shall be deemed commercially reasonable if at least three (3) independent bidders attend the sale at the time and place advertised. '"Independent bidder "' means a bidder who is not related to and who has no controlling interest in, or common pecuniary interest with, Owner or any other bidder. The advertisement shall include: a brief and general description of the personal property, reasonably adequate to permit its identification; the address of the self-service storage facility, and the number, if any, of the space where the personal property is located, and the name of Occupant; and the time, place, and manner of the public sale. The public sale to the highest bidder shall take place not sooner than fifteen (15) days after ~~the first~~ publication. Regardless of whether a sale involves the property of more than one Occupant, a single advertisement may be used to advertise the disposal of property at the sale. A public sale includes offering the property on a publicly accessible website that regularly conducts online auctions of personal property. Such sale shall be considered incidental to the self-storage business and no license shall be required.

If no one purchases the property at the public sale and if Owner has complied with the foregoing procedures, Owner may otherwise dispose of the property and shall notify Occupant of the action taken. Any sale or disposition of the personal property shall be held at the self-service storage facility or at the nearest suitable place to where the personal property is held or stored.

Before any sale or other disposition of personal property pursuant to this agreement, Occupant may pay the amount necessary to satisfy the lien and the reasonable expenses incurred and thereby redeem the personal property and thereafter Owner shall have no liability to any person with respect to such personal property.

A Purchaser in good faith of the personal property sold to satisfy Owner's lien takes the property free of any rights of persons against whom the lien was valid, despite noncompliance by Owner with the requirements of this agreement.

In the event of a sale, Owner may satisfy his or her lien from the proceeds of the sale. Owner shall hold the balance of the proceeds, if any, for Occupant or any notified secured interest holder. If not claimed within two years of the date of sale, the balance of the proceeds shall be disposed of in accordance with Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44, the '"Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act."' In no event shall Owner's liability exceed the proceeds of the sale.

If the rental agreement contains a limit on the value of property stored in Occupant's storage space, the limit shall be deemed to be the maximum value of the property stored in that space.

If the property upon which the lien is claimed is a motor vehicle, trailer, or watercraft and rent and other charges related to the property remain unpaid or unsatisfied for 60 days following the maturity of the obligation to pay rent, Owner may have the property towed in lieu of foreclosing on the lien. If a motor vehicle, trailer, or watercraft is towed as authorized in this section, Owner shall not be liable for the motor vehicle, trailer, or watercraft or any damages to the motor vehicle, trailer, or watercraft once the tower takes possession of the property.'"

SECTION 2.

The Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall apply to any actions for lien enforcement without judicial intervention initiated on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Cheokas of the 151st was excused from voting on HB 131.

Representative Reeves of the 99th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 131.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

HB 36. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the

appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended by revising paragraph (10) of Code Section 29-1-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(10) 'Licensed clinical social worker' means a social worker who is licensed as such in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10A of Title 43."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-1, relating to prerequisite findings prior to appointment of guardian for adult and extent of guardianship, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(3) An adult shall not be presumed to be in need of a guardian solely because of a finding that the adult has one or more developmental disabilities as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-10, relating to petition for appointment of guardian and requirements for petition, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) The petition shall be sworn to by two or more petitioners or shall be supported by an affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title

43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, or, if the proposed ward is a patient in any federal medical facility in which such a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker is not available, a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker who is authorized to practice in ~~that~~ such federal facility."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-11, relating to prerequisite judicial finding of probable cause, notice, petition, evaluations, and reporting requirements for appointment for guardians for adults, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) If the petition is not dismissed ~~under~~ pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the court shall appoint an ~~evaluating physician~~ evaluator who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, or, if the proposed ward is a patient in any federal medical facility in which such a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker is not available, a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker who is authorized to practice in ~~that~~ such federal facility, other than the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker who completed the affidavit attached to the petition pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 29-4-10.

(2) When evaluating the proposed ward, the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker shall explain the purpose of the evaluation to the proposed ward. The proposed ward may remain silent. Any statements made by the proposed ward during the evaluation shall be privileged and shall be inadmissable as evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding under this chapter. The proposed ward's legal counsel shall have the right to be present but shall not participate in the evaluation.

(3) The evaluation shall be conducted with as little interference with the proposed ward's activities as possible. The evaluation shall take place at the place and time set

in the notice to the proposed ward and ~~the~~ his or her legal counsel and the time set shall not be sooner than the fifth day after the service of notice on the proposed ward. The court, however, shall have the exclusive power to change the place and time of the examination at any time upon reasonable notice being given to the proposed ward and to his or her legal counsel. If the proposed ward fails to appear, the court may order that the proposed ward be taken directly to and from a medical facility or the office of the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker for purposes of evaluation only. The evaluation shall be conducted during the normal business hours of the facility or office and the proposed ward shall not be detained in the facility or office overnight. The evaluation may include, but not be limited to:

(A) A self-report from the proposed ward, if possible;

(B) Questions and observations of the proposed ward to assess the functional abilities of the proposed ward;

(C) A review of the records for the proposed ward, including, but not limited to, medical records, medication charts, and other available records;

(D) An assessment of cultural factors and language barriers that may impact the proposed ward's abilities and living environment; and

(E) All other factors the evaluator determines to be appropriate to the evaluation.

(4) A written report shall be filed with the court no later than seven days after the evaluation, and the court shall serve a copy of the report by first-class mail upon the proposed ward and the proposed ward's legal counsel and~~, if any, the~~ guardian ad litem if appointed.

(5) The report shall be signed under oath by the ~~physician, psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker~~ evaluator and shall:

(A) State the circumstances and duration of the evaluation, including a summary of questions or tests utilized, and the elements of the evaluation;

(B) List all persons and other sources of information consulted in evaluating the proposed ward;

(C) Describe the proposed ward's mental and physical state and condition, including all observed facts considered by the ~~physician or psychologist or licensed clinical social worker~~ evaluator;

(D) Describe the overall social condition of the proposed ward, including support, care, education, and well-being; and

(E) Describe the needs of the proposed ward and their foreseeable duration.

(6) The proposed ward's legal counsel may file a written response to the evaluation, provided the response is filed no later than the date of the commencement of the hearing on the petition for guardianship. The response may include, but is not limited to, independent evaluations, affidavits of individuals with personal knowledge of the proposed ward, and a statement of applicable law. In the response, the proposed ward's legal counsel may also challenge the sufficiency and weight of the results and

conclusions of the evaluation and written report and the qualifications, experience, or abilities of the person performing the evaluation."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-12, relating to judicial review of pleadings and evaluation report, findings, and hearing, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The hearing shall be held in a courtroom or, for good cause shown, at such other place as the court may choose. At the request of the proposed ward or the proposed ward's legal counsel and for good cause shown, the court may exercise its discretion to exclude the public from the hearing and the record shall reflect the court's action. The proposed ward or the proposed ward's legal counsel may waive the appearance of the proposed ward at the hearing.

(2) The hearing shall be recorded by either a certified court reporter or a sound-recording device. The recording shall be retained for not less than 45 days from the date of the entry of the order described in Code Section 29-4-13.

(3) The court shall apply the rules of evidence applicable in civil cases.

(4) At the hearing, the proposed ward may also challenge, by appropriate evidence and argument, the sufficiency and weight of the results and conclusions of the evaluation and written report and the qualifications, experience, or abilities of the person performing the evaluation. The proposed ward shall have the right to present such evidence and argument regardless of whether the proposed ward's legal counsel raised such matters in a written response submitted by the proposed ward's legal counsel pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-11.

(5) The court shall utilize the criteria in Code Section 29-4-1 to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence of the need for a guardianship in light of the evidence taken at the hearing. In addition, the court may consider the evaluation report and any response filed or argument and evidence presented by the proposed ward. The burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner.

(6) If the court finds that the proposed ward has one or more developmental disabilities as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1, the court shall not find that there is a need for a guardianship unless the evidence shows by clear and convincing evidence that, due to such developmental disability or disabilities and other factors that may be present, the proposed ward lacks sufficient capacity to make or communicate significant responsible decisions concerning his or her health or safety.

~~(5)~~(7) Upon determination of the need for a guardianship, the court shall determine the powers, if any, which are to be retained by the proposed ward, in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 29-4-21 and whether any additional powers are to be granted to the guardian, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 29-4-23.

~~(6)~~(8) If the court determines that a guardianship is necessary and the proposed ward is present, the proposed ward may suggest any individual as guardian. The court shall select as guardian the individual who will serve the best interest of the ward.

~~(7)~~(9) In any procedure under this chapter in which the judge of the court is unable to hear a case within the time required for such hearing, the judge shall appoint an individual to hear the case and exercise all the jurisdiction of the court in the case. Any individual appointed shall be a member of the State Bar of Georgia who is qualified to serve as the probate judge in that county and who is, in the opinion of the appointing judge, qualified for the duties by training and experience. The appointment may be made on a case-by-case basis or by making a standing appointment of one or more individuals. Any individual who receives a standing appointment shall serve at the pleasure of the judge who makes the appointment or the judge's successor in office. The compensation of an individual appointed shall be as agreed upon by the judge who makes the appointment and the individual appointed, with the approval of the governing authority of the county for which the individual is appointed, and shall be paid from county funds. All fees collected for the service of the appointed individual shall be paid into the general funds of the county."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-14, relating to petition for appointment of emergency guardian of an adult and requirements of petition, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The petition shall be sworn to by two or more petitioners or shall be supported by an affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, or, if the proposed ward is a patient in any federal medical facility in which such a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker is not available, a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker authorized to practice in ~~that~~ such federal facility."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-15, relating to prerequisite findings prior to appointment of emergency guardian, evaluation, notice, and hearing, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) If the court determines that there is probable cause to believe that the proposed ward is in need of an emergency guardian, the court shall:

(1) Immediately appoint legal counsel to represent the proposed ward at the emergency hearing, which counsel may be the same counsel who is appointed to represent the proposed ward in the hearing on the petition for guardianship or conservatorship, if any such petition has been filed, and shall inform counsel of the appointment;

(2) Order an emergency hearing to be conducted not sooner than three days nor later than five days after the filing of the petition;
(3) Order an evaluation of the proposed ward by ~~a physician~~ an evaluator who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, other than the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker who completed the affidavit attached to the petition pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-10. The evaluation shall be conducted within 72 hours of the time the order was issued and a written report shall be furnished to the court and made available to the parties within this time frame, which evaluation and report shall be governed by the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-11;
(4) Immediately notify the proposed ward of the proceedings by service of all pleadings on the proposed ward, which notice shall:
(A) Be served personally on the proposed ward by an officer of the court and shall not be served by mail;
(B) Inform the proposed ward that a petition has been filed to have an emergency guardian appointed for the proposed ward, that the proposed ward has the right to attend any hearing that is held, and that, if an emergency guardian is appointed, the proposed ward may lose important rights to control the management of the proposed ward's person;
(C) Inform the proposed ward of the place and time at which the proposed ward shall submit to the evaluation provided for by paragraph (3) of this subsection;
(D) Inform the proposed ward of the appointment of legal counsel; and
(E) Inform the proposed ward of the date and time of the hearing on the emergency guardianship; and
(5) Appoint an emergency guardian to serve until the emergency hearing, with or without prior notice to the proposed ward, if the threatened risk is so immediate and the potential harm so irreparable that any delay is unreasonable and the existence of the threatened risk and potential for irreparable harm is certified by the affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker. Appointment of an emergency guardian under this paragraph is not a final determination of the proposed ward's need for a nonemergency guardian. Any emergency guardian appointed under this paragraph shall have only those powers and duties specifically enumerated in the letters of emergency guardianship, and the powers

and duties shall not exceed those absolutely necessary to respond to the immediate threatened risk to the ward."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 29-4-16, relating to conduct of emergency guardianship hearing and limitations on emergency guardianship, as follows:

"29-4-16.

(a) The court shall conduct the emergency guardianship hearing, at the time and date set forth in its order, to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence of the need for an emergency guardianship in light of the evidence taken at the hearing. In addition to the evidence at the hearing, the court may consider the evaluation report and any response filed by the proposed ward. The proposed ward may also challenge, by appropriate evidence and argument, the sufficiency and weight of the results and conclusions of the evaluation and written report and the qualifications, experience, or abilities of the person performing the evaluation. The burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner. Upon the consent of the petitioner and the proposed ward, the court may grant a continuance of the case for a period not to exceed 30 days.

(b) If the court at the emergency hearing finds that an emergency guardianship is necessary, the court shall order the emergency guardianship; provided, however, that:

(1) Any emergency guardian shall have only those powers and duties specifically enumerated in the letters of emergency guardianship and the powers and duties shall not exceed those absolutely necessary to respond to the immediate threatened risk to the ward;

(2) The court may order the emergency guardian to make any report the court requires;

(3) If the court finds that the proposed ward has one or more developmental disabilities as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1, the court shall not find that there is a need for an emergency guardianship unless the evidence shows by clear and convincing evidence that, due to such developmental disability or disabilities and other factors that may be present, the proposed ward lacks sufficient capacity to make or communicate significant responsible decisions concerning his or her health or safety and there is an immediate and substantial risk of death or serious physical injury, illness, or disease unless an emergency guardian is appointed; and

~~(3)~~(4) The emergency guardianship shall terminate on the earliest of:

(A) The court's removal of the emergency guardian, with or without cause;

(B) The effective date of the appointment of a guardian;

(C) Unless otherwise specified in the order of dismissal, the dismissal of a petition for appointment of a guardian;

(D) The date specified for the termination in the order appointing the emergency guardian;

(E) Sixty days from the date of appointment of the emergency guardian, provided that the court had jurisdiction to issue such order under paragraph (1) of Code Section 29-11-12; or

(F) Ninety days from the date of appointment of the emergency guardian, provided that the court had jurisdiction to issue such order under paragraph (2) or (3) of Code Section 29-11-12."

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-41, relating to modification of guardianship, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) If the petition for modification alleges a significant change in the capacity of the ward, it must be supported either by the affidavits of two persons who have knowledge of the ward, one of whom may be the petitioner, or of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, setting forth the supporting facts and determinations. If, after reviewing the petition and the affidavits, the court determines that there is no probable cause to believe that there has been a significant change in the capacity of the ward, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall order that an evaluation be conducted, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-11. If, after reviewing the evaluation report, the court finds that there is no probable cause to believe that there has been a significant change in the capacity of the ward, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall schedule a hearing, with notice as the court deems appropriate."

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-42, relating to termination of guardianship, required evidence, burden of proof, and return of property, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A petition for termination must be supported either by the affidavits of two persons who have knowledge of the ward, one of whom may be the petitioner, or of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, setting forth the supporting facts and determinations. If, after reviewing the petition and the affidavits, the court determines that there is no probable cause to believe that the guardianship should be terminated, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall order that an evaluation be conducted, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-11. If, after reviewing the evaluation report, the court finds that there is no probable cause to believe that the guardianship should be

terminated, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall schedule a hearing, with such notice as the court deems appropriate."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-4-70, relating to right of ward to appeal, procedure, and appointment of emergency guardian, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Pending any appeal, the superior court or a probate court that is described in paragraph (2) of Code Section 15-9-120 may appoint an emergency guardian with such powers and duties as are described in Code Section 29-4-16; provided, however, that an emergency guardian may be appointed only upon the filing of an affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, setting forth the existence of the emergency circumstances described in subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-14 and after a hearing at which other evidence may be presented. The appointment of an emergency guardian is not appealable."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-1, relating to conservator for adults, best interest of the adult, no presumption of need for conservator, and objective of conservatorship, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(3) An adult shall not be presumed to be in need of a conservator solely because of a finding that the adult has one or more developmental disabilities as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1."

SECTION 13.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-10, relating to petition for appointment of conservator and requirements of petition, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) The petition shall be sworn to by two or more petitioners or shall be supported by an affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, or, if the proposed ward is a patient in any federal medical facility in which such a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker is not available, a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional

counselor, or licensed clinical social worker authorized to practice in ~~that~~ such federal facility."

SECTION 14.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-11, relating to prerequisite finding prior to appointment of conservator, notice, evaluation, and written report, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) If the petition is not dismissed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the court shall appoint an ~~evaluating physician~~ evaluator who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, or, if the proposed ward is a patient in any federal medical facility in which such a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker is not available, a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker authorized to practice in ~~that~~ such federal facility other than the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker who completed the affidavit attached to the petition pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 29-5-10.

(2) When evaluating the proposed ward, the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker shall explain the purpose of the evaluation to the proposed ward. The proposed ward may remain silent. Any statements made by the proposed ward during the evaluation shall be privileged and shall be inadmissable as evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding under this chapter. The proposed ward's legal counsel shall have the right to be present but shall not participate in the evaluation.

(3) The evaluation shall be conducted with as little interference with the proposed ward's activities as possible. The evaluation shall take place at the place and time set in the notice to the proposed ward and to his or her legal counsel and the time set shall not be sooner than the fifth day after the service of notice on the proposed ward. The court, however, shall have the exclusive power to change the place and time of the examination at any time upon reasonable notice being given to the proposed ward and to his or her legal counsel. If the proposed ward fails to appear, the court may order that the proposed ward be taken directly to and from a medical facility, office of a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker for purposes of evaluation only. The evaluation shall be conducted

during the normal business hours of the facility or office, and the proposed ward shall not be detained in the facility or office overnight. The evaluation may include, but not be limited to:

(A) A self-report from the proposed ward, if possible;

(B) Questions and observations of the proposed ward to assess the functional abilities of the proposed ward;

(C) A review of the records for the proposed ward, including, but not limited to, medical records, medication charts, and other available records;

(D) An assessment of cultural factors and language barriers that may impact the proposed ward's abilities and living environment; and

(E) All other factors the evaluator determines to be appropriate to the evaluation.

(4) A written report shall be filed with the court no later than seven days after the evaluation, and the court shall serve a copy of the report by first-class mail upon the proposed ward and the proposed ward's legal counsel and guardian ad litem, if appointed.

(5) The report shall be signed under oath by the ~~physician, psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker~~ evaluator and shall:

(A) State the circumstances and duration of the evaluation, including a summary of questions or tests utilized, and the elements of the evaluation;

(B) List all persons and other sources of information consulted in evaluating the proposed ward;

(C) Describe the proposed ward's mental and physical state and condition, including all observed facts considered by the ~~physician, psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker~~ evaluator;

(D) Describe the overall social condition of the proposed ward, including support, care, education, and well-being; and

(E) Describe the needs of the proposed ward and their foreseeable duration.

(6) The proposed ward's legal counsel may file a written response to the evaluation, provided the response is filed no later than the date of the commencement of the hearing on the petition for conservatorship. The response may include, but is not limited to, independent evaluations, affidavits of individuals with personal knowledge of the proposed ward, and a statement of applicable law. In the response, the proposed ward's legal counsel may also challenge the sufficiency and weight of the results and conclusions of the evaluation and written report and the qualifications, experience, or abilities of the person performing the evaluation."

SECTION 15.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-12, relating to judicial review and proceedings, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

(d)(1) The hearing shall be held in a courtroom or, for good cause shown, at any other place as the court may set. At the request of the proposed ward or the proposed ward's legal counsel and for good cause shown, the court may exercise its discretion to exclude the public from the hearing and the record shall reflect the court's action. The proposed

ward or the proposed ward's legal counsel may waive the appearance of the proposed ward at the hearing.

(2) The hearing shall be recorded by either a certified court reporter or a sound-recording device. The recording shall be retained for not less than 45 days from the date of the entry of the order described in Code Section 29-5-138.

(3) The court shall apply the rules of evidence applicable in civil cases.

(4) At the hearing, the proposed ward may also challenge, by appropriate evidence and argument, the sufficiency and weight of the results and conclusions of the evaluation and written report and the qualifications, experience, or abilities of the person performing the evaluation. The proposed ward shall have the right to present such evidence and argument regardless of whether the proposed ward's legal counsel raised such matters in a written response submitted by the proposed ward's legal counsel pursuant to paragraph (6) of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-11.

(5) The court shall utilize the criteria in Code Section 29-5-1 to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence of the need for a conservatorship in light of the evidence taken at the hearing. In addition to the evidence at the hearing, the court may consider the evaluation report and any response filed by the proposed ward. The burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner.

(6) If the court finds that the proposed ward has one or more developmental disabilities as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1, the court shall not find that there is a need for a conservatorship unless the evidence shows by clear and convincing evidence that, due to such developmental disability or disabilities and other factors that may be present, the proposed ward lacks sufficient capacity to make or communicate significant responsible decisions concerning the management of his or her property.

~~(5)~~(7) Upon determination of the need for a conservatorship, the court shall determine the powers, if any, which are to be retained by the proposed ward, in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 29-5-21 and whether any additional powers shall be granted to the conservator pursuant to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 29-5-23.

~~(6)~~(8) If the court determines that a conservatorship is necessary and the proposed ward is present, the proposed ward may suggest any person as conservator. The court shall select as conservator the person who shall serve the best interest of the ward.

~~(7)~~(9) In any procedure under this chapter in which the judge of the court is unable to hear a case within the time required for a hearing on the petition for conservatorship, the judge shall appoint an individual to serve to hear the case and exercise all the jurisdiction of the court in the case. Any individual so appointed shall be a member of the State Bar of Georgia who is qualified to serve as the probate judge in that county and who is, in the opinion of the appointing judge, qualified for the duties by training and experience. The appointment may be made on a case-by-case basis or by making a standing appointment of one or more individuals. Any individual who receives a standing appointment shall serve at the pleasure of the judge who makes the appointment or the judge's successor in office. The compensation of an individual so appointed shall be as agreed upon by the judge who makes the appointment and the

individual appointed, with the approval of the governing authority of the county for which the individual is appointed, and shall be paid from county funds. All fees collected for the service of the appointed individual shall be paid into the general funds of the county."

SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-14, relating to appointment of emergency conservator and requirements of petition, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) as follows:

"(d)(1) The petition shall be sworn to by two or more petitioners or shall be supported by an affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, or, if the proposed ward is a patient in any federal medical facility in which such a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker is not available, a physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker authorized to practice in ~~that~~ such federal facility."

SECTION 17.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-15, relating to review of petition, dismissal, and requirements of court upon finding need for emergency conservator, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) If the court determines that there is probable cause to believe that the proposed ward is in need of an emergency conservator, the court shall:

(1) Immediately appoint legal counsel to represent the proposed ward at the emergency hearing, which counsel may be the same counsel who is appointed to represent the proposed ward in the hearing on the petition for guardianship or conservatorship, if any such petition has been filed, and shall inform counsel of the appointment;

(2) Order an emergency hearing to be conducted not sooner than three days nor later than five days after the filing of the petition;

(3) Order an evaluation of the proposed ward by ~~a physician~~ an evaluator who shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, other than the physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional

counselor, or licensed clinical social worker who completed the affidavit attached to the petition pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-10~~, to~~. Such evaluation shall be conducted within 72 hours of the time such order was issued, and a written report ~~to~~ shall be furnished to the court and made available to the parties within ~~72 hours~~ such time, which evaluation and report shall be governed by the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section ~~29-5-14~~ 29-5-11;

(4) Immediately notify the proposed ward of the proceedings by service of all pleadings on the proposed ward, which notice shall:

(A) Be served personally on the proposed ward by an officer of the court and shall not be served by mail;

(B) Inform the proposed ward that a petition has been filed to have an emergency conservator appointed for the proposed ward, that the proposed ward has the right to attend any hearing that is held, and that, if an emergency conservator is appointed, the proposed ward may lose important rights to control the management of the proposed ward's property;

(C) Inform the proposed ward of the place and time at which the proposed ward shall submit to the evaluation provided for by paragraph (3) of this subsection;

(D) Inform the proposed ward of the appointment of legal counsel; and

(E) Inform the proposed ward of the date and time of the hearing on the emergency conservatorship; and

(5) Appoint an emergency conservator to serve until the emergency hearing, with or without prior notice to the proposed ward, if the threatened risk is so immediate and the potential harm so irreparable that any delay is unreasonable and the existence of the threatened risk and potential for irreparable harm is certified by the affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker; provided, however, that, pending the emergency hearing, the court shall order that no withdrawals may be made from any account on the authority of the proposed ward's signature without the court's prior approval and that the emergency conservator shall not expend any funds of the proposed ward without prior court approval. Appointment of an emergency conservator under this paragraph is not a final determination of the proposed ward's need for a nonemergency conservator. Any emergency conservator appointed under this paragraph shall have only those powers and duties specifically enumerated in the letters of emergency conservatorship; such powers and duties shall not exceed those absolutely necessary to respond to the immediate threatened risk to the ward; and such powers and duties shall be subject to the limitations provided in this paragraph regarding the expenditures of funds of the ward."

SECTION 18.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 29-5-16, relating to emergency conservatorship hearing and limitations on powers of emergency conservator, as follows:

"29-5-16.

(a) The court shall conduct the emergency conservatorship hearing at the time and date set forth in its order to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence of the need for an emergency conservatorship in light of the evidence taken at the hearing. In addition to the evidence at the hearing, the court may consider the evaluation report and any response filed by the proposed ward. The proposed ward may also challenge, by appropriate evidence and argument, the sufficiency and weight of the results and conclusions of the evaluation and written report and the qualifications, experience, or abilities of the person performing the evaluation. The burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner. Upon the consent of the petitioner and the proposed ward, the court may grant a continuance of the case for a period not to exceed 30 days.

(b) If the court at the emergency hearing finds that an emergency conservatorship is necessary, the court shall order the emergency conservatorship; provided, however, that:

(1) Any emergency conservator shall have only those powers and duties specifically enumerated in the letters of emergency conservatorship and the powers and duties shall not exceed those absolutely necessary to respond to the immediate threatened risk to the ward;

(2) The court may order the emergency conservator to make any report the court requires;

(3) If the court finds that the proposed ward has one or more developmental disabilities as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1, the court shall not find that there is a need for an emergency conservatorship unless the evidence shows by clear and convincing evidence that, due to such developmental disability or disabilities and other factors that may be present, the proposed ward lacks sufficient capacity to make or communicate significant responsible decisions concerning the management of his or her property and there is an immediate and substantial risk of irreparable waste or dissipation of the proposed ward's property unless an emergency conservator is appointed; and

~~(3)~~(4) The emergency conservatorship shall terminate on the earliest of:

(A) The court's removal of the emergency conservator, with or without cause;

(B) The effective date of the appointment of a conservator;

(C) Unless otherwise specified in the order of dismissal, the dismissal of a petition for appointment of a conservator;

(D) The date specified for the termination in the order appointing the emergency conservator; or

(E) Sixty days from the date of appointment of the emergency conservator."

SECTION 19.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-23, relating to authority of conservator and cooperation with guardian or other interested parties, by revising paragraph (13) of subsection (a) and paragraph (5) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(13) Compromise any contested or doubtful claim for or against the ward if the proposed gross settlement ~~as defined in Code Section 29-3-3~~ is in the amount of $25,000.00 or less, provided that, for purposes of this paragraph, the term 'gross settlement' means the present value of all amounts paid or to be paid in settlement of the claim, including cash, medical expenses, expenses of litigation, attorney's fees, and any amounts allocated to a structured settlement or other similar financial arrangement; and"

"(5) To compromise a contested or doubtful claim for or against the ward if the proposed gross settlement ~~as defined in Code Section 29-3-3~~ is more than $25,000.00, provided that, for purposes of this paragraph, the term 'gross settlement' means the present value of all amounts paid or to be paid in settlement of the claim, including cash, medical expenses, expenses of litigation, attorney's fees, and any amounts allocated to a structured settlement or other similar financial arrangement;"

SECTION 20.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-71, relating to modification of conservatorship, contents of petition for modification, and burden of proof, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) If the petition for modification alleges a significant change in the capacity of the ward, it must be supported either by the affidavits of two persons who have knowledge of the ward, one of whom may be the petitioner, or of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, setting forth the supporting facts and determinations. If, after reviewing the petition and the affidavits, the court determines that there is no probable cause to believe that there has been a significant change in the capacity of the ward, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall order that an evaluation be conducted, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-11. If, after reviewing the evaluation report, the court finds that there is no probable cause to believe that there has been a significant change in the capacity of the ward, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall schedule a hearing, with such notice as the court deems appropriate."

SECTION 21.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-72, relating to termination of conservatorship, required evidence to support, burden of proof, and death of ward, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A petition for termination must be supported either by the affidavits of two persons who have knowledge of the ward, one of whom may be the petitioner, or of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, setting forth the supporting facts and determinations. If, after reviewing the petition and the affidavits, the court determines that there is no probable cause to believe that the conservatorship should be terminated, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall order that an evaluation be conducted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-11. If, after reviewing the evaluation report, the court finds that there is no probable cause to believe that the conservatorship should be terminated, the court shall dismiss the petition. If the petition is not dismissed, the court shall schedule a hearing with such notice as the court deems appropriate."

SECTION 22.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-110, relating to proceedings for appeal, appointment of guardians ad litem, bond and security prior to removal, liability of surety of predecessor conservator, and jurisdiction, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Pending any appeal, the superior court or a probate court that is described in paragraph (2) of Code Section 15-9-120 may appoint an emergency conservator with powers and duties as are described in Code Section 29-5-16; provided, however, that such emergency conservator may be appointed only upon the filing of an affidavit of a physician licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a psychologist licensed to practice under Chapter 39 of Title 43, a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 34 of Title 43, a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health licensed or registered under Chapter 26 of Title 43, a professional counselor licensed under Chapter 10A of Title 43, or a licensed clinical social worker, setting forth the existence of the emergency circumstances described in subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-14 and after a hearing at which other evidence may be presented. The appointment of an emergency conservator is not appealable."

SECTION 23.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 29-9-16, relating to compensation to physicians, psychologists, or licensed clinical social workers, as follows:

"29-9-16.

(a) For the evaluation or examination required by subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-11, subsection (c) of Code Section 29-4-15, subsection (b) of Code Section 29-4-42,

subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-11, subsection (c) of Code Section 29-5-15, or subsection (b) of Code Section 29-5-71, the evaluating physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker shall receive a reasonable fee commensurate with the task performed, plus actual expenses.

(b) In the event the attendance of the evaluating physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker shall be required by the court for a hearing under subsection (d) of Code Section 29-4-12, subsection (a) of Code Section 29-4-16, subsection (b) of Code Section 29-4-42, subsection (d) of Code Section 29-5-12, subsection (a) of Code Section 29-5-16, or subsection (b) of Code Section 29-5-71, other than pursuant to a subpoena requested by a party to the proceeding, the evaluating physician, psychologist, ~~or~~ physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker shall receive a reasonable fee commensurate with the task performed, plus actual expenses.

(c) All fees and expenses payable under subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be assessed by the court and paid in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 29-9-3."

SECTION 24.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 36.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

HB 37. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Ballard of the 147th and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conditions of employment in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide notice to employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for inclusion in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide notice to employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for inclusion in certain benefits, pension, or retirement plans; to provide for the payment of the costs of health insurance coverage for family members of local board of education members; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-55, relating to per diem, insurance, and expenses of local board members, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) A local board of education is authorized to provide group medical and dental insurance for its members who elect to participate. Such insurance may be provided through a group policy secured by the local school district, a group policy secured by several local school districts, a policy secured by an organization of local school boards, or in accordance with Code Section 45-18-5 providing for the inclusion of members of the local board of education and their spouses and dependents within any health insurance plan or plans established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. It shall be the duty of the board to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or plans. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a board providing such insurance shall pay no greater percentage of the cost of that insurance than the percentage of the cost paid as an employer contribution by the state for the health insurance plan for state employees pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45. The remainder of such insurance costs~~, and all the costs of any coverage for family members,~~ shall be paid as an employee contribution by the board member. It shall be the duty of the board to deduct from the salary or other remuneration of qualified members or otherwise collect such payment from the qualified members or dependents."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-219.1.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2025, and continuing thereafter, each local school system shall, upon hiring a new employee, provide such new employee the following:

(1) Notice of whether:

(A) Social security taxes will be withheld from his or her pay;

(B) He or she is eligible to be included in a plan with coverage for the benefits of Title II of the Social Security Act; and

(C) He or she is eligible to be included in any other pension or retirement plan; and

(2) If he or she is eligible to be included in one or more plans provided for in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, information regarding such plan or plans.

(b) No later than December 31, 2025, and at least once every five years thereafter, each local school system shall provide each current employee with the notice required in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) Beginning July 1, 2025, and continuing thereafter, each local school system shall notify each employee at or near the time of such employee's separation whether social security taxes were withheld from his or her pay during any part of his or her employment."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 37.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 150. By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Gaines of the 120th, Barrett of the 24th, Scoggins of the 14th, Carpenter of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding certain funding received from individuals or entities related to China; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require semiannual reports regarding certain funding received from foreign countries, entities, or individuals of concern; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Combating Threats from Foreign Countries of Concern Act of 2025 - Higher Education."

SECTION 2.

Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the university system, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-84, which is reserved, as follows:

"20-3-84.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Foreign country of concern' means a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4 in effect on February 4, 2025.

(2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means any organization, institution of higher education, association, corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern or a subsidiary of any such entity.

(3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any official of a foreign country of concern or any individual who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

(4) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange in excess of a cumulative total of $1,000.00.

(b) No later than January 31 and July 31 of each year, except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the university system shall provide to the Governor, the chairperson of the House Committee on Higher Education, and the chairperson of the Senate Higher Education Committee a report detailing all funding received by the university system from a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during the two most recent calendar quarters. Such report shall include:

(1) The amount of funding received;

(2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange;

(3) A detailed description of the government, entity, or individual providing the funding, including the name and address of such government, entity, or individual;

(4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding; and

(5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was a one-time event or part of a series of funding events.

(c) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or attending a university system program, class, or course of study. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Fleming of the 114th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 150.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	E Miller	N Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	Smith, M
Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP

N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 98, nays 64.

The motion prevailed.

HB 156. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Hilton of the 48th, LaHood of the 175th and Crowe of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to provide the Department of Transportation with authority over vertiports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 156 (LC 39 4638S) by inserting after* "definitions;" *on line 3 the following:*
to amend Code Section 48-13-50.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to revise the definition of the term "tourism product development" to include air service product expansion at air carrier airports;

By inserting after line 31 the following:
Code Section 48-13-50.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, is amended in paragraph

(6) by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (O), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of subparagraph (P), and by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(Q) Air service product expansion at air carrier airports."

SECTION 3.

Representative Jones of the 25th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 156.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
E Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	E Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

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April 4th, 2025

Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I would like to serve notice of my intention to vote NO this morning when the House moved to agree to the Senate amendment of HB 156 (vote number 410). If possible, I ask that the journal reflect as such.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Newton
House of Representatives
District 127

House of Representatives

415 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 4th, 2025

Bill Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I would like to serve notice of my intention to vote NO this morning when the House moved to agree to the Senate amendment of HB 156 (vote number 410). If possible, I ask that the journal reflect as such.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce Williamson
House of Representatives
District 112

HB 105. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Erwin of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-9-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability generally, designation of method of payment, and procedure for making payments, so as to increase the indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of workers' compensation, so as to require the State Board of Workers' Compensation to notify the Department of Administrative Services when the board has reasonable cause to believe that an injured worker is an eligible peace officer; to provide for a definition; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require a certain notification to certain peace officers who become disabled in the line of duty under certain circumstances; to provide for a definition; to amend Code Section 45-9-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability generally, designation of method of payment, and procedure for making payments, so as to increase the indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Daniel D. Podsiadly, Jr. Act."

SECTION 2.
Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of workers' compensation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"34-9-26.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'eligible peace officer' means any individual who is employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof; who is required by the terms of such employment, whether by election or appointment, to maintain public order or to make arrests for all criminal offenses; who is required by the terms of such employment to comply with the requirements of the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act' contained in Chapter 8 of Title 35; and who suffers permanent or temporary disability in the line of duty due to a direct interaction with a criminal suspect, arrestee, or inmate.

(b) In the event that the State Board of Workers' Compensation has reasonable cause to believe that an injured employee is an eligible peace officer, the board shall notify the Department of Administrative Services. Additionally, the board shall notify the injured employee of such belief and such notification shall include such appropriate contact information of the Georgia State Indemnification Fund and the temporary disability compensation program of Parts 1 and 2, respectively, of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45 and other information as shall be determined necessary by the Department of Administrative Services through the promulgation of rules and regulations."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-1-24.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'eligible peace officer' means any individual who is employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof; who is required by the terms of such employment, whether by election or appointment, to maintain public order or to make arrests for all criminal offenses; who is required by the terms of such employment to comply with the requirements of the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act' contained in Chapter 8 of this title; and who suffers permanent or temporary disability in the line of duty due to a direct interaction with a criminal suspect, arrestee, or inmate.

(b) Each law enforcement agency of this state shall notify every employee whom such agency has reasonable cause to believe may be an eligible peace officer of the existence of the Georgia State Indemnification Fund and the temporary disability compensation program of Parts 1 and 2, respectively, of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45. Such notification shall be given within ten days of such employee suffering an injury which may reasonably cause such employee to suffer a permanent or temporary disability. Additionally, such notification shall include such appropriate contact and other information as shall be determined necessary by the Department of Administrative Services through the promulgation of rules and regulations."

SECTION 4.

Code Section 45-9-78 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability generally, designation of method of payment, and procedure for making payments, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) For any compensable claim filed under this article, payment shall be made as follows:

(1) In the case of permanent disability, the eligible disabled person pursuant to this article may elect payment of $75,000.00 in equal installments over a period of five years or a payment in lump sum which shall consist of $75,000.00 reduced to its present value upon the basis of interest calculated at the rate of 6 percent per annum; and

(2) In the case of death, payment shall be made to the estate of a person who is eligible for indemnification under this article as follows: the executor or administrator may elect payment of ~~$75,000.00~~ $150,000.00 in equal installments over a period of five years or a payment in lump sum which shall consist of ~~$75,000.00~~ $150,000.00 reduced to its present value upon the basis of interest calculated at the rate of 6 percent per annum."

SECTION 5.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 6.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Wade of the 9th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 105.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D

Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 179. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the

Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appellate practice, is amended by revising Code Section 5-6-41, relating to reporting, preparation, and disposition of transcript, correction of omissions or misstatements, preparation of transcript from recollections, filing of disallowed papers, filing of stipulations in lieu of transcript, and reporting at party's expense, as follows:

"5-6-41.

(a) For any felony trial; for any post-indictment evidentiary hearing in a felony case excluding arraignments, guilty pleas, bond hearings, and any hearings in which no witness testifies; and for all proceedings in a case in which the prosecuting attorney has filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty ~~In all felony cases~~, the transcript of evidence and proceedings shall be reported and prepared by a court reporter as provided in Code Section 17-8-5 or as otherwise provided by law. In all other felony proceedings, the transcript of evidence and proceedings shall either be reported and prepared by a court reporter as provided in Code Section 17-8-5 or as otherwise provided by law or, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-41, in the judge's discretion, be recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts.

(b) In all misdemeanor cases, the trial judge may, in the judge's discretion, require the reporting and transcribing of the evidence and proceedings by a court reporter on terms prescribed by the trial judge, or, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-41, may require the recording of the evidence and proceedings via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts.

(c) In all civil cases tried in the superior and city courts, in the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and in any other court, the judgments of which are subject to review by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, the trial judge thereof may require the parties to have the proceedings and evidence reported by a court reporter, the costs thereof to be borne equally between them, or, except as provided in Code Section 5-6-41, recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice

and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts; and, where an appeal is taken which draws in question the transcript of the evidence and proceedings, it shall be the duty of the appellant to have the transcript prepared at the appellant's expense. Where it is determined that the parties, or either of them, are financially unable to pay the costs of reporting or transcribing, and the proceeding was not recorded by a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, the judge may, in the judge's discretion, authorize trial of the case unreported; and, when it becomes necessary for a transcript of the evidence and proceedings to be prepared, it shall be the duty of the moving party to prepare the transcript from recollection or otherwise.

(d) Where a trial in any civil or criminal case is reported by a court reporter or recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, all motions, colloquies, objections, rulings, evidence, whether admitted or stricken on objection or otherwise, copies or summaries of all documentary evidence, the charge of the court, and all other proceedings which may be called in question on appeal or other posttrial procedure shall be reported or recorded; and, where the report or recording is transcribed, all such matters shall be included in the written transcript, it being the intention of this article that all these matters appear in the record. Where matters occur which were not reported or recorded, such as objections to oral argument, misconduct of the jury, or other like instances, the court, upon motion of either party, shall require that a transcript of these matters be made and included as a part of the record. The transcript of proceedings shall not be reduced to narrative form unless by agreement of counsel; but, where the trial is not reported or recorded or the transcript of the proceedings for any other reason is not available and the evidence is prepared from recollection, it may be prepared in narrative form.

(e) Where a civil or criminal trial is reported by a court reporter or recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, and the evidence and proceedings are transcribed, ~~the~~ a court reporter shall complete the transcript and file the original and one copy thereof with the clerk of the trial court, together with the court reporter's certificate attesting to the correctness thereof. In criminal cases where the accused was convicted of a capital felony, an additional copy shall be filed for the Attorney General, for which the court reporter shall receive compensation from the Department of Law as provided by law. The original transcript shall be transmitted to the appellate court as a part of the record on appeal; and one copy will be retained in the trial court, both as referred to in Code Section 5-6-43. Upon filing by the court reporter, the transcript shall become a part of the record in the case and need not be approved by the trial judge.

(f) Where any party contends that the transcript or record does not truly or fully disclose what transpired in the trial court and the parties are unable to agree thereon, the trial court shall set the matter down for a hearing with notice to both parties and resolve the

difference so as to make the record conform to the truth. If anything material to either party is omitted from the record on appeal or is misstated therein, the parties by stipulation, or the trial court, either before or after the record is transmitted to the appellate court, on a proper suggestion or of its own initiative, may direct that the omission or misstatement shall be corrected and, if necessary, that a supplemental record shall be certified and transmitted by the clerk of the trial court. The trial court or the appellate court may at any time order the clerk of the trial court to send up any original papers or exhibits in the case, to be returned after final disposition of the appeal.

(g) Where a proceeding is recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, such recording shall not be considered the record of the proceeding unless it is transcribed and certified pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 15-14-5. Such transcript shall not be created if the recorded proceeding is also taken down and transcribed by a court reporter.

~~(g)~~(h) Where a trial is not reported or recorded as referred to in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section or where for any other reason the transcript of the proceedings is not obtainable and a transcript of the evidence and proceedings is prepared from recollection, the agreement of the parties thereto or their counsel, entered thereon, shall entitle such transcript to be filed as a part of the record in the same manner and with the same binding effect as a transcript filed by the court reporter as referred to in subsection (e) of this Code section. In case of the inability of the parties to agree as to the correctness of such transcript, the decision of the trial judge thereon shall be final and not subject to review; and, if the trial judge is unable to recall what transpired, the judge shall enter an order stating that fact.

~~(h)~~(i) Where any amendment or other pleading or paper which requires approval or sanction of the court in any proceeding before being filed of record is disallowed or sanction thereof is refused, the amendment, pleading, or paper may nevertheless be filed, with notation of disallowance thereon, and shall become part of the record for purposes of consideration on appeal or other procedure for review.

~~(i)~~(j) In lieu of sending up a transcript of record, the parties may by agreement file a stipulation of the case showing how the questions arose and were decided in the trial court, together with a sufficient statement of facts to enable the appellate court to pass upon the questions presented therein. Before being transmitted to the appellate court, the stipulation shall be approved by the trial judge or the presiding judge of the court where the case is pending.

~~(j)~~(k) In all cases, civil or criminal, any party may as a matter of right have the case reported by a court reporter at the party's own expense."

SECTION 1-2.

Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, is amended by revising Code Section 9-14-50, relating to transcription of proceedings, as follows:

"9-14-50.

All trials held under this article shall be recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts and transcribed by a court reporter, or taken down and transcribed by a court reporter, as designated by the superior court hearing the case."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-5A-14, relating to the employment and compensation of other personnel, as follows:

"15-5A-14.

The judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court may employ and fix the salaries of stenographers, clerical assistants, and such other employees as may be deemed necessary by the court; and the salaries therefor shall be paid by the clerk from the amount appropriated by the General Assembly for such purposes. Except as provided in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judge may also provide for the recording of cases via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the Georgia State-wide Business Court."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-7-47, relating to court reporters, waiver, and compensation relative to state courts, as follows:

"(a) State courts shall make available for the reporting of civil and criminal trials a court reporter, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, or a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia ~~Court reporting personnel shall be made available for the reporting of civil and criminal trials in state courts~~, subject to the laws governing same in the superior courts of this state, or both. Except as provided in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judge shall have discretion as to whether to use a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22."

SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 15-12-83, relating to oath of court reporter attending grand jury proceeding, compensation, and role and responsibilities, to read as follows:

"(f) The district attorney may utilize a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by

order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts to record grand jury proceedings.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, a recording, any court reporter's notes, and any transcript prepared from such recording or notes shall be provided solely to the district attorney, who shall retain control of such recording, notes, and transcript. The district attorney may use such materials to the extent such use is appropriate to the proper performance of his or her official duties, including compliance with Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 17."

SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-14-1, relating to power of superior court judges to appoint and remove, oath, and duties, as follows:

"15-14-1.

The judges of the superior courts shall have power to appoint and, at their pleasure, to remove a court reporter, as defined in ~~Article 2 of this chapter~~ Code Section 15-14-22, for the courts of their respective circuits. The court reporter, before entering on the duties of the court reporter's office, shall be duly sworn in open court to perform faithfully all the duties required of the court reporter by law. It shall be the court reporter's duty to attend all courts in the circuit for which such court reporter is appointed and, when directed by the judge, to record exactly and truly or take stenographic notes of the testimony and proceedings in the case tried, except the arguments of counsel. Except as provided for in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judges may provide for the recording of cases and proceedings via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia when such recording is authorized pursuant to Code Section 5-6-41."

SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-14-2, relating to power of city court judges to appoint and compensation, as follows:

"(a) The judges of the city courts of this state having concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts of this state to try misdemeanor cases and to try civil cases where the amount involved exceeds $500.00, where not otherwise specifically provided for by law, may appoint an official court reporter, as defined in ~~Article 2 of this chapter~~ Code Section 15-14-22, whose compensation for reporting criminal and civil cases and for attendance upon court shall be the same as provided by the Judicial Council pursuant to Code Section 15-5-21. Except as provided in subsection (k) of Code Section 5-6-41, the judges may also provide for the recording of cases via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts. The court reporter reporting and transcribing civil cases shall be paid by the party or parties requesting the reporting or transcribing."

SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-14-5, relating to duty to transcribe and certificate, as follows:

"15-14-5.

(a) It shall be the duty of each court reporter to transcribe the evidence and other proceedings of which he has taken notes as provided by law whenever requested so to do by counsel for any party to such case and upon being paid the legal fees for such transcripts. The reporter, upon delivering the transcript to such counsel, shall affix thereto a certificate signed by him or her reciting that the transcript is true, complete, and correct. Subject only to the right of the trial judge to change or require the correction of the transcript, the transcript so certified shall be presumed to be true, complete, and correct.

(b) When a court proceeding has been recorded via a digital recording system, as defined in Code Section 15-14-22, and as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts, if requested or required by law, a transcript shall be prepared by a certified court reporter. If a court reporter receives such recording from the court, the court reporter shall transcribe the recording completely and accurately in accordance with rules promulgated by the Judicial Council of Georgia or any applicable uniform rules. The court reporter, upon delivering the transcript to the requesting party or upon filing it with the clerk, shall affix thereto a signed certificate reciting that the transcript is true, complete, and correct. Subject only to the right of the trial judge to change or require the correction of the transcript, a transcript so certified shall be presumed to be true, complete, and correct."

SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-14-22, relating to definitions relative to training and certification of court reporters, as follows:

"15-14-22.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Board of Court Reporting of the Judicial Council.

(2) 'Certified court reporter' means any person certified under this article to practice verbatim reporting.

(3) 'Court reporter' means any person who is engaged in the practice of court reporting as a profession as defined in this article. ~~The term 'court reporter'~~ Such term shall include not only those who actually report judicial proceedings in courts but also those who make verbatim records as ~~defined~~ described in paragraph (4) of this Code section.

(4) 'Court reporting' means the making of a verbatim record by means of manual shorthand, machine shorthand, closed microphone voice dictation silencer, or by other means of personal verbatim reporting of any testimony given under oath before, or for submission to, any court, referee, or court examiner or any board, commission, or other body created by statute, or by the Constitution of this state or in any other proceeding where a verbatim record is required. The taking of a deposition is the making of a

verbatim record as ~~defined~~ described in this article. Such term shall not include the operation of a digital recording system aside from those methods of making a verbatim record that require the passage of an examination accepted by the board pursuant to Code Section 15-14-30.

(5) 'Digital recording system' means any method for creating an electronic audio or audiovisual recording of a court proceeding for the purpose of creating a verbatim transcript as provided for by uniform court rules adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Smith of the 18th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 179.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 197. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Kelley of the 16th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cooper of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail the effort that shall be made by treating health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail the effort that shall be made by treating health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(5) In any instances where the private review agent or utilization review entity is questioning the medical necessity of care, the treating health care provider, or such provider's appropriately qualified designee, shall be able to discuss the plan of treatment with a clinical peer trained in a related specialty and no adverse determination shall be made by the private review agent or utilization review entity until an effort has been made to discuss the patient's care with the patient's treating provider, or such provider's appropriately qualified designee who shall be familiar with the patient's case, during normal working hours. Such effort shall include contacting the treating provider or his or her designee, implementing a callback telecommunications system, or the use of a public website whereby such provider or designee may elect to receive a scheduled communication at a later time in the event that a clinical peer is not available. In the event of an adverse determination, notice to the provider will specify the reasons for the review determination;"

SECTION 2.

Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-46-20.1.

(a) Each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers' performance and adherence to evidence based medicine. Such program shall promote quality, affordable healthcare and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for both the insurer and the healthcare provider.

(b) Criteria for participation by healthcare providers and the healthcare services included in the program shall be at the discretion of the insurer; provided, however, that such insurer shall submit to the department a filing concerning such program. Such filing shall include a full narrative description of the program, the criteria for participation in the program, a list of the procedures and services subject to the program, the number of healthcare providers participating in the program, and any other information deemed necessary by the department.

(c) No later than July 1, 2026, each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall make the filing provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, and such filing shall be submitted annually in a form and manner provided for by rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026, and shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hawkins of the 27th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 197.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
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Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 162, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 217. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Martin of the 49th, Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, so as to make the Dual Achievement Program a permanent state-wide program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 217 (LC 61 0210S) by deleting* "Chapter 4 of" *on line 1.*

By deleting "vocational, technical, and adult" *on line 2 and inserting after* "so as" *the following:*
to update provisions relating to ineligibility for election to a local board of education; to provide for the education savings authority to make limited disclosures to the Department of Revenue for purposes of verifying income as compared to income thresholds;

By replacing lines 11 through 13 with the following:
Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in Code Section 20-2-51, relating to election of local board of education members, persons ineligible to be members of superintendent, ineligibility for local boards of education, and ineligibility for other elective offices, by revising subparagraph (c)(4)(B) as follows:

"(B) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-244, in local school systems in which the ~~initial fall~~ current enrollment count conducted ~~in 2009~~ pursuant to Code Section 20-2-160 does not exceed a full-time equivalent count of 2,800, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to waive this paragraph upon the request of a local board of education or an individual attempting to qualify to run for local board of education member and in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of Code Section 20-2-244; provided, however, that prior to submitting any such request, the local board of education shall, upon its own initiative, or at the request of such individual attempting to qualify to run for local board of education member:

(i) Provide 30 days' notice of the individual's intent to run for office; and

(ii) Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of providing an opportunity for full discussion and public input on the issue of potential nepotism problems and other concerns with regard to such waiver. The public hearing shall be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of such hearing in a local newspaper of general circulation which shall be the same newspaper in which other legal announcements of the local board of education are advertised. The public hearing may be conducted

in conjunction with a regular or called meeting of the local board or may be conducted independently, at the local board's discretion.

The cost of such notice and public hearing shall be borne by the local board. The State Board of Education shall approve or deny a waiver request no later than 45 days after receipt of such waiver request, taking into consideration whether the benefit to the public would justify approval of the waiver. An approved waiver must be received by the local election superintendent prior to an individual's filing of a declaration or notice of candidacy in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 21."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-2B-5, relating to powers of the education savings authority, by revising subsection (b) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) ~~Pursuant~~ Except as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section, pursuant to Code Section 50-18-70, the education savings authority shall not disclose and shall keep confidential, in each case unless identifying information has been redacted:

(1) Records that include information identifying a student or former student by name, address except for ZIP Code, telephone number, or emergency contact; and

(2) Records that reveal an individual's social security number, mother's birth name, credit card information, debit card information, bank account information, account number, utility account number, password used to access his or her account, financial data or information, insurance or medical information in all records, unlisted telephone number if so designated in a public record, personal email address or cellular telephone number, or month and day of birth."

"(d) As necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the education savings authority or its duly authorized agents may submit to the state revenue commissioner the names of applicants for promise scholarship accounts or account funds or other benefits or payments provided under this chapter, as well as the relevant income threshold specified therein. If the education savings authority elects to contract with the state revenue commissioner for such purposes, the state revenue commissioner and his or her agents or employees shall notify the education savings authority whether each submitted applicant's income exceeds the relevant income threshold provided. The education savings authority shall pay the state revenue commissioner for all costs incurred by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this subsection. No information shall be provided by the Department of Revenue to the education savings authority without an executed cooperative agreement between the two entities. Any tax information secured from the federal government by the Department of Revenue pursuant to express provisions of Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code may not be disclosed by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this subsection. Any person receiving any tax information under the authority of this subsection is subject to the provisions of Code Section 48-7-60 and to all penalties provided under Code Section 48-7-61 for unlawful divulging of confidential tax information."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Chapter 4, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, by revising Article 6, relating to the Dual Achievement Program, as follows:

By redesignating Section 2 as Section 4.

Representative Hong of the 103rd moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 217.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
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Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	E Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 143, nays 22.

The motion prevailed.

HB 308. By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Wiedower of the 121st, Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; to provide for standards for registration of such vehicles; to provide for issuance of license plates for miniature on-road vehicles; to provide for an annual licensing fee for such vehicles; to provide for issuance of certificates of title by the Department of Revenue for such vehicles; to provide for equipment and operating standards for such vehicles; to provide local authorities with the power to prohibit operation of miniature on-road vehicles; to require posting of notice of such prohibition upon highways; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

Amend HB 308 (LC 39 4652S) by replacing line 8 with the following:
to provide a sentencing court with authority to order the installation of a device which limits the speed of a motor vehicle as part of the punishment for conviction of the offense of reckless stunt driving; to provide for procedures and conditions upon issuance of such orders; to provide for notification to the Department of Revenue; to provide for a penalty; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide that fingerprints shall not be obtained for offenses relating to operation of a motor vehicle with unauthorized levels of window or windshield tinting or unlawful installation of such; to revise and provide for a definition; to provide for the issuance of a refusal to sign citation; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 48-5-473 of the Official Code

By replacing "such vehicles" *with* "miniature on-road vehicles" *on line 11.*

By inserting the following between lines 200 and 201:
Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-390.1, relating to reckless stunt driving, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b.1)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'intelligent speed assistance device' means a device designed to be installed within a motor vehicle to actively monitor and prevent the operator from exceeding a preset speed. Such term shall not include any technology provided by the motor vehicle manufacturer as a component of a motor vehicle that controls or affects the speed of a motor vehicle.

(2) Upon conviction of a violation of this Code section and in addition to the punishment provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, a court shall be authorized to order the installation of an intelligent speed assistance device upon the motor vehicle operated by the offender during such violation when the offender is the

registered owner of such motor vehicle as shown in the records of the Department of Revenue. Such order shall set the maximum speed limit for an intelligent speed assistance device installed upon a motor vehicle at a speed limit of no greater than 20 percent above the posted speed limit. An intelligent speed assistance device shall be installed within ten days of the issuance of such order and remain on the vehicle for a period of time ordered by the court which shall be no less than six months. The costs relating to the installation of an intelligent speed assistance device upon a motor vehicle and any monitoring thereof shall be borne by the offender. Any court which orders an intelligent speed assistance device to be placed upon a motor vehicle pursuant to this subsection shall provide the Department of Revenue with a copy of such order. The records of the Department of Revenue shall contain a record reflecting that the motor vehicle shall only be operated when equipped with a functioning intelligent speed assistance device. The operation of a motor vehicle without an intelligent speed assistance device for which an order for installation of an intelligent speed assistance device has been issued pursuant to this subsection by the offender issued such order shall be punished as for a misdemeanor."

SECTION 11.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-8-73.1, relating to tinting of windows or windshields of motor vehicles, by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h) Any person who violates subsection (b) or (e) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that no fingerprints shall be obtained for a violation of this Code section."

SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-13-2.1, relating to signature on citations required, effect of failure to sign, exemption for out-of-state drivers, and electronic capture of signature, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A person who is issued a citation as provided in this chapter or Code Section 17-6-11, relating to display of driver's license in lieu of bail, ~~shall~~ may sign the citation to acknowledge receipt of the citation and of his or her obligation to appear for trial. The officer shall advise the person that signing the citation is not an admission of guilt and that failure to sign will result in the person having to ~~post a cash bond~~ appear for trial. If the person refuses to sign the citation, it shall constitute reasonable cause to believe that the person will not appear at trial and the officer shall write 'Refusal to Sign' on such citation and shall give the citation to such person. The officer may bring the person before a judicial officer or traffic violations bureau to post a bond as is otherwise provided by law."

SECTION 13.

By renumbering the remaining sections of the bill accordingly.

Representative Clifton of the 131st moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 308.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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N Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	N Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	N Parsons	Y Wade
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E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
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Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 104, nays 60.

The motion prevailed.

HB 567. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 155th, Hawkins of the 27th, Buckner of the 137th and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of

dentistry, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions and conditions; to provide for authorized practices; to provide for a referred dentist; to provide for ownership of documents; to provide for a limited number of dental hygienists to perform teledentistry under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to allow for coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, so as to authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exemptions and conditions; to provide for authorized practices; to provide for a referred dentist; to provide for ownership of documents; to provide for a limited number of dental hygienists to perform teledentistry under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to allow for coverage of dental services provided through teledentistry; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for the practice of dentistry, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-11-54.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Authorizing dentist' means a dentist licensed by and in good standing with the board and practicing in the State of Georgia.

(2) 'Dental hygienist' means a licensed dental hygienist in good standing with the board who meets the requirements to perform the specific dental hygiene functions permitted under general supervision under Code Section 43-11-74.

(3) 'Digital scan' means a computer generated replica of the hard and soft tissues of the oral cavity created with digital technology and enhanced digital photography.

(4) 'Direct supervision' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-l1-74.

(5) 'General supervision' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-11-74.

(6) 'Referred dentist' means a dentist licensed by and in good standing with the board practicing in this state to provide in-person dental treatment to patients receiving dental care through a teledentistry interaction under this Code section.

(7) 'Store and forward technologies' means technologies that allow for the electronic transmission of dental and health information, including images, photographs, documents, and health histories, through a secure communication system.

(8) 'Synchronous, real-time communication' means a live, two-way interaction between the authorizing dentist and a dental hygienist or patient permitted under this Code section using audiovisual telecommunications technology but shall not constitute direct supervision for the purposes of Code Section 43-l1-74 and the practice of dentistry in this state.

(9) 'Teledentistry' means the delivery of dental care through the use of synchronous, real-time communication in conjunction with and supported by store and forward technologies under the general supervision of the authorizing dentist when dental care is provided to a patient physically located at a site in this state that is different from the site where the authorizing dentist is physically located. A teledentistry interaction shall not constitute or be considered the equivalent of an in-person, clinical examination by a licensed dentist.

(b) No licensed dentist in this state shall provide dental care through teledentistry except under the conditions specified in this Code section.

(c) A licensed dentist who intends to provide dental care through teledentistry pursuant to this Code section shall notify the board of such intent and provide written documentation evidencing that such dentist has:

(1) A physical office for the provision of dental services in this state; and

(2) Established a referral relationship with a referred dentist who practices dentistry and treats patients in a physical and operational dental office located in this state.

Such dentist shall provide other reasonably pertinent information as prescribed by the board.

(d) Subject to the conditions specified in subsection (e) of this Code section, an authorizing dentist shall only be allowed to:

(1) Authorize a dental hygienist to perform the specific dental hygiene functions permitted under general supervision in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 43-11-74, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of this Code section;

(2) Prescribe a medication that is not a controlled substance for a patient receiving dental care through a teledentistry interaction;

(3) Authorize the performance of digital scans by a dentist or dental hygienist;

(4) Authorize the use of store and forward technologies to transmit patient records, images, digital scans, X-rays, and other relevant health information between the

authorizing dentist and a dental hygienist for the purposes of evaluating a patient's oral health condition and authorizing the performance of dental care permitted under this Code section. The authorizing dentist shall be the custodian of all patient records for the purposes of this Code section unless the patient is treated by a referred dentist. In such instance, the referred dentist shall be the custodian of the patient's records associated with the dental care the referred dentist provides to the patient, and such referred dentist shall furnish copies of these records to the authorizing dentist;

(5) Provide consultation to another provider regarding the patient's care; and

(6) Provide the following teledentistry services that are appropriately delivered without an in-person clinical examination:

(A) Emergency evaluation;

(B) Rendering second opinions; and

(C) Assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, and monitoring of a patient.

Teledentistry services described in this paragraph do not include orthodontics, delivering of dental appliances, or the supervision of a dental hygienist.

(e) Authorizing and referring dentists as well as those acting under their supervision shall be subject to the following conditions when providing dental care through teledentistry as authorized in subsection (d) of this Code section:

(1) Teledentistry services shall be consistent with how dental treatment is provided in person and shall adhere to the standards of appropriate patient care required in other dental care settings, including, but not limited to, appropriate patient examination, the taking and review of X-rays, and review of a patient's medical and dental history;

(2)(A) Initial consultations with new patients may be conducted via teledentistry, provided that the authorizing dentist establishes a bona fide dentist-patient relationship by reviewing the patient's medical and dental history and verifying the patient's identity and physical location to ensure the patient is physically located in this state when dental care is provided and shall obtain the requisite consent from a parent or guardian if the patient is a minor.

(B) An in-person clinical examination shall be performed immediately prior to providing or authorizing services or treatments to patients that are not reversible or that otherwise result in increased risk to the patient. For ongoing dentist-patient relationships, dentists shall strongly encourage patients to be seen in person at least annually.

(3) The authorizing dentist shall prepare a written authorization, which shall be given to the patient and included in the patient's record, providing the name and license number of the authorizing dentist and the name and license number of the dental hygienist treating the patient during the teledentistry interaction, as well as any other information the authorizing dentist or board deems appropriate;

(4) Prior to first performing teledentistry services, and at least annually thereafter, informed consent shall be obtained from the patient, or from the parent or guardian if the patient is a minor, explaining the alternatives to and the capabilities and limitations of teledentistry, which shall include a written statement advising that a teledentistry interaction is not equivalent to an in-person clinical examination and that the

authorizing dentist shall not be physically present during the delivery of dental care. Such informed consent shall also be documented and included in the patient's record;

(5) The authorizing dentist shall provide dental services through teledentistry only if such dental services are appropriate for the patient, as determined by such authorizing dentist;

(6)(A) The authorizing dentist shall provide the name, license number, office mailing address, and office phone number of the referred dentist to the patient after each teledentistry interaction.

(B) The referred dentist shall accept a referral to treat all dental emergencies and provide all necessary dental care, as determined by and in consultation with the authorizing dentist.

(7)(A) An authorizing dentist may only authorize up to four dental hygienists to perform the functions permitted in subsection (d) of this Code section at any one time. This requirement shall not apply to the performance of dental hygiene duties by personnel of the Department of Public Health or county boards of health.

(B) A dental hygienist performing the functions permitted in subsection (d) of this Code section via teledentistry shall have at least two years of experience in the practice of dental hygiene, shall be in compliance with continuing education requirements pursuant to Code Section 43-11-73.1 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements contained in Code Section 43-11-73, and shall be licensed in good standing.

(C) A dental hygienist practicing under general supervision via teledentistry pursuant to this Code section shall maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with board rules and regulations; provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not apply to an entity covered under sovereign immunity;

(8) No authorizing dentist or dental hygienist shall attempt to waive liability for teledentistry services in advance of delivering such services, and no authorizing dentist or dental hygienist shall attempt to prevent a patient from filing any complaint with any governmental agency or authority relating to the provision of dental care through teledentistry; and

(9) The authorizing dentist shall ensure that the use of teledentistry complies with the privacy and security requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, in effect on January 1, 2025, as well as those of Chapter 33 of Title 31.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Require a licensed dentist in this state to practice teledentistry;

(2) Require a licensed dentist to authorize a dental hygienist to perform the functions permitted in this Code section via teledentistry;

(3) Require a school or facility receiving dental hygiene services provided pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of Code Section 43-ll-74 to purchase any equipment to provide dental care through teledentistry; or

(4) Expand the scope of practice for dental hygienists or establish independent dental hygiene practice.

(g) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations that are reasonably necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, is amended by revising Code Section 33-24-59.15 as follows:

"33-24-59.15.

(a) As used in this Code section:

(1) 'Care management organization' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-21A-2.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Covered dental services' means dental care services for which a reimbursement is available under a covered person's dental benefit plan, or for which a reimbursement would be available but for the application of contractual limitations such as deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, waiting periods, annual or lifetime maximums, frequency limitations, alternative benefit payments, or any other limitation.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Covered person' means any subscriber, enrollee, member, beneficiary, or participant, or his or her dependent, for whom benefits are payable when that covered person receives dental care services rendered or authorized by a dentist licensed under Chapter 11 of Title 43.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Dental benefit plan' means any individual or group plan, policy, contract, or subscription agreement which includes or is for dental care services that is issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state whether by a ~~health care~~ healthcare insurer, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, ~~health care~~ healthcare plan, or any other person, firm, corporation, joint venture, or other similar business entity that pays for, purchases, or furnishes dental care services to patients, insureds, beneficiaries, or covered dependents in this state.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Dental insurer' means any person, firm, corporation, joint venture, or other similar business entity that offers dental benefit plans in consideration of periodic payments.

(b) No contract between a dental insurer and a dentist shall require a dentist to accept an amount set by the dental insurer as payment for dental care services that are not covered dental services under the covered person's dental benefit plan.

(c) A dental insurer or other person or entity providing third-party administrator services shall not make available any providers in its dentist network to a plan that sets dental fees for any services except covered services.

(d) A dental insurer shall not draft, publish, disseminate, or circulate explanation of benefit forms that include language which directly or indirectly implies that a dentist may or should extend discounts to patients for noncovered dental services. Statements by a dental insurer which are prohibited by this Code section include but are not limited to, 'Our members value the services you provide and we encourage you to continue extending the discount on noncovered services.

(e) Any dental benefit plan issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, between a dental insurer, contracted vendor thereof, or a care management organization and a healthcare provider for the provision of healthcare services to a plan enrollee may provide coverage for the cost of dental care provided through teledentistry as directed through regulations promulgated by the Commissioner.

(f) A dental insurer, contracted vendor thereof, or care management organization shall not:

(1) Exclude a service appropriately provided through teledentistry from coverage solely because the service is provided through teledentistry and is not provided through in-person consultation or contact between an authorizing dentist and a patient; or

(2) Require its insureds to receive dental care through teledentistry in lieu of an in-person, clinical examination."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Dempsey of the 13th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 567.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	E Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn

Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 165, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

HB 582. By Representatives Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, New of the 40th, Hong of the 103rd, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 17, and 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, and evidence, respectively, so as to provide for defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim; to provide a privilege for participation in victim centered programs and victim-offender dialogues; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for civil immunity for facilitators in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 17, 24, and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, evidence, and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to provide for defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim; to provide for petitions for the opportunity to present such evidence; to revise provisions for the defense of coercion and to provide for the application of such defense in all criminal cases; to provide a privilege for participation in victim centered programs and victim-offender dialogues; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations; to provide for civil immunity for facilitators in certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; to provide for aspirational

language in such oaths; to limit the legal effect of any such aspirational language; to limit the crime of violation of oath of a public officer to codified oaths; to limit the violation of oath by a public officer to violations predicated on certain offenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Survivor Justice Act."

SECTION 2.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to justification and excuse under defenses to criminal prosecutions, by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 16-3-21, relating to use of force in defense of self or others and evidence of belief that force was necessary in murder or manslaughter prosecution, as follows:

"(d)(1) In a prosecution for ~~murder or manslaughter~~ any offense prohibited under Chapter 5 of this title, if a defendant raises as a defense a justification provided by subsection (a) of this Code section, the defendant may offer relevant evidence that the defendant had been subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, in order to establish the defendant's reasonable belief that the threat or use of force or deadly force was immediately necessary~~, may be permitted to offer:~~

~~(1) Relevant evidence that the defendant had been the victim of acts of family violence or child abuse committed by the deceased, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1 and 19-15-1, respectively; and~~

~~(2) Relevant expert testimony regarding the condition of the mind of the defendant at the time of the offense, including those relevant facts and circumstances relating to the family violence or child abuse that are the bases of the expert's opinion~~.

(2) Relevant evidence includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Evidence pertaining to the alleged victim's prior acts, including, but not limited to:

(i) Evidence indicating the defendant sought law enforcement assistance;

(ii) Evidence indicating the defendant sought services from a counselor, social worker, domestic violence program, or other relevant agency or service provider;

(iii) Evidence indicating the defendant sought medical attention;

(iv) Evidence of the effects of battering and post-traumatic stress disorder on the defendant; and

(v) Temporary protective order petitions, ex parte orders, and final orders in which the alleged victim is the respondent;

(B) Expert testimony, including, but not limited to, testimony as to relevant facts and circumstances relating to the family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such

acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, that are the bases of such expert's opinion; and

(C) Any other evidence the court determines is of sufficient credibility or probative value.

(3) Evidence introduced under this subsection shall be subject to Code Sections 24-4-401, 24-4-402, and 24-4-403."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in said article by revising Code Section 16-3-26, relating to coercion, as follows:

"16-3-26.

A person is not guilty of a crime, except ~~murder~~ for the offense of murder provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-5-1, if the act upon which the supposed criminal liability is based is performed under such coercion that ~~the person~~ he or she reasonably believes that performing the act is ~~the only way~~ necessary to prevent ~~his~~ imminent death or great bodily injury to himself or herself or a third person."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-10-1, relating to violation of oath by public officer, as follows:

"16-10-1.

(a) Any public officer who willfully and intentionally violates the terms of his or her oath as prescribed by law shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

(b) Any peace officer, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-2, who has sworn the oath or oaths prescribed in Code Sections 15-16-4 and 45-3-7 shall be subject to prosecution under this Code section only for violations of such oath or oaths as prescribed.

(c) No individual shall be subject to prosecution for violation of his or her oath of office under this Code section, except where such violation is predicated upon the commission of a felony or a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature."

SECTION 5.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 10, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 17-10-1, relating to fixing of sentence, suspension or probation of sentence, change in sentence, eligibility for parole, prohibited modifications, and exceptions, as follows:

"(f)(1) Within one year of the date upon which the sentence is imposed, or within 120 days after receipt by the sentencing court of the remittitur upon affirmance of the judgment after direct appeal, whichever is later, the court imposing the sentence has the jurisdiction, power, and authority to correct or reduce the sentence and to suspend or probate all or any part of the sentence imposed. The time periods prescribed in this

subsection require the defendant to file a motion within such time periods; however, the court shall not be constrained to issue its order or hear the matter within such time periods. Prior to entering any order correcting, reducing, or modifying any sentence, the court shall afford notice and an opportunity for a hearing to the prosecuting attorney. Any order modifying a sentence which is entered without notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided in this subsection shall be void. This subsection shall not limit any other jurisdiction granted to the court in this Code section or as provided for in subsection (g) of Code Section 42-8-34.

(2)(A) A person who is serving a sentence may submit a petition to the court requesting to be sentenced under Code Section 17-10-22 if:

(i) The offense was committed before July 1, 2025; or

(ii) The petition includes evidence that was not part of the record of the case at any sentencing hearing.

(B) Such petition shall be served upon the district attorney. The state shall file its response, if any, within 60 days of being served with such petition. The superior court shall, upon motion for an extension of time and after a hearing and good cause shown, grant one extension to the original 60 day period, not to exceed 180 additional days.

(C) There shall be a presumption in favor of granting a hearing on a petition filed pursuant to this paragraph unless the court determines that there is a lack of circumstantial guarantees of trustworthiness, an inherent unreliability of the facts asserted, or a deficiency in the factual allegations in the petition. If the court decides that the petitioner is not entitled to a hearing, the court shall enter an order denying relief and shall include written findings of fact outlining the reasons for such order.

(D) A hearing on a petition filed pursuant to this paragraph, if granted, shall be scheduled within 90 days of the filing of such petition or within 60 days of the deadline for the state's response, whichever is later. The state shall be given notice and the opportunity to respond at any such hearing.

(E)(i) If, based upon evidence presented at the hearing, the court determines that the petitioner has met the criteria provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-10-22, the court shall enter an order reducing the defendant's sentence pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 17-10-22.

(ii) If, based upon the petition or evidence presented at the hearing, the court determines that the petitioner has not met the criteria provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-10-22, the court shall notify the petitioner, dismiss his or her petition without prejudice, and enter an order to such effect. Such an order shall include written findings of fact outlining the reasons for such order.

(F) Any order issued by a court pursuant to this paragraph shall include written findings of fact and the reasons for such order.

(G) Any judgments pursuant to this paragraph shall be final judgments and subject to direct appeal by the petitioner and the state under Code Sections 5-6-34 and 5-7-1."

SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended in said article by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"17-10-22.

(a) At the time of sentencing, the defendant may present evidence that he or she was subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, and that such acts were a significant contributing factor for the offense for which the defendant is being sentenced. The rules of evidence shall apply to such presentation of evidence except that the following evidence shall be admissible:

(1) Hearsay;

(2) Character evidence;

(3) Evidence indicating the defendant sought law enforcement assistance;

(4) Evidence indicating the defendant sought services from a counselor, social worker, domestic violence program, or other relevant agency or service provider;

(5) Evidence indicating the defendant sought medical attention;

(6) Evidence of prior statements regarding the acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively;

(7) Evidence of the effects of battering and post-traumatic stress disorder on the defendant;

(8) Evidence pertaining to the alleged perpetrator's history of other acts of family violence, dating violence or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, including, but not limited to, temporary protective order petitions, ex parte orders, and final orders in which the alleged perpetrator is the respondent;

(9) Expert testimony, including facts and circumstances relating to the family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, that are the bases of such expert's opinion; and

(10) Any other evidence that the court determines is of sufficient credibility or probative value.

(b) The court shall impose a sentence as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section if the court finds that:

(1) By a preponderance of the evidence, the defendant was subjected to acts of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse, as such acts are described in Code Sections 19-13-1, 19-13A-1, and 19-15-1, respectively, and such acts were a significant contributing factor to the offense; or

(2) The best interest of justice and welfare of society would be served; provided, however, that such finding shall only be entered with the consent of the state.

(c) Upon a finding provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section:

(1) A person convicted of a crime punishable by death or by life imprisonment shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten years nor more than 30 years. In the court's discretion, the judge may depart from such mandatory minimum sentence when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such

mandatory minimum. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, such sentence may be reduced by any form of parole or early release administered by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or by any earned time, early release, work release, leave, or other sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections.

(2) A person convicted of a felony other than a felony punishable by death or life imprisonment shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than one-half the maximum period of time for which he or she could have been sentenced, by one-half the maximum fine to which he or she could have been subjected, or both."

SECTION 7.

Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating evidence, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to privileges relative to evidence, by revising paragraphs (8) and (9) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) of Code Section 24-5-501, relating to certain communications privileged, to read as follows:

"(8) Communications between or among any psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, licensed marriage and family therapist, and licensed professional counselor who are rendering psychotherapy or have rendered psychotherapy to a patient, regarding that patient's communications which are otherwise privileged by paragraph (5), (6), or (7) of this subsection; ~~and~~

(9) Communications between accountant and client as provided by Code Section 43-3-29; and

(10) Communications made in the context of victim centered practices or victim-offender dialogues as provided for in Code Section 24-5-511."

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in said chapter by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"24-5-511.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Facilitator' means a person who is trained to facilitate a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue.

(2) 'Party' means a person, including a facilitator, a victim, an offender, a community member, and any other participant, who voluntarily consents to participate with others in a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue.

(3) 'Proceeding' means any legal action subject to the laws of this state, including, but not limited to, civil, criminal, juvenile, or administrative hearings.

(4) 'Victim centered practice' or 'practice' means a gathering in which parties gather to identify and respond to wrongdoing, repair harm, reduce the likelihood of further harm, and strengthen community ties by focusing on the needs and obligations of all parties involved through a participatory process.

(5) 'Victim-offender dialogue' or 'dialogue' means a process in which the victim of a crime, or his or her surviving family members, and the offender who committed the crime meet in a secure setting to engage in a dialogue facilitated by a facilitator with the goal of repairing harm and addressing trauma.

(b)(1) Any communication or action made at any time while preparing for or participating in a victim centered practice or a victim-offender dialogue or as a follow up to such practice or dialogue, or the fact that such practice or dialogue has been planned or convened, shall be privileged and shall not be referred to, used, or admitted in any proceeding unless such privilege is waived. Such waiver may be made during the proceeding or in writing by the party or parties protected by the privilege. Privileged information shall not be subject to discovery or disclosure in any judicial or extrajudicial proceeding and shall not be subject to public inspection as provided by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(2) Parties of a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue may refuse to disclose communications relating to a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue and prevent others from disclosing such communications.

(3) Any waiver of privilege shall be limited to the participation and communications of the waiving party only, and the participation or communications of any other party shall remain privileged unless waived by such other party.

(c) Evidence that is created or discovered outside of the victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue shall not become inadmissible or protected from discovery solely because it was discussed or used in a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue.

(d)(1) The privilege afforded by this Code section shall not extend to a situation in which:

(A) There are threats of imminent violence to self or others; or

(B) The facilitator believes that a child is being abused or that the safety of any party or other person is in danger.

(2) A court, tribunal, or administrative body may require a report on a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue, but such report shall be limited to the fact that a practice or dialogue has taken place and whether further practices or dialogues are expected.

(e) The privilege created by this Code section shall not be grounds to fail to comply with mandatory reporting requirements as set forth in Code Section 19-7-5 or Chapter 5 of Title 30, the 'Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act.'

(f) No facilitator shall be held liable for civil damages for any statement, action, omission, or decision made in the course of a victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue unless that statement, action, omission, or decision is:

(1) Grossly negligent and made with malice; or

(2) Made with willful disregard for the safety or property of any party to the victim centered practice or victim-offender dialogue."

SECTION 9.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section 45-3-7, relating to oaths of deputies, as follows:

"45-3-7.

(a) Before proceeding to act, all deputies shall take the same oaths as their principals take and the oaths shall be filed and entered on the minutes of the same office with the same endorsement thereon; but this Code section shall not apply to any deputy who may be employed in particular cases only. A deputy sheriff may take his or her oaths before the sheriff and the oaths may be filed in and entered in the records of the sheriff's office.

(b) All peace officers, as such term is defined in Code Section 35-8-2, taking their oath of office on or after July 1, 2025, shall be administered the following oath:

'I, (name of person taking oath), hereby swear or affirm that I will faithfully, fairly, and without malice or partiality uphold the laws of the State of Georgia, as well as any ordinances which I am authorized to enforce, to the best of my ability and support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia. So help me God.'

(c) A peace officer may take his or her oath before the chief executive officer of the agency or any authorized judicial official, and such oath may be filed in and entered in the records of that agency.

(d) An agency may administer additional oaths that contain provisions not specifically prescribed and enumerated in this Code section; provided, however, that such oaths, and any language in addition to the language set forth in this Code section, shall be deemed aspirational only and of no legal effect in any civil or criminal proceeding.

(e) Sheriffs and their sworn deputies taking their oath of office on or after July 1, 2025, shall take the oath set forth in Code Section 15-16-4; provided, however, that any language in such oath in addition to the language set forth in such Code section shall be deemed aspirational only and of no legal effect in any civil or criminal proceeding."

SECTION 10.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Gunter of the 8th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 582.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
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Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Powell	E Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HR 7. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., was born in Whigham, Georgia, on July 28, 1952, the beloved son of George C. Trulock, Sr., and Dee Trulock; and

WHEREAS, he was devoted to his hometown and was elected to the Whigham City Council at the age of 22 and served many terms on the council before being elected mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trulock was a sergeant with the Cairo Police Department and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trulock was an expert gunsmith and developed a system that allowed fixed choke guns to be converted to accept screw-in chokes which came to be known as Tru-Choke; and

WHEREAS, he grew his business producing the Tru-Choke from a shop in his home to a company with numerous employees producing Trulock Choke Tubes with sales across the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trulock exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, the arc of a community's history is on rare occasions benefited by the public service of truly great men; and

WHEREAS, when these exceptional public servants intersect the arc of a community's life, it is appropriate and just that we recognize and memorialize the profound impact of these rare and treasured souls; and

WHEREAS, for the State of Georgia, and especially Madison County, Mr. R. George Strickland, Jr., is one such rare and treasured soul, who led a life of successful business achievement and devoted public service to his local community and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was born on September 26, 1945, to Robert G. Strickland, Sr., and Mae Ruth Echols Strickland; and

WHEREAS, other than the time he spent pursuing his education and serving his country in the military, Mr. George lived his entire life in Danielsville, Georgia, and learned from his parents very early in life the value of hard work and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George attended Madison County High School, where he distinguished himself as a member of FFA, a member of 4-H, and captain of the football team, and where he was named a Student Superlative for being Most Athletic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George graduated from Madison County High School in 1963 and then continued his studies, first at West Georgia College and then at the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George graduated from the University of Georgia in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, while at UGA, Mr. George joined the U.S. Army Reserves, in which he served for six years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from UGA, Mr. George worked for the Federal Land Bank Association; and

WHEREAS, after three years with the Federal Land Bank, Mr. George struck out to chart his own path in what would be a lifetime of distinguished achievement in business and community service; and

WHEREAS, fortunately for the State of Georgia and Madison County, Mr. George decided to make his mark as a resident of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George's accomplishments in the business world are too numerous to mention, but among his more notable achievements, he founded Madison County Hardware and co-founded Georgia Metals with his son, Robert George "Tripp" Strickland, III; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George and Tripp also operated Royston Rentals and the Ace Hardware Stores in Colbert and Crawford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George served his community as a member of the Danielsville City Council for eight years (where he served as Mayor Pro Tem for four years), the Madison County Tax Equalization Board, and the Madison County Board of Education, where he served for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was also an integral part of the civic community in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George served on the board of directors of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, was the charter president of the Madison County Jaycees, and was the charter president of the Madison County Cattlemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, due in part to his great concern for the youth of his community, he served as an Assistant Scout Master and coached recreational league sports for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George also received numerous honors and awards for his selfless devotion to his community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of a lifetime of successful entrepreneurship and dedicated service to his community, he was named Northeast Georgia Businessman of the Year in 2000, and the Madison County Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. George with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was a member of Leadership Georgia's Class of 1977 and Master of the John H. Jones Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George loved the Lord and, as a testament of his profound faith, was a dedicated member of Moon's Grove Baptist Church, where he served as an ordained deacon, and was a member of Gideon's International; and

WHEREAS, while he was making his mark in business as young man, Mr. George met the love of his life, Autumn Farmer Strickland, and they were married on June 27, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George and Autumn were blessed with two children, Robert George "Tripp" Strickland, III, and Amanda Strickland; a daughter-in-law, Carlton (married to Tripp); and three grandchildren - Emily Strickland, Robert G. Strickland, IV, and Henry Strickland; and

WHEREAS, despite a distinguished career and a great love of the Lord, his farm, and his community, Mr. George's greatest joy was his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George's earthly life journey ended on April 13, 2024, surrounded by his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George was a true gentleman to all he met and will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, such a distinguished business career and steadfast devotion to public service has been of immense benefit to the State of Georgia and Madison County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating in his honor a bridge in his beloved Madison County.

PART III

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., has long been recognized for his expertise as a mortician and funeral director and the compassionate role he has played during the most difficult time of a family's life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levett and his wife, Betty, founded the world renowned Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory in 1980, growing the business to serve over 2,300 families a year, employing 175 full and part-time employees, with four locations and an off-site crematory; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levett began mastering the art of funeral service at a young age after being introduced to the industry by his father, the late George W. Levett, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the Levett legacy of providing traditional, thoughtful, and dignified funeral services spans over four generations, with Dr. Levett passing on his knowledge and love of caring for others to his children, Gregory Bernard, Jr., T. Lanier, and Deana, who are all active in the daily operations of the business; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, DeKalb Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America, City of Decatur Public School Board Council, NAACP, Salem Gate Merchants Association, DeKalb Parks and Recreation Committee Board of Directors, Scottdale Planning Council, South DeKalb Business League, as well as the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Levett has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama for his volunteer services, Funeral Director of the Year from *American Funeral Director Magazine* in 2015, and the Robert H. Miller Funeral Director of the Year in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Levett family has donated over $2 million to institutions of higher learning, churches, hospitals, charities, and community organizations, with Emory Hillandale Hospital dedicating a reception area of the emergency department to honor Dr. Levett and his wife; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnny Floyd has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd completed Forest Ranger School at the University of Florida, had a long career in forestry at the St. Regis Paper Company, and started a family timber business in Cordele, Georgia, in 1969 called Floyd Timber Company; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives for 19 years, representing the citizens of Crisp, Dooly, and Pulaski counties and parts of Houston County; served as vice chairman of the House Transportation Committee; and served as a member of the House Appropriations, Banks and Banking, and Motor Vehicles committees; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his service with the General Assembly, Mr. Floyd dedicated 15 years to the State Transportation Board representing the constituents of Congressional District 2 which is the largest congressional district by land area and includes 29 counties; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the State Transportation Board, Mr. Floyd has focused on economic development for rural Georgians, mobility for commuters in urban areas, and the development of freight routes for Georgia's ports and logistics industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd has previously held the roles of chairman, vice chairman, and secretary of the State Transportation Board; is currently a member of several board committees that help guide the direction of Georgia's transportation network, including the Statewide Transportation Planning/Strategic Planning, Administrative, and Legislative committees; and serves as chairman of the Intermodal committee; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

PART V

WHEREAS, Mr. Samuel Micah Moon was born in Austell, Georgia, on March 30, 2007, the beloved son of Beverly La Fleur and Shendi Moon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moon was a STEM student at Lithia Springs High School, with an expected graduation date of 2025; and

WHEREAS, he had a passion for music and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, hiking, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moon's life was tragically cut short on March 4, 2023, when he was one of ten children shot at a sweet 16 birthday party in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, known for his amazing sense of humor and infectious smile, Mr. Moon will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Ms. Aj'anaye Hill was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 1, 2008, the beloved daughter of Chanell White and Louis Hill; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill was a loved and talented student at Lithia Springs High School, with an expected graduation date of 2026; and

WHEREAS, she had a passion for music and dancing and enjoyed making TikTok videos with her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill's life was tragically cut short on March 4, 2023, when she was one of ten children shot at a sweet 16 birthday party in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, known for her outspoken and fearless nature, Ms. Hill will long be remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

PART VII

WHEREAS, all residents of Georgia rely on the men and women who put their personal safety on the line to keep communities safe from harm; and

WHEREAS, peace officers in this state devote innumerable hours of their time, talents, and energy toward keeping criminals off the streets and uplifting their communities through their service; and

WHEREAS, peace officers exhibit devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in their duties; and

WHEREAS, fallen peace officers have given the ultimate sacrifice to this state and its citizens and deserve the utmost respect and condolences; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Trooper William Frederick Black, Jr., was a standout football player for Lanier High School, where he led the Poets to a state championship; and

WHEREAS, he went on to study aeronautical engineering at Auburn University, where he played basketball and football; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Black served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army Reserves and graduated among the first class of troopers in Georgia, with a badge number of 8; and

WHEREAS, while patrolling on Georgia Highway 41 near Ringgold, Georgia, Trooper Black's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty when he was shot during a traffic stop; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Black embodied the spirit of service and willingness to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, his first musical, *I Know I've Been Changed*, premiered at the famous Fox Theatre in Atlanta; in 2005, his first feature film, *Diary Of A Mad Black Woman*, debuted at number one; and in 2006, he released his first book, *Don't Make A Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries On Life And Love*, which remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry's comedic talents delighted audiences worldwide with the TBS series *House of Payne* and later with the series *Meet the Browns*, which were the highest and second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he revitalized Delta Airlines' former headquarters and opened a 200,000 square foot studio in Atlanta that employs hundreds of Georgians, and in 2015, Mr. Perry bought 330 acres of the former military base, Fort McPherson, on which he will restore and construct state-of-the-art facilities that will open the door for local business opportunities and job creation in the motion picture and television industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry strongly supports our state and national communities through charities such as Feeding America, Covenant House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, Project Adventure, Perry Place, and his own foundation, the Tyler Perry Foundation, which transforms tragedy into triumph by empowering economically disadvantaged youths, seniors, and families to overcome adversity by achieving a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART X

WHEREAS, Investigator Eric Anthony Minix was born in Covington, Georgia, on June 8, 1992, a beloved son of Mark Minix and Angela Mitchell and his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty on January 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Minix was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a dedicated investigator and K9 handler for the Coweta County Sheriff's Department where he exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART XI

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Foxworthy is one of the most respected and successful comedians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foxworthy is the highest selling comedy-recording artist in history, a multiple Grammy Award nominee, and the best-selling author of more than 26 books,

including *The Redneck Dictionary, The Redneck Dictionary II, The Redneck Dictionary III, How to Really Stink at Golf*, and *How to Really Stink at Work*; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 inductee to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, Mr. Foxworthy has his own comedy channel on SIRUISXM, which showcases the best in American comedy and has created multiple games that use his comedy material; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foxworthy hosted a live auction show called *What's It Worth* for A&E in 2020 and a FOX television game show, *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?*, for several seasons; and

WHEREAS, he has written several *New York Times* bestseller list children's books, including *Dirt on My Shirt* and *Hide!!*; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XII

WHEREAS, born on July 21, 1975, in Miami, Florida, Patrick Michael Sondron was the cherished son of Michael and Patricia Sondron; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Orange Park High School in 1993, Sergeant Sondron enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, he continued to serve his community through a career in law enforcement, starting his career in 1999 with the Fort Valley Police Department, adeptly serving on the Byron Police Department, and dedicating 13 years to the Peach County Sheriff's Office, where he was a sergeant for the patrol division and a member of the SWAT team; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sondron was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, a respected partner in law enforcement, and a kind, level-headed individual, Sergeant Sondron had a profound impact on the Warner Robins community, and his loss deeply affected the citizens of Peach County; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sondron exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, Deputy Daryl Wayne Smallwood served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a member of the United States Marine Corps, embodying the Marine values of honor, courage, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Smallwood was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement with the Dooly County Sheriff's Office, where he served with professionalism and honor for eight years, and he later served with the Crisp County Sheriff's Office and the Peach County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Smallwood's life was tragically cut short in November of 2016, when he took on gunfire while responding to a neighbor dispute call; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, the Honorable Sheila M. McNeill has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the nation; and

WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talent, and energy for 58 years to the Navy League, the only civilian organization dedicated to supporting the sea services of the United States of which includes providing support to the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and United States Flag Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, she served as the Navy League's 42nd national president, national vice president for legislative affairs, national director of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and a member of the National Maritime Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator McNeill was devoted to the betterment of her community and state as a Georgia Senator representing Senate District 3 from 2021 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished, Superior, and Meritorious Public Service medals;

the United States Coast Guard's Distinguished and Meritorious Public Service medals; and the United States Armed Forces Spirit of Hope Award; and

WHEREAS, Senator McNeill was the first female recipient of the Spanish Navy League's highest honor, the Golden Anchor Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART XV

WHEREAS, Trooper Chase Winston Redner was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Redner was born on January 5, 1993, the beloved son of Linda Stancil-Redner and Richard Redner; and

WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Georgia and graduated from the 103rd Trooper School with the Georgia State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Redner was a member of the Specialized Crash Reconstruction Team and exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Redner's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty on February 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martha Kay Tucker has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talent, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service for 34 years as the Chattooga County clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tucker's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Tucker was an active member of the Alpine Community Church where she taught Sunday school, led the youth group, organized Bible school, and maintained the live nativity scene for the Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, Mr. Cary Williams, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as an editor and publisher of the Greensboro newspaper, *The Herald-Journal*; and

WHEREAS, a leader of the Athens community, Mr. Williams' significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XVIII

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 38/Highway 84 from the East Whigham City Limit to the West Whigham City Limit in Grady County is dedicated as the George C. Trulock, Jr. Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Highway 29/ State Route 8 over South Fork Broad River in Madison County is dedicated as the R. George Strickland, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 155 from I-285 to Snapfinger Road in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr. Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 and US 280 in Crisp County is dedicated as the Honorable Johnny Floyd Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 20 and State Route 92 in Douglas County is dedicated as the Samuel Micah Moon Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 78 and Campbellton Street in Douglas County is dedicated as the Aj'anaye Hill Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from the Douglas County line to the Cobb County line is dedicated as the Peace Officer Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3 and Roach Hollow Road in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Trooper William Black, Jr. Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from Interstate 20 to Riverside Parkway in Douglas County is dedicated as the Perry Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from State Route 14 to State Route 54 in Coweta County is dedicated as the Investigator Eric Anthony Minix Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 85 from Mile Point 73.872 to Mile Point 75 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Jeff Foxworthy Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 49 over Interstate 75 (Exit 149) in Peach County is dedicated as the Sgt. Patrick Sondron Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 247 over Interstate 75 in Peach County is dedicated as the Deputy Daryl Smallwood Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 40 from Charlie Smith Senior Highway/State Route 40 Spur to Church Street in Camden County is dedicated as the Senator Sheila McNeill Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 400 and Whelchel Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Trooper First Class 2 Chase W. Redner Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 337 from State Route 48 to the Georgia/Alabama line in Chattooga County is dedicated as the Martha Kay Tucker Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 15 from mile marker 241.62 to mile marker 247.64 in Greene and Oconee counties is dedicated as the Cary Williams, Jr. Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., Mr. Johnny Floyd, Mr. Tyler Perry, Mr. Jeff Foxworthy, and Mr. Cary Williams, Jr.; and to the families of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., Mr. R. George Strickland, Jr., Mr. Samuel Micah Moon, Ms. Aj'anaye Hill, Trooper William Frederick Black, Jr., Investigator Eric Anthony Minix, Sergeant Patrick Michael Sondron, Deputy Daryl Wayne Smallwood, the Honorable Sheila M. McNeill, Trooper Chase Winston Redner, and Mrs. Martha Kay Tucker.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Jasperse of the 11th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HR 7 (LC 39 4801S) by inserting the following between lines 371 and 372:
WHEREAS, Chief Jeffrey E. Turner is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Turner moved to Clayton County with his family in 1978 and graduated from Morrow High School in 1982; and

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of West Georgia and a master's degree from Columbus State University; and

WHEREAS, after dedicating 20 years of service to the Clayton County Police Department, Chief Turner was appointed as the first African American Chief of Police for the department in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Chief Turner was assigned to the Clayton County Regional Police Academy as the Director and the first African American to lead the academy; and

WHEREAS, Chief Turner exhibits extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XIV

By inserting the following between line 419 and 420:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 75 from the Riverdale exit to the Tara Boulevard exit in Clayton County is dedicated as the Jeffrey E. Turner Highway.

By replacing line 426 with the following:
Perry, Mr. Jeff Foxworthy, Mr. Cary Williams, Jr., and Chief Jeffrey E. Turner; and to the families of Mr. George C.

Representative Jasperse of the 11th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HR 7.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook

E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 266. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Ballard of the 147th, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exempt from state income tax income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the House Amendment to the Senate Committee substitute to HB 266 (AM 50 0188):*

by striking "50" on line 92 and replacing it with "75".

Representative Sainz of the 180th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 266.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	E Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 40th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Open Rule

HR 347 Georgia high schools; establish flag football programs for girls; urge (SRules-Cox-28th)

Modified Structured Rule

SB 10 Superior Courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; additional judge; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Kelley-16th) Goodman-8th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 48 1626S)

SB 101 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; testing in the newborn screening system; require (Substitute)(P&CH-Clark-100th) Robertson-29th

SB 179 Education; the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided within five days; require (Substitute)
(Ed-Ballard-147th) Dixon-45th

SB 204 Criminal Procedure; offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; allow (Substitute)(JudyNC-Powell-33rd) Jones II-22nd
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2425S)

SB 207 Professions and Businesses; a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; create
(JudyNC-Smith-18th) Strickland-42nd
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 59 0181S)

SB 218 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Gullett-19th) Robertson-29th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2424S)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Representative Gullett of the 19th moved that the following Bill of the Senate be withdrawn from the Rules Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Rules:

SB 218. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,

relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to provide for exemptions for current and retired members, staff, and other employees of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination:

SB 260. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Brass of the 6th, Watson of the 1st, Robertson of the 29th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for membership and appointment of members of the authority; to provide for terms of the members; to prohibit employees and members from having certain interests; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for the authority's purpose; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for successor interests; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 2:00 o'clock, this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative New of the 40th District, Secretary of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 260 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ New of the 40th
Secretary

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 896	Do Pass	SB 234	Do Pass
SB 235	Do Pass	SB 332	Do Pass
SB 336	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House:

HB 136. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Blackmon of the 146th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cox of the 28th, Prince of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to expand the tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to allow such organizations to include as qualified expenditures wraparound and mentorship services for justice involved youth; to expand the wraparound services that are qualified expenditures; to provide for such tax credits to be used by certain insurance companies against insurance premium tax liability; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for reporting and public website requirements; to provide for certifying and decertifying qualified organizations; to provide for information sharing and limitations thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 709. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Demorest, Georgia, to exercise all redevelopment and other powers provided for under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 819. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Jasper County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 820. By Representative Washburn of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Jasper County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal,

mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 836. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Glaize of the 67th and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Coweta County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age but less than 71 years of age, $60,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 71 years of age but less than 75 years of age, and $80,000.00 for residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or older, approved January 17, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 3501), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 7, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 4204), so as to raise the exemption amounts; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 838. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Glaize of the 67th, Jenkins of the 136th, Bonner of the 73rd and Dawson of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Newnan, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5160), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 849. By Representatives Greene of the 154th and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4422), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 28, 2010 (Ga. L. 2010 p. 3570) and an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5050), so as to rename the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 860. By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide homestead exemptions from Gordon County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are at least 65 but less than 70 years of age and in the amount of $100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga.

L. 2006, p. 4533), so as to increase said homestead exemption for residents who are between 65 and 69 years of age to $50,000.00; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee of Conference thereon:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following report of the Committee of Conference was read:

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON HB 68

The Committee of Conference on HB 68 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 68 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Matt Hatchett
Honorable Matt Hatchett
Representative, 155th District

/s/ Jan Jones
Honorable Jan Jones
Representative, 47th District

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Blake Tillery
Honorable Blake Tillery
Senator, 19th District

/s/ John F. Kennedy
Honorable John F. Kennedy
Senator, 18th District

/s/ Chuck Efstration
Honorable Chuck Efstration
Representative, 104th District

/s/ Steve Gooch
Honorable Steve Gooch
Senator, 51st District

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 68
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
PART I
The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

HB 68 (FY 2026G)	Governor	House	Senate	CC
Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,711,205,201	$37,711,205,201	$37,711,205,201	$37,761,687,325
State General Funds	$32,467,130,891	$32,467,130,891	$32,467,130,891	$32,517,613,015
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,476,442,802	$2,476,442,802	$2,476,442,802	$2,476,442,802
Lottery Proceeds	$1,662,486,955	$1,662,486,955	$1,662,486,955	$1,662,486,955
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$148,615,900	$148,615,900	$148,615,900	$148,615,900
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,460,767,774	$22,479,320,988	$22,465,483,532	$22,472,994,184
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,575,119,256	$6,575,119,256	$6,575,490,851	$6,575,490,851
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595	$345,896,595

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$87,140,076	$93,241,269	$92,970,251	$93,241,269
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,345,504	$17,345,504	$17,345,504	$17,345,504
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,684,615,108	$12,698,932,272	$12,683,444,077	$12,690,683,711
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222	$47,852,222
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$55,774,355	$55,774,355	$55,774,355	$55,774,355
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$542,219,578	$540,354,435	$541,904,597	$541,904,597
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$398,775,158	$398,775,158	$398,775,158	$398,775,158
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$396,226,387	$396,226,387	$396,226,387	$396,226,387
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,988,467,723	$6,997,682,579	$6,999,475,340	$6,998,917,723
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902	$2,380,902
Reserved Fund Balances	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300	$18,434,300
Interest and Investment Income	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567	$11,922,567
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,546,173,687	$2,546,173,687	$2,545,981,304	$2,546,173,687
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$473,047,785	$473,047,785	$472,855,402	$473,047,785
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683	$578,084,683
Royalties and Rents	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315	$1,087,315
Sales and Services	$3,826,564,362	$3,835,779,218	$3,837,764,362	$3,837,014,362
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$932,209,091	$941,423,947	$943,409,091	$942,659,091
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799	$2,893,650,799
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907	$3,819,907
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,880,247,810	$5,880,015,729	$5,880,247,810	$5,880,247,810
State Funds Transfers	$5,874,846,517	$5,874,846,517	$5,874,846,517	$5,874,846,517
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$137,499,029	$137,499,029	$137,499,029	$137,499,029
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$16,284,617	$16,284,617	$16,284,617	$16,284,617

Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,136,198	$9,136,198	$9,136,198	$9,136,198
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	$89,935,038	$89,935,038	$89,935,038	$89,935,038
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
Agency Funds Transfers	$3,303,803	$3,071,722	$3,303,803	$3,303,803
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,303,803	$3,071,722	$3,303,803	$3,303,803
Federal Funds Transfers	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490	$2,097,490
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,160,440,698	$67,188,208,768	$67,176,164,073	$67,233,599,232
Changes in Fund Availability				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,574,980,974	$1,574,980,974	$1,574,980,974	$1,625,463,098
State General Funds	$1,124,391,265	$1,124,391,265	$1,124,391,265	$1,174,873,389
State Motor Fuel Funds	$274,976,802	$274,976,802	$274,976,802	$274,976,802
Lottery Proceeds	$102,213,046	$102,213,046	$102,213,046	$102,213,046
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$301	$301	$301	$301
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$162,683	$162,683	$162,683	$162,683
State Children's Trust Funds	($93,233)	($93,233)	($93,233)	($93,233)
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$91,711	$91,711	$91,711	$91,711
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$161,933	$161,933	$161,933	$161,933
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$216,665	$216,665	$216,665	$216,665
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$1,971,413	$1,971,413	$1,971,413	$1,971,413
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)
Fireworks Trust Funds	($64,523)	($64,523)	($64,523)	($64,523)
Transit Trust Funds	$5,592,384	$5,592,384	$5,592,384	$5,592,384
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,656,617	$9,656,617	$9,656,617	$9,656,617
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	($120,110)	($120,110)	($120,110)	($120,110)
Ambulance Provider Fees	($568,995)	($568,995)	($568,995)	($568,995)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$6,108,816	$6,108,816	$6,108,816	$6,108,816
Hospital Provider Fee	$53,192,475	$53,192,475	$53,192,475	$53,192,475
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$825,316,251	$843,869,465	$830,032,009	$837,542,661
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$451,858	$451,858	$823,453	$823,453
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$8,360	$8,360	$8,360	$8,360
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	($1,373,816)	$4,727,377	$4,456,359	$4,727,377
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$826,744,621	$841,061,785	$825,573,590	$832,813,224
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$1,204,432	($660,711)	$889,451	$889,451
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,010,000	$59,224,856	$61,017,617	$60,460,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$0	$0	($192,383)	$0
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$0	$0	($192,383)	$0
Sales and Services	$50,010,000	$59,224,856	$61,210,000	$60,460,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,010,000	$59,224,856	$61,210,000	$60,460,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$641,457	$409,376	$641,457	$641,457
State Funds Transfers	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376
Merit System Assessments	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081	$0	$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$0	$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,450,948,682	$2,478,484,671	$2,466,672,057	$2,524,107,216

Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

For informational purposes, the Department of Audits and Accounts has provided a report prepared by the Georgia State University Fiscal Research Center, which also relied upon the contributions of the Department of Revenue and Office of Commissioner of Insurance.

Prior to any General Assembly passage of additional bills in the 2025 Legislative Session impacting amounts of tax to collect in the future, the FY2026 Appropriations Bill reflects state funds revenue that foregoes over $40 billion in revenue due to federal tax code or Georgia tax code. Based on magnitude in estimated amounts, here are the highest-impact state code measures ranked in order:

$12.277 billion	1. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for All Service Categories
$4.862 billion	2. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Manufacturing – Energy, Machinery or Equipment, Industrial Material, and Consumable Supplies
$3.478 billion	3. State Individual Income Tax – Standard Deduction and Personal Exemption
$2.189 billion	4. State Individual Income Tax – Retirement Income Exemption and Exclusion of Federally Taxable Social Security Benefits
$996 million	5. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Food Off-Premises Consumption
$887 million	6. Film Tax Credit
$644 million	7. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Drugs Dispensed by Prescription, Prescription Glasses, Contact Lenses, Contact Lens Samples, and Sales or Use of Certain Controlled Substances or Dangerous Drugs
$367 million	8. Income or Insurance Premium Tax Credits – Low-Income Housing Credit
$358 million	9. State Individual Income Tax – Credit for Taxes Paid to Another State
$292 million	10. Insurance Premium Tax – Insurance Abatements for insurance companies with significant investment of assets in Georgia
$285 million	11. Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Sale of Georgia Lottery Tickets

Section 1: Georgia Senate

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
State General Funds	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468	$17,390,468
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,714,273	$17,714,273	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
State General Funds	$17,714,273	$17,714,273	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,714,273	$17,714,273	$18,015,468	$18,015,468
Lieutenant Governor's Office			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
State General Funds	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940	$2,146,940
1.1 *Increase funds for projected expenditures and growth of the field constituent program.*				
State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
1.2 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*				
State General Funds			$150,000	$150,000
1.1000 Lieutenant Governor's Office				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,196,940	$2,196,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
State General Funds	$2,196,940	$2,196,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,196,940	$2,196,940	$2,346,940	$2,346,940
Secretary of the Senate's Office			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
2.1000 Secretary of the Senate's Office				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
State General Funds	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243	$1,553,243

Senate			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
State General Funds	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285	$13,690,285
3.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*				
State General Funds	$273,805	$273,805	$425,000	$425,000
3.1000 Senate				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
State General Funds	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,964,090	$13,964,090	$14,115,285	$14,115,285
Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives				
	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595	$26,664,595
House of Representatives			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
State General Funds	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595	$26,039,595
4.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*				
State General Funds	$125,000	$425,000	$425,000	$625,000
4.1000 House of Representatives				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595	$26,664,595
State General Funds	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595	$26,664,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,164,595	$26,464,595	$26,464,595	$26,664,595

Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
State General Funds	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929	$22,388,929
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$22,538,929	$23,364,111	$22,564,111	$23,364,111
State General Funds	$22,538,929	$23,364,111	$22,564,111	$23,364,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,538,929	$23,364,111	$22,564,111	$23,364,111

Ancillary Activities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
State General Funds	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539	$14,574,539

5.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$50,000	$150,000	$50,000	$150,000

5.2 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds		$344	$344	$344

5.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$51,593	$51,593	$51,593

5.4 *Increase funds for the Office of General Counsel for the Senate.*

State General Funds				$350,000

5.5 *Increase funds for the Office of General Counsel for the House of Representatives.*

State General Funds				$350,000

5.1000 Ancillary Activities				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,624,539	$14,776,476	$14,676,476	$15,476,476
State General Funds	$14,624,539	$14,776,476	$14,676,476	$15,476,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,624,539	$14,776,476	$14,676,476	$15,476,476

Legislative Fiscal Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
State General Funds	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300	$1,430,300

6.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($29,899)	($29,899)	($29,899)

6.1000 Legislative Fiscal Office **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
State General Funds	$1,430,300	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,430,300	$1,400,401	$1,400,401	$1,400,401

Office of General Counsel **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

7.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations. (S:NO)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$700,000	$0	$0

7.999 ***CC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government. (S:NO)(CC:NO)*
***Senate**: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government. (S:NO)*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

7.1000 Office of General Counsel **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the provision of legal services for the legislative branch of government. (S:NO)(CC:NO)

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$700,000	$0	$0
State General Funds	$700,000	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$700,000	$0	$0

Office of Legislative Counsel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
State General Funds	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090	$6,384,090

8.1 *Increase funds for legislative operations.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

8.2 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds		$3,144	$3,144	$3,144

8.1000 Office of Legislative Counsel				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,484,090	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
State General Funds	$6,484,090	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,484,090	$6,487,234	$6,487,234	$6,487,234

Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
State General Funds	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165	$46,493,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,553,165	$46,553,165	$46,553,165	$46,553,165

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,456,717	$48,230,436	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
State General Funds	$48,456,717	$48,230,436	$47,905,532	$47,905,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$48,516,717	$48,290,436	$47,965,532	$47,965,532

Audit and Assurance Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
State General Funds	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788	$38,038,788
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,098,788	$38,098,788	$38,098,788	$38,098,788

9.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$1,691,518	$0	$0	$0

9.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$2,081	$2,081	$2,081

9.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$8,831	$8,831	$8,831

9.4 *Increase funds for three data analytics positions and three quality standards positions. (S and CC:Increase funds for two data analytics positions and two quality standards positions)*

State General Funds		$974,808	$649,904	$649,904

9.5 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$656,625	$656,625	$656,625

9.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

State General Funds			$0	$0

9.1000 Audit and Assurance Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State

of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to conduct performance audits; to perform special examinations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,730,306	$39,681,133	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
State General Funds	$39,730,306	$39,681,133	$39,356,229	$39,356,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,790,306	$39,741,133	$39,416,229	$39,416,229

Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
State General Funds	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771	$3,212,771

10.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$137,219	$0	$0	$0

10.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$133	$133	$133

10.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$567	$567	$567

10.4 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$42,150	$42,150	$42,150

10.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAA) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,349,990	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
State General Funds	$3,349,990	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,349,990	$3,255,621	$3,255,621	$3,255,621

Legislative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

11.1000 Legislative Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
State General Funds	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000	$2,243,000

Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
State General Funds	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606	$2,998,606

12.1 *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment and merit-based retention initiatives effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$134,815	$0	$0	$0

12.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$162	$162	$162

12.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		$689	$689	$689

12.4 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$51,225	$51,225	$51,225

12.1000 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,421	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
State General Funds	$3,133,421	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,133,421	$3,050,682	$3,050,682	$3,050,682

Section 5: Appeals, Court of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
State General Funds	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,408,003	$29,135,697	$28,019,779	$27,827,694

Court of Appeals **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
State General Funds	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028	$26,678,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028	$26,828,028

13.1 *Increase funds to annualize judges' salary increases. (H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session))(S and CC:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session) effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$1,569,513	$1,231,014	$784,757	$592,672

13.2 *Increase funds for phase one of recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff. (S and CC:Increase funds for recruitment and retention increases for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$676,918	$676,918	$338,459	$338,459

13.3 *Increase funds for phase one of recruitment and retention increases for court staff due to critical turnover. (S and CC:Increase funds for recruitment and retention increases for court staff due to critical turnover effective January 1, 2026)*				
State General Funds	$218,544	$218,544	$109,272	$109,272
13.4 *Increase funds for annual leave conversion payouts. (H:Increase funds for annual leave payouts)(S:NO; Recognize available funds for annual leave conversion payouts)(CC:NO)*				
State General Funds	$80,000	$80,000	$0	$0
13.5 *Increase funds for annual cyber security insurance premiums. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds ($35,000) for annual cyber security insurance premiums)*				
State General Funds	$35,000	$35,000	$0	$0
13.6 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds		($7,727)	($7,727)	($7,727)
13.7 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds		$7,201	$7,201	$7,201
13.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funds for server room and data closet five-year battery replacement.*				
State General Funds		($23,281)	($23,281)	($23,281)
13.9 *Increase funds for mandatory website updates required to maintain federal ADA compliance. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds		$90,000	$0	$0
13.10 *Reduce funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass in 2024 Legislative Session.*				
State General Funds			($16,930)	($16,930)
13.1000 Court of Appeals				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779	$27,677,694
State General Funds	$29,258,003	$28,985,697	$27,869,779	$27,677,694
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,408,003	$29,135,697	$28,019,779	$27,827,694
Section 6: Judicial Council				
	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865
State General Funds	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865	$23,545,865

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320	$2,329,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,002,552	$28,002,552	$28,002,552	$28,002,552
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,137,104	$26,490,719	$26,021,929	$26,262,541
State General Funds	$26,137,104	$26,490,719	$26,021,929	$26,262,541
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
Sales and Services	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320	$2,339,320
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,603,791	$30,957,406	$30,488,616	$30,729,228

Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
State General Funds	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767	$1,007,767
14.1 *Increase funds for personnel for one certification officer position.*				
State General Funds	$158,750	$158,750	$158,750	$158,750
14.2 *Increase funds for personnel for one participant services statewide coordinator position.*				
State General Funds	$159,375	$159,375	$0	$159,375

14.1000 Council of Accountability Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,166,517	$1,325,892
State General Funds	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,166,517	$1,325,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,325,892	$1,325,892	$1,166,517	$1,325,892

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212

15.1 *Increase funds for personnel and statewide contracts to strengthen statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services. (CC:NO; Utilize funds from services)*				
State General Funds	$168,950	$168,950	$0	$0

15.1000 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$168,950	$168,950	$0	$0
State General Funds	$168,950	$168,950	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212	$487,212
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$656,162	$656,162	$487,212	$487,212

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

16.1000 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
State General Funds	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596	$844,596
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203	$953,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799	$1,797,799

Judicial Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648
State General Funds	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648	$17,436,648
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,452,920	$20,452,920	$20,452,920	$20,452,920

17.1 *Increase funds to annualize the juvenile court case management contract.*

State General Funds	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000

17.2 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff. (S and CC:Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives for staff effective January 1, 2026)*				
State General Funds	$355,141	$0	$177,571	$100,000
17.3 *Increase funds for judicial security initiatives.*				
State General Funds	$340,086	$108,600	$108,600	$108,600
17.4 *Increase funds for personnel for three information technology positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel for two information technology positions)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for three information technology positions)*				
State General Funds	$427,416	$427,416	$259,805	$427,416
17.5 *Increase funds for Civil Legal Services for families of indigent patients. (S and CC:NO; Provide a report to the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by February 1, 2026 on the number of people served and outcomes of the program)*				
State General Funds	$209,500	$0	$0	$0
17.6 *Increase funds for grants to legal self-help centers. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$0	$0
17.7 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds		$4,893	$4,893	$4,893
17.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds		($758)	($758)	($758)

17.1000 Judicial Council			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,268,791	$18,476,799	$18,386,759	$18,476,799
State General Funds	$19,268,791	$18,476,799	$18,386,759	$18,476,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367	$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905	$888,905
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State Funds Transfers	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,285,063	$21,493,071	$21,403,031	$21,493,071

Judicial Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
State General Funds	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716	$1,411,716

18.1 *Utilize existing funds ($50,000) and increase funds for personnel for one staff attorney for the Hearing Panel.*

State General Funds	$117,614	$117,614	$117,614	$117,614

18.2 *Increase funds for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs. (S and CC:Transfer funds from Department of Law to Judicial Council for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs)*

State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000

18.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rental rates.*

State General Funds	$13,764	$13,764	$13,764	$13,764

18.1000 Judicial Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
State General Funds	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094	$1,593,094

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

19.998 *Transfer funds for the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council to Judicial Council.*

State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

19.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys*

and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

19.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to carry out the duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

Resource Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

20.1000 Resource Center **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

Georgia State-wide Business Court **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
State General Funds	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138	$1,945,138

21.1 *Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives. (S and CC:Increase funds for targeted recruitment and retention initiatives effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$60,772	$60,772	$30,386	$30,386

21.2 *Increase funds to annualize the salary enhancement per the Judicial Council's judicial compensation reform proposal. (H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session))(S and CC:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session) effective January 1, 2026)*				
State General Funds	$29,871	$50,478	$31,074	$22,271
21.3 *Recognize funds for operations.*				
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
21.4 *Reduce funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass in 2024 Legislative Session.*				
State General Funds			($635)	($635)

21.1000 Georgia State-wide Business Court			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support a state-wide business court in matters of resolving commercial dispute and litigation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,035,781	$2,056,388	$2,005,963	$1,997,160
State General Funds	$2,035,781	$2,056,388	$2,005,963	$1,997,160
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,045,781	$2,066,388	$2,015,963	$2,007,160

Section 7: Juvenile Courts

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
State General Funds	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748	$9,808,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,234	$9,876,234	$9,876,234	$9,876,234

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,808,748	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
State General Funds	$9,808,748	$9,810,645	$9,810,645	$9,810,645
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,876,234	$9,878,131	$9,878,131	$9,878,131

Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
State General Funds	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151	$2,026,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,093,637	$2,093,637	$2,093,637	$2,093,637

22.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$765	$765	$765

22.2 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$1,132	$0	$0

22.1000 Council of Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,026,151	$2,028,048	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
State General Funds	$2,026,151	$2,028,048	$2,026,916	$2,026,916
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486	$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,093,637	$2,095,534	$2,094,402	$2,094,402

Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,782,597

23.1 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$1,132	$1,132	

23.1000 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
State General Funds	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,783,729	$7,783,729
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,782,597	$7,782,597	$7,783,729	$7,783,729

Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723
State General Funds	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723	$124,772,723
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,012,526	$127,012,526	$127,012,526	$127,012,526
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$143,085,185	$138,534,108	$130,293,948	$131,005,428
State General Funds	$143,085,185	$138,534,108	$130,293,948	$131,005,428
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$145,324,988	$140,773,911	$132,533,751	$133,245,231

Conflict Case **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
State General Funds	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129	$1,652,129

24.1 *Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S and CC:Increase funds to provide for a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$83,457	$83,457	$41,729	$41,729

24.2 *Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support. (S and CC:Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$11,193	$11,193	$5,597	$5,597

24.3 *Increase funds for one conflict case prosecutor.*

State General Funds	$289,021	$0	$0	$0

24.4 *Increase funds for one conflict case investigator.*

State General Funds	$191,289	$0	$0	$0

24.5 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$827	$827	$827

24.1000 Conflict Case **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist District Attorneys in the execution of their duties when a District Attorney is disqualified from interest or relationship to engage in a prosecution per OCGA 15-18-5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,227,089	$1,747,606	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
State General Funds	$2,227,089	$1,747,606	$1,700,282	$1,700,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,227,089	$1,747,606	$1,700,282	$1,700,282

Council of Superior Court Clerks **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

25.1000 Council of Superior Court Clerks **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
State General Funds	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721	$190,721

District Attorneys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923
State General Funds	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923	$111,384,923
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,624,726	$113,624,726	$113,624,726	$113,624,726

26.1 *Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S and CC:Increase funds to provide for a revised pay scale and one-step increase for Assistant District Attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$10,148,567	$10,148,567	$5,074,284	$5,074,284

26.2 *Increase funds to provide year one of a revised pay scale to set District Attorney pay to $155,000. (H and S:NO; Review pay structure in conjunction with judicial salary restructuring plan implementation)*

State General Funds	$1,754,395	$0	$0	$0

26.3 *Increase funds for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support. (S and CC:Increase funds for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$828,030	$828,030	$414,015	$414,015

26.4 *Increase funds for one District Attorney, four Assistant District Attorneys, one investigator, one victim advocate, two secretaries and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (Session 2024). (S:Increase funds for one District Attorney, one investigator, one victim advocate, two secretaries and travel costs for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (Session 2024) and transfer funds ($926,892) for four Assistant District Attorneys from the Coweta Judicial Circuit)(CC:Increase funds for one District Attorney, one Chief Assistant District Attorney, one Drug Court Assistant District Attorney, one Juvenile Court Assistant District Attorney, and one Accountability Court Assistant District Attorney for the West Georgia Judicial Circuit pursuant to SB424 (Session 2024))*

State General Funds	$1,586,960	$1,563,960	$637,068	$1,099,017

26.5 *Increase funds for four Assistant District Attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit. (H:Increase funds for two Assistant District Attorney positions in the Coweta Judicial Circuit that were transferred to the West Georgia Judicial Circuit)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$903,561	$451,781	$0	$0

26.6 *Increase funds to annualize additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in Tifton and Houston Judicial Circuits.*

State General Funds	$201,409	$201,340	$201,340	$201,340

26.7 *Increase funds for three additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits. (H:Increase funds for three additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026)(S and CC:Increase funds for two additional Assistant District Attorney positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026 and recognize existing Assistant District Attorney position in Augusta Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds	$539,239	$269,620	$179,746	$179,746

26.8 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds		$149	$149	$149

26.9 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$19,197	$19,197	$19,197

26.10 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$21,446	$21,446	$21,446

26.11 *Reduce funds for one Assistant District Attorney position for a new judgeship in the Douglas Judicial Circuit created in SB347 (2024 Session) which did not pass.*

State General Funds	($79,076)	($79,076)	($79,076)

26.1000 District Attorneys **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$127,347,084	$124,809,937	$117,853,092	$118,315,041
State General Funds	$127,347,084	$124,809,937	$117,853,092	$118,315,041
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803	$2,239,803
State Funds Transfers	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Agency to Agency Contracts	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611	$363,611
Federal Funds Transfers	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192	$1,876,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$129,586,887	$127,049,740	$120,092,895	$120,554,844

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
State General Funds	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950	$10,419,950

27.1 *Increase funds to provide for year one of a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs. (S and CC:Increase funds to provide for a revised pay scale and one-step increase for attorneys to support recruitment and retention needs effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$218,694	$218,694	$109,347	$109,347

27.2 *Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support. (S and CC:Increase funds to provide for ongoing recruitment and retention of prosecution support effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$154,226	$154,226	$77,113	$77,113

27.3 *Increase funds for a Deputy General Counsel.*

State General Funds	$261,452	$0	$0	$0

27.4 *Increase funds to support Tracker Case Management development. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time development cost of Tracker Case Management System)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$490,000	$690,000

27.5 *Increase funds for personnel for one victim advocate. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$60,469	$0	$60,469	$0

27.6 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds		$5,320	$5,320	$5,320

27.7 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenses.*

State General Funds		($12,346)	($12,346)	($12,346)

27.8 *Reduce funds to reflect ongoing maintenance cost of repeat offender gang case management system.*

State General Funds			($800,000)	($800,000)

27.9 *Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of Tracker Case Management System.*

State General Funds			$200,000	$310,000

27.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,114,791	$11,785,844	$10,549,853	$10,799,384
State General Funds	$12,114,791	$11,785,844	$10,549,853	$10,799,384
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,114,791	$11,785,844	$10,549,853	$10,799,384

Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
State General Funds	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000	$1,125,000

28.1 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds	$80,500	$0	$0	$0

28.998 *Transfer funds to reflect the relocation of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualification Commission to Judicial Council.*

State General Funds		($1,125,000)	($1,125,000)	($1,125,000)

28.1000 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to address daily expense allowances to occur with the carrying out of duties associated with investigative and hearing panels on the conduct of district attorneys and solicitors-general, as well as funding administrative personnel and operations.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,205,500	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$1,205,500	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,500	$0	$0	$0

Section 9: Superior Courts

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009
State General Funds	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009	$92,156,009
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$92,237,134	$92,237,134	$92,237,134	$92,237,134

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$113,734,333	$108,249,773	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
State General Funds	$113,734,333	$108,249,773	$103,428,047	$103,428,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125	$81,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$113,815,458	$108,330,898	$103,509,172	$103,509,172

Council of Superior Court Judges			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

29.1000 Council of Superior Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
State General Funds	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532	$1,950,532
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532	$1,975,532

Judicial Administrative Districts **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

30.1000 Judicial Administrative Districts **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
State General Funds	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043	$3,487,043
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125	$11,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168	$3,498,168

Superior Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434
State General Funds	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434	$86,718,434
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$86,763,434	$86,763,434	$86,763,434	$86,763,434

31.1 *Increase funds for the employer contribution rate for Judicial Retirement System from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$808,538	$808,538	$808,538	$808,538

31.2 *Reduce funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit effective January 1, 2025, created in SB347 which did not pass during the 2024 Legislative Session but was funded in the FY2025 Appropriations Act (HB916).*

State General Funds	($218,555)	($218,555)	($218,555)	($218,555)

31.3 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Houston Circuit created in HB960 (Session 2024).*

State General Funds	$218,555	$218,555	$218,555	$218,555

31.4 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Tifton Circuit created in HB906 (Session 2024).*

State General Funds	$218,555	$218,555	$218,555	$218,555

31.5 *Increase funds to implement the Judicial Salary Restructuring Plan. (H and S:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB85 (2025 Legislative Session), effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$19,286,902	$14,465,177	$9,643,451	$9,643,451

31.6 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit, effective July 1, 2025. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Alapaha Circuit, effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$451,693	$225,847	$225,847	$225,847

31.7 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit, effective July 1, 2025. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Douglas Circuit, effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$451,693	$225,847	$225,847	$225,847

31.8 *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Augusta Circuit, effective July 1, 2025. (H and S:Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Augusta Circuit, effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$451,693	$225,847	$225,847	$225,847

31.9 *Reduce initial equipment set-up funds for the Atlantic Circuit new judgeship created in SB66 (Legislative Session 2023).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

31.10 *Reduce initial equipment set-up funds for the Coweta Circuit new judgeship created in HB243 (Legislative Session 2023).*

State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)

31.11 *Reduce initial equipment set-up funds for the Dougherty Circuit new judgeship created in HB77 (Legislative Session 2023).*				
State General Funds	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)	($30,250)
31.12 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds		$7,673	$7,673	$7,673
31.13 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenses.*				
State General Funds		$7,030	$7,030	$7,030

31.1000 Superior Court Judges			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,296,758	$102,812,198	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
State General Funds	$108,296,758	$102,812,198	$97,990,472	$97,990,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,341,758	$102,857,198	$98,035,472	$98,035,472

Section 10: Supreme Court

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,169,768	$22,112,499	$21,601,411	$21,482,160

Supreme Court of Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that

has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
State General Funds	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827	$18,968,827
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650	$20,828,650

32.1 *Increase funds to annualize agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered self-insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,589	$2,589	$2,589	$2,589

32.2 *Increase funds to annualize Georgia Building Authority (GBA) rental rates to provide for additional Capitol police security and operations.*

State General Funds	$13,343	$13,343	$13,343	$13,343

32.3 *Increase funds to annualize an adjustment to agency premiums for State Accounting Office (SAO) TeamWorks.*

State General Funds	$1,293	$1,293	$1,293	$1,293

32.4 *Increase funds to annualize funds for Georgia State Patrol (DPS) Trooper agreement with the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	$10,253	$10,253	$10,253	$10,253

32.5 *Increase funds for personnel to annualize salary enhancement to Supreme Court Justices' salaries consistent with Judicial Council proposal. (H:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session))(S and CC:Increase funds to implement new salary structure pursuant to HB86 (2025 Legislative Session) effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$668,437	$611,168	$485,863	$366,612

32.6 *Increase funds for phase one of a multi-year recruitment and retention plan for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff. (S and CC:Increase funds for a recruitment and retention plan for attorneys and professional staff with large disparities between current salaries and market values due to critical turnover of experienced senior-level staff effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$86,312	$86,312	$43,156	$43,156

32.7 *Increase funds for phase one of a multi-year recruitment and retention plan for salary increases for court staff due to critical turnover. (S and CC:Increase funds for a recruitment and retention plan for salary increases for court staff due to critical turnover effective January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	$459,781	$459,781	$229,891	$229,891

32.8 *Increase funds for a one-time information technology upgrade to the public electronic records (docket) to make ADA compliant. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$99,110	$99,110	$0	$0

32.9 *Reduce funds for judicial salary increase as legislation failed to pass in 2024 Legislative Session.*

State General Funds	($13,627)	($13,627)

32.1000 Supreme Court of Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588	$19,622,337
State General Funds	$20,309,945	$20,252,676	$19,741,588	$19,622,337
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823	$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,169,768	$22,112,499	$21,601,411	$21,482,160

Section 11: Accounting Office, State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
State General Funds	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311	$8,279,311
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,865,476	$34,865,476	$34,865,476	$34,865,476
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,389,126	$8,284,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
State General Funds	$8,389,126	$8,284,126	$8,434,126	$8,434,126
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
State Funds Transfers	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165	$26,586,165
Accounting System Assessments	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885	$25,993,885
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,975,291	$34,870,291	$35,020,291	$35,020,291

Administration (SAO)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804
State General Funds	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804	$370,804

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,284,176	$1,284,176	$1,284,176	$1,284,176

33.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$665	$665	$665	$665

33.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$384	$384	$384	$384

33.1000 Administration (SAO)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
State General Funds	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853	$371,853
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
State Funds Transfers	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
Accounting System Assessments	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372	$913,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225	$1,285,225

Financial Systems **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
State General Funds	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970	$5,970
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,433,165	$23,433,165	$23,433,165	$23,433,165

34.1 *Eliminate funds provided for 4% cost-of-living adjustments to reflect program being fully funded by TeamWorks billings.*

State General Funds	($5,970)	($5,970)	($5,970)	($5,970)

34.1000 Financial Systems			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.				
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

State Funds Transfers	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
Accounting System Assessments	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195	$23,427,195

Shared Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
State General Funds	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588	$966,588
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,830,374	$2,830,374	$2,830,374	$2,830,374

35.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,342	$1,342	$1,342	$1,342

35.1000 Shared Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
State General Funds	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930	$967,930
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
State Funds Transfers	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786	$1,863,786
Accounting System Assessments	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506	$1,271,506
Agency to Agency Contracts	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280	$592,280
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716	$2,831,716

Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
State General Funds	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025	$2,879,025
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812

Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,260,837	$3,260,837	$3,260,837	$3,260,837

36.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,793	$6,793	$6,793	$6,793

36.1000 Statewide Accounting and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
State General Funds	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818	$2,885,818
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
State Funds Transfers	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
Accounting System Assessments	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812	$381,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630	$3,267,630

Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
State General Funds	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612	$900,612

37.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,601	$1,601	$1,601	$1,601

37.1000 Georgia State Board of Accountancy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
State General Funds	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213	$902,213

State Ethics Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
State General Funds	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312	$3,156,312

38.1 *Increase funds for e-filing system maintenance. (H:NO; Utilize existing funds for e-filing system maintenance)(S and CC:Increase funds for e-filing system maintenance and retention of personnel)*

State General Funds	$105,000	$0	$150,000	$150,000

38.1000 State Ethics Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,261,312	$3,156,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
State General Funds	$3,261,312	$3,156,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,261,312	$3,156,312	$3,306,312	$3,306,312

Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814
State General Funds	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814	$19,983,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Sales and Services	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Funds Transfers	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299	$233,465,299
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$8,726,822	$8,726,822	$8,726,822	$8,726,822
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528

Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$306,425,659	$306,425,659	$306,425,659	$306,425,659

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,499,568	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
State General Funds	$21,499,568	$21,323,123	$21,323,123	$21,323,123
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546	$52,976,546
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122	$2,697,122
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961	$27,021,961
Sales and Services	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752	$4,450,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$233,874,675	$233,874,675	$233,874,675	$233,874,675
State Funds Transfers	$233,874,675	$233,874,675	$233,874,675	$233,874,675
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386	$52,103,386
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Merit System Assessments	$9,136,198	$9,136,198	$9,136,198	$9,136,198
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$308,350,789	$308,174,344	$308,174,344	$308,174,344

Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

39.1000 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
State General Funds	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506	$39,506

Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
State General Funds	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445	$176,445

40.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to purchase an annuity for a wrongfully convicted individual (HR161, 2009 Session).*

State General Funds	($176,445)	($176,445)	($176,445)

40.2 *Increase funds to purchase annuities for wrongfully convicted individuals pursuant to the favorable passage of HR128 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

40.1000 Compensation Per General Assembly Resolutions **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase annuities and other products for wrongfully convicted inmates when directed by the General Assembly upon passage of the required House Resolution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$176,445	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$176,445	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$176,445	$0	$0	$0

Departmental Administration (DOAS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160
Intergovernmental Transfers	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Sales and Services	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Funds Transfers	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851
Merit System Assessments	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

41.1000 Departmental Administration (DOAS)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
State General Funds	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000	$810,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160	$4,593,160
Intergovernmental Transfers	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370	$373,370
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586	$3,498,586
Sales and Services	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204	$721,204
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Funds Transfers	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745	$4,212,745
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851	$2,043,851
Merit System Assessments	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894	$2,168,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905	$9,615,905

Fleet Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

42.1000 Fleet Management				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.				
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160	$1,707,160

Human Resources Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
State Funds Transfers	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
Merit System Assessments	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928	$6,557,928
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,963,212	$13,963,212	$13,963,212	$13,963,212

43.1 *Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments based on increased statewide salary to support human resources initiatives.*

Merit System Assessments	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376	$409,376

43.1000 Human Resources Administration **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284	$7,405,284
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829	$224,829
Reserved Fund Balances	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455	$7,180,455
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
State Funds Transfers	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
Merit System Assessments	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304	$6,967,304
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588	$14,372,588

Risk Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to

insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
State General Funds	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000	$630,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$222,004,783	$222,004,783	$222,004,783	$222,004,783

44.1 *Increase funds for supplemental payments for first responders diagnosed with occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) pursuant to HB451 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,515,754	$1,515,754	$1,515,754	$1,515,754

44.1000 Risk Management **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers Compensation Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
State General Funds	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754	$2,145,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752	$2,323,752
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Funds Transfers	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031	$219,051,031
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940	$46,415,940
Liability Funds	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281	$59,811,281
Unemployment Compensation Funds	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528	$3,912,528
Workers Compensation Funds	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282	$108,911,282
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537	$223,520,537

State Purchasing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

45.1000 State Purchasing **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above $100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify small and/or minority business vendors.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215	$21,671,215

Surplus Property **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

46.1000 Surplus Property **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Sales and Services	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548	$2,266,548

Georgia Tax Tribunal **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

47.1000 Georgia Tax Tribunal **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent trial court with jurisdiction over appeals of tax matters involving the Georgia Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
State General Funds	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689	$582,689

Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Funds Transfers	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769

48.1000 Administrative Hearings, Office of State **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
State General Funds	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174	$2,745,174
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Funds Transfers	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595	$3,643,595
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769	$6,388,769

State Treasurer, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427

49.1000 State Treasurer, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427
Interest and Investment Income	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427	$11,401,427
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Sales and Services	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000	$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427	$13,009,427

Payments to Georgia Technology Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

50.1 *Utilize existing funds ($400,000) pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-25-7.1 that were not previously appropriated for projects related to the Department of Labor (GDOL) to maintain the legacy Unemployment Insurance system at GDOL. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

50.2 *Recognize funds pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-2-7.1, for the Department of Community Health Integrated Eligibility System (IES) provided in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) to match in the most efficient and effective CMS FMAP for an estimated total project cost of $218,750,000, with $35,000,000 in state funds provided in this appropriations cycle and an additional $35,000,000 in state funds appropriated in the next appropriations cycle to match cash flows and actual costs of the project and the federal draw of matching funds. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

50.1000 Payments to Georgia Technology Authority			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to set the direction for the state's use of technology and promote efficient, secure, and cost-effective delivery of information technology services.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .176% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.

Section 13: Agriculture, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,271,485	$66,271,485	$66,271,485	$66,271,485
State General Funds	$64,137,629	$64,137,629	$64,137,629	$64,137,629
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,848,331	$77,848,331	$77,848,331	$77,848,331

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,007,136	$69,715,672	$70,400,121	$70,606,640
State General Funds	$63,781,569	$67,490,105	$68,174,554	$68,381,073
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145	$8,601,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771	$2,544,771
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748	$1,585,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930	$430,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$77,583,982	$81,292,518	$81,976,967	$82,183,486

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
State General Funds	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867	$4,161,867

51.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$13,536	$13,536	$13,536	$13,536

51.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
State General Funds	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403	$4,175,403

Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

52.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Department of Economic Development and the Board of Regents to establish the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB495 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

52.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

52.1000 Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a central information and research hub for rural leadership training and best practices.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
State General Funds	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,392,985	$2,392,985	$2,392,985

Consumer Protection			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
State General Funds	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330	$37,775,330
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,446,475	$47,446,475	$47,446,475	$47,446,475

53.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$147	$147	$147	$147
53.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($95,180)	($95,180)	($95,180)	($95,180)
53.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	$18,386	$18,386	$18,386	$18,386
53.4 *Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and three inspectors to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session). (H:Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, five inspectors, and equipment to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session))(S and CC:Increase funds for an administrative assistant, license coordinator, investigator, and three inspectors to expand the Georgia Hemp Program pursuant to SB494 (2024 Session))*				
State General Funds	$490,873	$792,585	$490,873	$490,873
53.5 *Increase funds for emergency management specialist position. (S:NO; Collaborate with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for emergency response coordination)(CC:Increase funds for emergency management specialist position)*				
State General Funds		$125,000	$0	$125,000
53.6 *Increase funds for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and emergency response)*				
State General Funds		$450,000	$450,000	$450,000
53.7 *Increase funds for two meat inspection supervisor positions. (S:NO; Collaborate with federal partners on funding for meat inspector positions and report back to the Georgia General Assembly)(CC:Increase funds for two meat inspection supervisor positions)*				
State General Funds		$188,839	$0	$188,839
53.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for operations.*				
State General Funds			($850,000)	($150,000)

53.1000 Consumer Protection			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries, including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,189,556	$39,255,107	$37,789,556	$38,803,395
State General Funds	$38,189,556	$39,255,107	$37,789,556	$38,803,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145	$7,751,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000	$1,920,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000	$725,000
Sales and Services	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000	$1,195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,860,701	$48,926,252	$47,460,701	$48,474,540

Departmental Administration (DOA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
State General Funds	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538	$8,939,538
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,989,538	$9,989,538	$9,989,538	$9,989,538

54.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($24,825)	($24,825)	($24,825)	($24,825)

54.2 *Reduce one-time funds for agricultural improvements.*

State General Funds	($900,000)	($900,000)	($900,000)	($900,000)

54.3 *Increase funds for agricultural projects.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0	$250,000

54.1000 Departmental Administration (DOA) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,014,713	$8,264,713	$8,014,713	$8,264,713
State General Funds	$8,014,713	$8,264,713	$8,014,713	$8,264,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,064,713	$9,314,713	$9,064,713	$9,314,713

Marketing and Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,169,417	$8,169,417	$8,169,417	$8,169,417
State General Funds	$6,035,561	$6,035,561	$6,035,561	$6,035,561
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856	$2,133,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,025,118	$9,025,118	$9,025,118	$9,025,118

55.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$418	$418	$418	$418

55.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,666)	($10,666)	($10,666)	($10,666)

55.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,402	$2,402	$2,402	$2,402

55.4 *Increase funds for the Agricultural Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of the Agricultural Tax Exemption fee pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$91,711	$91,711	$91,711	$91,711

55.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding of a pilot for the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program collaboration between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Forestry Association in which the Department of Agriculture will report on the performance of the program including return on investment to the State of Georgia to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by June 30, 2026.*

State General Funds			$200,000	$200,000

55.1000 Marketing and Promotion **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,253,282	$8,253,282	$8,453,282	$8,453,282
State General Funds	$6,027,715	$6,027,715	$6,227,715	$6,227,715
Georgia Agricultural Trust Funds	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567	$2,225,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771	$624,771
Royalties and Rents	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023	$234,023
Sales and Services	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748	$390,748
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Funds Transfers	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930	$230,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,108,983	$9,108,983	$9,308,983	$9,308,983

Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

56.1000 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
State General Funds	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057	$3,049,057

Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778	$899,778

57.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations and develop internal list and funding source for future capital improvements.*

State General Funds	$2,100,000	$1,142,680

57.1000 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$2,999,778	$2,042,458
State General Funds	$899,778	$899,778	$2,999,778	$2,042,458
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$899,778	$899,778	$2,999,778	$2,042,458

State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
State General Funds	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498	$3,276,498

58.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($168)	($168)	($168)	($168)

58.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($983)	($983)	($983)	($983)

58.3 *Increase funds for the maintenance of permitted watershed dams.*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

58.4 *The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall prepare a report on the necessity of unpermitted dams and evaluate potential dams for breach or closure and submit to the Office of Planning and Budget and the House and Senate budget offices by October 31, 2025. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

58.5 *Increase funds to establish a pilot program to eradicate feral hog population based on weekly awards. (CC:NO; Reflect funds in the Department of Natural Resources)*

State General Funds			$100,000	$0

58.1000 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia by administering the use of state and federal resources to inspect, maintain, and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures in order to comply with the state Safe Dams Act and to provide planning and research assistance to landowners and local governments on water management, erosion, and sedimentation control.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,525,347	$3,425,347
State General Funds	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,525,347	$3,425,347
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,425,347	$3,425,347	$3,525,347	$3,425,347

Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
State General Funds	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241	$14,916,241
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,414,266
State General Funds	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,414,266
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,341,166	$15,414,266

Departmental Administration (DBF) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
State General Funds	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057	$2,939,057

59.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$164	$164	$164	$164

59.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($756)	($756)	($756)	($756)

59.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,313	$4,313	$4,313	$4,313

59.1000 Departmental Administration (DBF) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
State General Funds	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778	$2,942,778

Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
State General Funds	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093	$8,527,093

60.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,931)	($1,931)	($1,931)	($1,931)

60.2 *Increase funds for two examiners specializing in Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Banks to meet increased workload due to new charters.*

State General Funds	$423,935	$423,935	$423,935	$423,935

60.1000 Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
State General Funds	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097	$8,949,097

Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
State General Funds	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091	$3,450,091

61.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($800)	($800)	($800)	($800)

61.2 *Increase funds for additional staff pursuant to SB69 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds	$73,100

61.1000 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent money service businesses and residential mortgage and installment loan lending practices, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registration, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,522,391
State General Funds	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,522,391
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,449,291	$3,522,391

Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691	$1,652,842,691
State General Funds	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553	$1,642,587,553
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$410,757,049	$410,757,049	$410,757,049	$410,757,049
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$197,861,644	$197,861,644	$197,861,644	$197,861,644
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412	$2,091,566,412

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,702,765,572	$1,718,448,385	$1,694,140,974	$1,712,144,114
State General Funds	$1,692,510,434	$1,708,193,247	$1,683,885,836	$1,701,888,976
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618	$653,583,618
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759	$98,671,759
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709	$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213	$440,688,213

Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075	$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142	$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962	$25,546,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036	$257,036
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902	$24,421,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,651,791	$2,419,710	$2,651,791	$2,651,791
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081		$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081		$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,384,547,943	$2,399,998,675	$2,375,923,345	$2,393,926,485

Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631
State General Funds	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631	$56,535,631
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,224,765	$101,224,765	$101,224,765	$101,224,765

62.1 *Replace state general funds with other funds for the expansion of Hepatitis C screening services at core behavioral health provider sites.*

State General Funds	($232,081)	$0	($232,081)	($232,081)
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081	$0	$232,081	$232,081
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

62.2 *Increase funds for alcohol use disorder peer support.*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,300,000	$1,000,000

62.3 *Increase funds for Hope House. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for Hope House)*

State General Funds	$50,000	$50,000

62.1000 Adult Addictive Diseases Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,303,550	$57,535,631	$57,653,550	$57,353,550
State General Funds	$56,303,550	$57,535,631	$57,653,550	$57,353,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231	$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511	$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720	$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903	$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903	$234,903
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$232,081		$232,081	$232,081
Agency Funds Transfers	$232,081		$232,081	$232,081
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$232,081		$232,081	$232,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,224,765	$102,224,765	$102,574,765	$102,274,765

Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

63.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

Adult Developmental Disabilities Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$524,242,653	$524,242,653	$524,242,653	$524,242,653
State General Funds	$513,987,515	$513,987,515	$513,987,515	$513,987,515
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$286,878,619	$286,878,619	$286,878,619	$286,878,619
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$167,457,115	$167,457,115	$167,457,115	$167,457,115
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$833,981,272	$833,981,272	$833,981,272	$833,981,272

64.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$244	$244	$244	$244
64.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($260,939)	($260,939)	($260,939)	($260,939)
64.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	$112,349	$112,349	$112,349	$112,349
64.4 *Increase funds to annualize the provider rate increases recommended by the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) provider rate study.*				
State General Funds	$26,714,565	$26,714,565	$26,714,565	$26,714,565
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$209,846,330	$209,846,330	$209,846,330	$209,846,330
Total Public Funds:	$236,560,895	$236,560,895	$236,560,895	$236,560,895
64.5 *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*				
State General Funds	$2,331,025	$2,331,025	$2,331,025	$2,331,025

64.6 *Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (H:Increase funds for 150 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)(S:Increase funds for 200 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)(CC:Increase funds for 150 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities)*

State General Funds	$2,331,025	$3,496,538	$4,662,051	$3,496,538

64.7 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of the Macon Crisis Stabilization and Diagnostic Center for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

State General Funds	$3,141,942	$3,141,942	$3,141,942	$3,141,942

64.8 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($3,979,722)	($3,979,722)	($3,979,722)	($3,979,722)

64.9 *Increase funds for Citizen Advocacy to expand services. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$0	$0

64.1000 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$554,633,142	$555,898,655	$556,964,168	$555,798,655
State General Funds	$544,378,004	$545,643,517	$546,709,030	$545,543,517
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138	$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949	$496,724,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362	$81,440,362
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445	$377,303,445
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142	$37,981,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000	$22,860,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,074,218,091	$1,075,483,604	$1,076,549,117	$1,075,383,604

Adult Forensic Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927
State General Funds	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927	$149,409,927
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500

Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$149,601,427	$149,601,427	$149,601,427	$149,601,427

65.1 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of a 30-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot in Dodge County.*

State General Funds	$1,055,621	$1,055,621	$1,055,621	$1,055,621

65.2 *Increase funds to operationalize a new 20-bed forensic unit at the Georgia Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Atlanta.*

State General Funds	$1,185,089	$1,185,089	$1,185,089	$1,185,089

65.3 *Increase funds to operationalize a new 30-bed Project New Hope forensic step-down unit at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus.*

State General Funds	$1,618,742	$1,618,742	$1,618,742	$1,618,742

65.4 *Increase funds to operationalize a new 17-bed forensic unit at the Central State Hospital Allen Building in Milledgeville.*

State General Funds	$1,953,245	$1,953,245	$1,953,245	$1,953,245

65.5 *Increase funds for a jail diversion pilot.*

State General Funds		$185,420	$0	$100,000

65.6 *Reduce funds for jail-based competency restoration in Cobb County Jail.*

State General Funds			($2,750,000)	($500,000)

65.1000 Adult Forensic Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,222,624	$155,408,044	$152,472,624	$154,822,624
State General Funds	$155,222,624	$155,408,044	$152,472,624	$154,822,624
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500	$191,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$155,414,124	$155,599,544	$152,664,124	$155,014,124

Adult Mental Health Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869
State General Funds	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869	$643,030,869
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$26,658,953	$26,658,953	$26,658,953	$26,658,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$16,870,420	$16,870,420	$16,870,420	$16,870,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$670,079,917	$670,079,917	$670,079,917	$670,079,917

66.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($958,562)	($958,562)	($958,562)	($958,562)

66.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$10,452	$10,452	$10,452	$10,452

66.3 *Reduce funds for merit system assessment to reflect corrected salary data.*

State General Funds	($84,628)	($84,628)	($84,628)	($84,628)

66.4 *Increase funds to annualize the provider rate increases recommended by the Community Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (CBHRS) provider rate study.*

State General Funds	$12,528,923	$12,528,923	$12,528,923	$12,528,923
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$32,980,239	$32,980,239	$32,980,239	$32,980,239
Total Public Funds:	$45,509,162	$45,509,162	$45,509,162	$45,509,162

66.5 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for four licensure programs to match agency roles and responsibilities.*

State General Funds	$1,126,455	$1,126,455	$1,126,455	$1,126,455

66.6 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($245,714)	($245,714)	($245,714)	($245,714)

66.7 *Increase funds to coordinate outreach to address homelessness in the Atlanta area.*

State General Funds		$300,000	$0	$175,000

66.8 *Increase funds for homelessness community action teams. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$750,000	$0	$0

66.9 *Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement. (S and CC:Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement and recognize base funding of ($25,919,311))*

State General Funds		$1,701,600	$1,701,600	$1,701,600

66.10 *Increase funds for a North Fulton behavioral health crisis center. (S:Increase funds for a partnership between a nonprofit and the North Fulton behavioral health crisis center)(CC:Increase funds for a North Fulton behavioral health crisis center)*

State General Funds	$9,481,532	$2,370,383	$9,481,532

66.11 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for behavioral health and support services at a rehousing facility. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($300,000)	$0

66.12 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for behavioral health services for Georgians experiencing homelessness in the Atlanta area. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($200,000)	$0

66.13 *Reduce funds for state contracted psychiatric beds.*

State General Funds	($4,033,053)	($4,033,053)

66.1000 Adult Mental Health Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$655,407,795	$667,640,927	$654,946,725	$662,732,874
State General Funds	$655,407,795	$667,640,927	$654,946,725	$662,732,874
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192	$59,639,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355	$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178	$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659	$49,850,659
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095	$390,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$715,437,082	$727,670,214	$714,976,012	$722,762,161

Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

67.1000 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
State General Funds	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959	$3,330,959
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149	$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149	$7,878,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108	$11,259,108

Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174	$16,790,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,075,670	$20,075,670	$20,075,670	$20,075,670

68.1 *Increase funds for autism centers.*

State General Funds		$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

68.1000 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,790,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
State General Funds	$16,790,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174	$17,390,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496	$3,285,496
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,075,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670	$20,675,670

Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

69.1000 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
State General Funds	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144	$7,308,144

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
State General Funds	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495	$56,583,495
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$67,836,026	$67,836,026	$67,836,026	$67,836,026
70.1 *Increase funds to annualize the operations of the new Gateway child and adolescent crisis stabilization unit in Savannah.*				
State General Funds	$1,806,358	$1,806,358	$1,406,358	$1,444,308
70.2 *Increase funds for psychiatric residential facility discharge planning. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds		$166,667	$0	$0
70.998 *Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Education to consolidate and streamline funding for school based mental health support services. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds			($9,294,554)	$0

70.1000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$58,389,853	$58,556,520	$48,695,299	$58,027,803
State General Funds	$58,389,853	$58,556,520	$48,695,299	$58,027,803
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531	$11,057,531
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000	$2,750,000
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531	$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000	$870,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000

Sales and Services	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000	$195,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,642,384	$69,809,051	$59,947,830	$69,280,334

Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
State General Funds	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735	$31,096,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,397,481	$40,397,481	$40,397,481	$40,397,481

71.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($107,156)	($107,156)	($107,156)	($107,156)

71.1000 Departmental Administration (DBHDD) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
State General Funds	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579	$30,989,579
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613	$9,278,613
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133	$22,133
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325	$40,290,325

Direct Care Support Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
State General Funds	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536	$157,740,536
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,613,577	$161,613,577	$161,613,577	$161,613,577

72.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$63,358	$63,358	$63,358	$63,358

72.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($227,366)	($227,366)	($227,366)	($227,366)

72.1000 Direct Care Support Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
State General Funds	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528	$157,576,528
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331	$1,453,331
Royalties and Rents	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024	$668,024
Sales and Services	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307	$785,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710	$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130	$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580	$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569	$161,449,569

Substance Abuse Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

73.1000 Substance Abuse Prevention				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
State General Funds	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230	$359,230
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415	$19,396,415
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000	$9,400,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415	$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645	$19,755,645

Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
State General Funds	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942	$786,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,805,984	$2,805,984	$2,805,984	$2,805,984

74.1 *Increase funds to implement the FY2025 4% cost-of-living-adjustment for state employees not to exceed $3,000.*				
State General Funds	$39,656	$39,656	$39,656	$39,656

74.1000 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
State General Funds	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598	$826,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042	$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640	$2,845,640

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

75.1000 Sexual Offender Risk Review Board				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
State General Funds	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396	$3,527,396

Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802
State General Funds	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802	$62,249,802
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,895,455
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,482,191
Sales and Services	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
State Funds Transfers	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
Agency to Agency Contracts	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$312,287,079	$312,287,079	$312,287,079	$312,287,079

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,150,578	$69,650,578	$53,699,439	$57,498,299
State General Funds	$63,150,578	$69,650,578	$53,699,439	$57,498,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117	$222,364,117
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$26,895,455	$26,895,455	$26,703,072	$26,895,455
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680	$1,029,680
Intergovernmental Transfers	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,289,808	$23,482,191
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$23,482,191	$23,482,191	$23,289,808	$23,482,191
Sales and Services	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584	$2,383,584
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
State Funds Transfers	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
Agency to Agency Contracts	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705	$777,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$313,187,855	$319,687,855	$303,544,333	$307,535,576

Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,192,383	$1,192,383	$1,192,383	$1,192,383

76.1 *Increase funds to expand the Accountable Housing Initiative.*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$0	$750,000

76.2 *Reduce funds. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($1,000,000)	$0
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized			($192,383)	$0
Total Public Funds:			($1,192,383)	$0

76.1000 Accountable Housing Initiative – Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the accountable housing initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,000,000	$3,000,000	$0	$1,750,000
State General Funds	$1,000,000	$3,000,000	$0	$1,750,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$192,383	$192,383	$0	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers	$192,383	$192,383	$0	$192,383
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,383	$192,383	$0	$192,383
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,192,383	$3,192,383	$0	$1,942,383

Building Construction **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

77.1000 Building Construction			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
State General Funds	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409	$315,409
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451	$481,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860	$796,860

Community Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
State General Funds	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359	$3,786,359
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860	$1,040,860
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
State Funds Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,219	$5,127,219	$5,127,219	$5,127,219

78.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	$1,668	$1,668	$1,668	$1,668
78.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	($2,497)	($2,497)	($2,497)	($2,497)
78.3 *Increase funds for Regional Commission contracts to support state required comprehensive planning services.*				
State General Funds	$902,279	$902,279	$451,140	$500,000
78.4 *Increase funds for downtown development in southwest Georgia. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds			$1,000,000	$0

78.997 *Change name of the Coordinated Planning program to the Community Services program to consolidate statewide community services under one program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

78.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Federal Community and Economic Development Programs program ($61,297,326), State Community Development Programs program ($8,889,256), Regional Services program ($1,552,101), and the Research and Surveys program ($410,161) to the Community Services program to consolidate statewide community services, align program structure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.*

State General Funds	$4,307,406	$4,307,406	$4,307,406	$4,307,406
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$527,000	$527,000	$527,000	$527,000
Total Public Funds:	$64,012,877	$64,012,877	$64,012,877	$64,012,877

78.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.*

Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.*

Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

78.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities; to promote access to department programs through a statewide network which provides technical and financial assistance for community, economic, and housing developments; to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas; to administer

federal grant and loan programs; and to provide technical assistance and establish standards, procedures, and reviews for comprehensive plans submitted by local governments.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,995,215	$8,995,215	$9,544,076	$8,592,936
State General Funds	$8,995,215	$8,995,215	$9,544,076	$8,592,936
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708	$58,810,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,935,623	$1,935,623	$1,935,623	$1,935,623
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,567,860	$1,567,860	$1,567,860	$1,567,860
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,567,860	$1,567,860	$1,567,860	$1,567,860
Sales and Services	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763	$367,763
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
State Funds Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,041,546	$70,041,546	$70,590,407	$69,639,267

Departmental Administration (DCA) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
State General Funds	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645	$1,813,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Sales and Services	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,642	$12,888,642	$12,888,642	$12,888,642

79.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,099	$2,099	$2,099	$2,099

79.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,659)	($2,659)	($2,659)	($2,659)

79.1000 Departmental Administration (DCA)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
State General Funds	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085	$1,813,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371	$5,283,371
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127	$5,707,127
Reserved Fund Balances	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770	$455,770
Intergovernmental Transfers	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738	$4,945,738
Sales and Services	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619	$305,619
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
State Funds Transfers	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
Agency to Agency Contracts	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499	$84,499
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082	$12,888,082

Federal Community and Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
State General Funds	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855	$1,833,855
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708	$58,660,708
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$802,763	$802,763	$802,763	$802,763
Intergovernmental Transfers	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000	$452,000
Sales and Services	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763	$350,763
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,297,326	$61,297,326	$61,297,326	$61,297,326

80.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Federal Community and Economic Development Programs program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($1,833,855)	($1,833,855)	($1,833,855)	($1,833,855)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($58,660,708)	($58,660,708)	($58,660,708)	($58,660,708)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($350,763)	($350,763)	($350,763)	($350,763)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($452,000)	($452,000)	($452,000)	($452,000)
Total Public Funds:	($61,297,326)	($61,297,326)	($61,297,326)	($61,297,326)

Historic Preservation			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

81.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the State Community Development Programs to the Historic Preservation program to reflect agency activities related to preservation of historical sites and administration of federal grant programs.*

State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Total Public Funds:	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

81.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

81.1000 Historic Preservation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical assistance to communities for historic preservation efforts; to administer federal and state grants for historic preservation; and to function as Georgia's State Historic Preservation Office.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
State General Funds	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694	$1,755,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
State Funds Transfers	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967	$8,135,967

Homeownership Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317	$871,317
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,999,151	$6,999,151	$6,999,151	$6,999,151
Intergovernmental Transfers	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851	$6,998,851
Sales and Services	$300	$300	$300	$300
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300	$300	$300	$300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,870,468	$7,870,468	$7,870,468	$7,870,468

82.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Homeownership Programs program to the Housing Initiatives program.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	($871,317)	($871,317)	($871,317)	($871,317)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($300)	($300)	($300)	($300)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($6,998,851)	($6,998,851)	($6,998,851)	($6,998,851)
Total Public Funds:	($7,870,468)	($7,870,468)	($7,870,468)	($7,870,468)

Housing Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745	$7,828,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945	$6,277,945
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$793,910	$793,910	$793,910	$793,910
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000	$220,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835

Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,100,435	$15,100,435	$15,100,435	$15,100,435

83.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the State Housing Trust Fund to improve homelessness programs and leverage additional federal grants.*

State General Funds		$4,000,000	$0	$2,000,000

83.2 *Increase funds for special housing assistance programs to address increased demand.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0	$500,000

83.997 *Change the name of the Special Housing Initiatives program to the Housing Initiatives program to consolidate statewide housing initiatives under one program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

83.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Rental Housing Programs program ($154,964,251) and the Homeownership Programs program ($7,870,468) to the Housing Initiatives program to consolidate statewide housing initiatives, align program restructure with agency responsibilities, and reduce administrative burden.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$146,012,217	$146,012,217	$146,012,217	$146,012,217
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,933,052	$15,933,052	$15,933,052	$15,933,052
Total Public Funds:	$162,834,719	$162,834,719	$162,834,719	$162,834,719

83.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.*

Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.*

Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and*

sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

83.1000 Housing Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the affordable housing supply and promote home ownership for low- and moderate- income individuals through housing grants, construction financing, mortgage and down payment assistance programs, and the administration of federal and state tax credits; to administer low-interest loans and provide tenant-based assistance to low-income households allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market; and to fund the State Housing Trust Fund, provide grants for services to the homeless, and provide for other special housing initiatives.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,828,745	$12,328,745	$7,828,745	$10,328,745
State General Funds	$7,828,745	$12,328,745	$7,828,745	$10,328,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162	$152,290,162
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412	$17,616,412
Reserved Fund Balances	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910	$573,910
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,153,052	$16,153,052	$16,153,052	$16,153,052
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$16,153,052	$16,153,052	$16,153,052	$16,153,052
Sales and Services	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450	$889,450
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
State Funds Transfers	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835	$199,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$177,935,154	$182,435,154	$177,935,154	$180,435,154

Regional Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives; to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan; and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
State General Funds	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101	$1,310,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$92,000	$92,000	$92,000	$92,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
Sales and Services	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000	$17,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,552,101	$1,552,101	$1,552,101	$1,552,101

84.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Regional Services program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($1,310,101)	($1,310,101)	($1,310,101)	($1,310,101)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($150,000)	($150,000)	($150,000)	($150,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($17,000)	($17,000)	($17,000)	($17,000)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($75,000)	($75,000)	($75,000)	($75,000)
Total Public Funds:	($1,552,101)	($1,552,101)	($1,552,101)	($1,552,101)

Rental Housing Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900	$145,140,900
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,823,351	$9,823,351	$9,823,351	$9,823,351
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201	$8,934,201
Sales and Services	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150	$889,150
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$154,964,251	$154,964,251	$154,964,251	$154,964,251

85.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Rental Housing Programs program to the Housing Initiatives program.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	($145,140,900)	($145,140,900)	($145,140,900)	($145,140,900)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($889,150)	($889,150)	($889,150)	($889,150)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	($8,934,201)	($8,934,201)	($8,934,201)	($8,934,201)
Total Public Funds:	($154,964,251)	($154,964,251)	($154,964,251)	($154,964,251)

Research and Surveys **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
State General Funds	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161	$410,161

86.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the Research and Surveys program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($410,161)	($410,161)	($410,161)	($410,161)

State Community Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983
State General Funds	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983	$2,508,983
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876	$5,979,876
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026	$207,026
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
State Funds Transfers	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
Agency to Agency Contracts	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371	$193,371
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,889,256	$8,889,256	$8,889,256	$8,889,256

87.997 *Transfer funds and positions from the State Community Development Programs program to the Community Services program.*

State General Funds	($753,289)	($753,289)	($753,289)	($753,289)

87.998 *Transfer funds and positions from the State Community Development Programs program to the Historic Preservation program.*

State General Funds	($1,755,694)	($1,755,694)	($1,755,694)	($1,755,694)
Agency to Agency Contracts	($193,371)	($193,371)	($193,371)	($193,371)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	($5,979,876)	($5,979,876)	($5,979,876)	($5,979,876)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	($207,026)	($207,026)	($207,026)	($207,026)
Total Public Funds:	($8,135,967)	($8,135,967)	($8,135,967)	($8,135,967)

State Economic Development Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
State General Funds	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709	$13,728,709
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,338,621	$14,338,621	$14,338,621	$14,338,621

88.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$132	$132	$132	$132

88.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($246)	($246)	($246)	($246)

88.3 *Reduce funds to allocate to other state priorities.*

State General Funds			($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)

88.1000 State Economic Development Programs				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,728,595	$13,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
State General Funds	$13,728,595	$13,728,595	$10,728,595	$10,728,595
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912	$609,912
Intergovernmental Transfers	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637	$477,637
Sales and Services	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275	$132,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,338,507	$14,338,507	$11,338,507	$11,338,507

Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495

89.1 *Increase funds.*

State General Funds				$500,000

89.1000 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,753,495
State General Funds	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,753,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,253,495	$1,753,495

Payments to OneGeorgia Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$26,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$26,605,861

90.1 *Reduce funds to allocate to other state priorities. (CC:Reduce funds and maintain current level of funding for rural site development and rural workforce housing)*

State General Funds			($6,000,000)	($6,000,000)

90.1000 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
State General Funds	$26,460,340	$26,460,340	$20,460,340	$20,460,340
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521	$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,605,861	$26,605,861	$20,605,861	$20,605,861

Section 17: Community Health, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021	$5,262,581,021
State General Funds	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394	$4,565,260,394
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$410,990,552	$410,990,552	$410,990,552	$410,990,552
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856	$12,086,078,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237	$11,529,447,237
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$541,015,146	$541,015,146	$541,015,146	$541,015,146
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568	$23,799,985,568

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,536,761,885	$5,569,977,560	$5,551,986,963	$5,553,191,485
State General Funds	$4,780,708,962	$4,813,924,637	$4,795,934,040	$4,797,138,562
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351	$124,062,351
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027	$464,183,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,671,193,864	$12,683,645,885	$12,669,707,852	$12,676,947,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473	$15,616,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$12,113,357,813	$12,127,674,977	$12,112,186,782	$12,119,426,416
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$542,219,578	$540,354,435	$541,904,597	$541,904,597
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513	$1,026,794,513
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Hospital Authorities	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263	$1,020,078,263
Sales and Services	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
State Funds Transfers	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178	$5,424,531,178
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397	$5,142,505,397
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262	$280,857,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,659,281,440	$24,704,949,136	$24,673,020,506	$24,681,464,662

Departmental Administration (DCH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876
State General Funds	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876	$93,524,876

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$359,848,882	$359,848,882	$359,848,882	$359,848,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048	$329,743,048
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$478,970,112	$478,970,112	$478,970,112	$478,970,112

91.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$336	$336	$336	$336

91.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$154,716	$154,716	$154,716	$154,716

91.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($80,315)	($80,315)	($80,315)	($80,315)

91.4 *Increase funds for consulting, actuarial, and personnel for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session). (S:NO; Utilize existing funds and personnel to implement the program)(CC:Increase funds for consulting, actuarial, and personnel for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$504,332	$504,332	$0	$504,332
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$812,997	$812,997	$0	$812,997
Total Public Funds:	$1,317,329	$1,317,329	$0	$1,317,329

91.5 *Increase funds for consulting services for two years for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session). (S:NO; Utilize existing funds and personnel to implement the program)(CC:Increase funds for consulting services for two years for the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) pursuant to HB1078 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$640,000	$640,000	$0	$640,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$640,000	$640,000	$0	$640,000
Total Public Funds:	$1,280,000	$1,280,000	$0	$1,280,000

91.6 *Increase funds for three Katie Beckett Medicaid program caseworkers and operations to address increased workload.*

State General Funds	$47,869	$47,869	$47,869	$47,869
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$143,607	$143,607	$143,607	$143,607
Total Public Funds:	$191,476	$191,476	$191,476	$191,476

91.7 *Increase funds to provide that the Department of Community Health shall conduct a multi-year comprehensive study of all Medicaid provider reimbursement rates. (CC:YES; The Department of Community Health shall collaborate with the Governor's Office to examine Medicaid provider reimbursement rates)*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$0	$0

91.8 *Increase funds to provide that the Department of Community Health shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots. The State of Florida applied for a similar State Plan Amendment and it was approved within 60 days. (CC:Increase funds to provide that the Department of Community Health shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for the use of Medicaid funding for Graduate Medical Education slots)*

State General Funds	$300,000	$300,000

91.9 *Establish a grant program for emergency generators pursuant to the passage of HB262 (2025 Session). (CC:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

91.1000 Departmental Administration (DCH)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$94,791,814	$95,791,814	$93,947,482	$95,091,814
State General Funds	$94,791,814	$95,791,814	$93,947,482	$95,091,814
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$361,445,486	$361,445,486	$359,992,489	$361,445,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094	$651,094
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$331,339,652	$331,339,652	$329,886,655	$331,339,652
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740	$29,454,740
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250	$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
State Funds Transfers	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104	$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519	$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585	$21,311,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$481,833,654	$482,833,654	$479,536,325	$482,133,654

Georgia Board of Dentistry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500
State General Funds	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500	$942,500

92.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	$4,535	$4,535	$4,535	$4,535
92.2 *Increase funds for the operations of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*				
State General Funds	$75,000	$75,000	$37,500	$75,000
92.3 *Increase funds for personnel for four new positions. (S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for two new positions)*				
State General Funds		$401,377	$189,327	$189,327
92.4 *Increase funds for protective equipment.*				
State General Funds		$73,920	$36,960	$36,960
92.5 *Increase funds for the retention of licensing personnel.*				
State General Funds		$7,734	$7,734	$7,734
92.6 *Increase funds for training and investigative software services.*				
State General Funds		$18,759	$18,759	$18,759

92.1000 Georgia Board of Dentistry			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,022,035	$1,523,825	$1,237,315	$1,274,815
State General Funds	$1,022,035	$1,523,825	$1,237,315	$1,274,815
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,022,035	$1,523,825	$1,237,315	$1,274,815

Georgia State Board of Pharmacy			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
State General Funds	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723	$882,723

93.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	$4,420	$4,420	$4,420	$4,420
93.2 *Increase funds for the operations of new licensing software to enhance efficiency in licensure review.*				
State General Funds	$75,000	$75,000	$37,500	$75,000
93.3 *Increase funds for personnel for three new positions. (S:Increase funds for one new position)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for two new positions)*				
State General Funds		$233,137	$77,514	$161,560

93.4 *Increase funds for the retention of licensing personnel.*

State General Funds		$4,326	$4,326	$4,326

93.1000 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$962,143	$1,199,606	$1,006,483	$1,128,029
State General Funds	$962,143	$1,199,606	$1,006,483	$1,128,029
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$962,143	$1,199,606	$1,006,483	$1,128,029

Health Care Access and Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709
State General Funds	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709	$17,509,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,682,297	$17,682,297	$17,682,297	$17,682,297

94.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,928	$2,928	$2,928	$2,928

94.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health to support lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education.*

State General Funds	($100,000)	($100,000)	($100,000)	($100,000)

94.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0	$0

94.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time start-up funding for federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds		($750,000)	($750,000)	($750,000)

94.5 *Increase funds for one-time grant funds for two federally qualified health centers.*

State General Funds		$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

94.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding for care and resource coordination and support for patients with sickle cell disease. (S:Increase funds and recognize $2,660,935 in existing funding for the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia in the Department of Public Health and $26,291,016 in state funding for one-time genetic treatments funded in the Department of Community Health)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$561,500	$196,102	$0

94.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for telecare and maternal health programs.*

State General Funds	$500,000	$250,000	$250,000

94.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to establish a regional vascular center allowed by passage of HB1339 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$407,000	$407,000	$407,000

94.9 *Increase funds for one-time matching funds for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time 4:1 matching return funds for behavioral and mental health services stabilization and augmentation)*

State General Funds	$3,500,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

94.10 *Increase funds to the Georgia Rural Health Association (GHRA) to support the advancement of access to rural health care. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$100,000	$0	$0

94.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to expand and sustain labor and delivery services in rural Georgia with necessary infrastructure in order to provide quality care. (S:NO; Provide a comprehensive plan to support labor and delivery services in rural Georgia)(CC:NO; Provide additional payment in Low-Income Medicaid for newborn deliveries in counties with a population less than 50,000)*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$0	$0

94.12 *Increase funds for research on treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and wraparound services to benefit Georgia veterans and their families. (CC:YES; Reflect funds in Department of Veteran Services)*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$0

94.1000 Health Care Access and Improvement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$17,412,637	$27,431,137	$22,015,739	$20,819,637
State General Funds	$17,412,637	$27,431,137	$22,015,739	$20,819,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588	$172,588
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,585,225	$27,603,725	$22,188,327	$20,992,225

Healthcare Facility Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
State General Funds	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454	$28,067,454
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,173,031	$40,173,031	$40,173,031	$40,173,031

95.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$143	$143	$143	$143

95.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$113,415	$113,415	$113,415	$113,415

95.3 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for four licensure programs to match agency roles and responsibilities.*

State General Funds	($1,126,455)	($1,126,455)	($1,126,455)	($1,126,455)

95.4 *Utilize existing funds ($417,898) for consulting and personnel for the Certificate of Need program pursuant to HB1339 (2024 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

95.1000 Healthcare Facility Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
State General Funds	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557	$27,054,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577	$12,005,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134	$39,160,134

Indigent Care Trust Fund			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

96.1000 Indigent Care Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
State General Funds	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042	$52,882,042
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987	$671,388,987
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667	$286,585,667
Intergovernmental Transfers	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Hospital Authorities	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667	$283,385,667
Sales and Services	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696	$1,010,856,696

Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208	$2,755,670,208
State General Funds	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237	$2,545,370,237
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009	$9,381,009
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715	$152,886,715
Hospital Provider Fee	$41,840,441	$41,840,441	$41,840,441	$41,840,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781	$5,326,231,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567	$5,323,444,567
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632

Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024	$8,446,765,024
97.1 *Increase funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected utilization.*				
State General Funds	$41,780,017	$29,502,682	$29,502,682	$29,502,682
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$82,371,285	$58,068,353	$58,068,353	$58,068,353
Total Public Funds:	$124,151,302	$87,571,035	$87,571,035	$87,571,035
97.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage from 66.04% to 66.40%.*				
State General Funds	($21,842,539)	($21,748,489)	($21,748,489)	($21,748,489)
97.3 *Increase funds for skilled nursing centers to reflect 2023 cost reports.*				
State General Funds	$7,154,914	$7,154,914	$7,154,914	$7,154,914
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$14,106,252	$14,106,252	$14,106,252	$14,106,252
Total Public Funds:	$21,261,166	$21,261,166	$21,261,166	$21,261,166
97.4 *Increase funds for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*				
State General Funds	$28,578,100	$28,449,925	$28,449,925	$28,449,925
97.5 *Increase funds for new high cost drugs.*				
State General Funds	$36,555,028	$36,555,028	$36,555,028	$36,555,028
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$72,069,972	$72,069,972	$72,069,972	$72,069,972
Total Public Funds:	$108,625,000	$108,625,000	$108,625,000	$108,625,000
97.6 *Replace funds.*				
State General Funds	($5,415,201)	($5,415,201)	($5,415,201)	($5,415,201)
Hospital Provider Fee	$5,415,201	$5,415,201	$5,415,201	$5,415,201
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0
97.7 *Replace funds.*				
State General Funds	($6,108,816)	($6,108,816)	($6,108,816)	($6,108,816)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$6,108,816	$6,108,816	$6,108,816	$6,108,816
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0
97.8 *Reduce funds for ambulance provider fees based on projected revenue.*				
Ambulance Provider Fees	($568,995)	($568,995)	($568,995)	($568,995)

97.9 *Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup. (S:Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile six)(CC:Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup)*

State General Funds	$2,799,770	$1,471,018	$2,799,770
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,510,618	$2,855,823	$5,510,618
Total Public Funds:	$8,310,388	$4,326,841	$8,310,388

97.10 *Increase funds for rate increases for neonatologists and maternal fetal medicine specialists.*

State General Funds	$701,766	$701,766	$701,766
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,381,243	$1,381,243	$1,381,243
Total Public Funds:	$2,083,009	$2,083,009	$2,083,009

97.11 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$758,431	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,492,774	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$2,251,205	$0	$0

97.12 *Increase funds to provide an increase for emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$864,838	$857,016	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,702,208	$1,686,813	$0
Total Public Funds:	$2,567,046	$2,543,829	$0

97.13 *Increase funds to provide an increase for applied behavior analysis reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$3,356,379	$2,876,896	$2,876,896
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,606,159	$5,662,422	$5,662,422
Total Public Funds:	$9,962,538	$8,539,318	$8,539,318

97.14 *Increase funds for a 5% increase to the nursing home ventilator reimbursement rate. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$263,000	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$517,647	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$780,647	$0	$0

97.15 *Increase funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.*

State General Funds	$126,579	$126,579	$126,579
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$245,741	$245,741	$245,741
Total Public Funds:	$372,320	$372,320	$372,320

97.16 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.*

State General Funds	$2,777,183	$1,388,592	$1,388,592
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,466,162	$2,733,081	$2,733,081
Total Public Funds:	$8,243,345	$4,121,673	$4,121,673

97.17 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$1,542,770	$771,385	$771,385
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,036,542	$1,518,271	$1,518,271
Total Public Funds:	$4,579,312	$2,289,656	$2,289,656

97.18 *Increase funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$1,687,067	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,320,553	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$5,007,620	$0	$0

97.19 *Increase funds to provide that the Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,476,179	$1,476,179	$0
Total Public Funds:	$2,226,179	$2,226,179	$0

97.20 *Increase funds for a Medicaid rate enhancement for privately-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.*

State General Funds	$500,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$984,120
Total Public Funds:	$1,484,120

97.1000 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,847,326,733	$2,850,643,056	$2,843,958,525	$2,844,180,261
State General Funds	$2,626,071,740	$2,629,388,063	$2,622,703,532	$2,622,925,268
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806	$6,191,806
Ambulance Provider Fees	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014	$8,812,014
Nursing Home Provider Fees	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531	$158,995,531
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642	$47,255,642
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,494,779,290	$5,501,232,184	$5,488,035,931	$5,488,511,854
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214	$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,491,992,076	$5,498,444,970	$5,485,248,717	$5,485,724,640
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
Hospital Authorities	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403	$97,574,403
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632

Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632	$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,706,969,058	$8,716,738,275	$8,696,857,491	$8,697,555,150

Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190	$2,054,483,190
State General Funds	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534	$1,567,462,534
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$369,150,111	$369,150,111	$369,150,111	$369,150,111
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155	$5,337,970,155
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635	$5,204,870,635
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385	$8,044,988,385

98.1 *Increase funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	$188,639,909	$177,121,062	$177,121,062	$177,121,062
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$371,912,529	$348,616,729	$348,616,729	$348,616,729
Total Public Funds:	$560,552,438	$525,737,791	$525,737,791	$525,737,791

98.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($20,296,981)	($20,193,729)	($20,193,729)	($20,193,729)

98.3 *Increase funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$21,228,977	$21,228,977	$21,228,977	$21,228,977
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$41,853,934	$41,853,934	$41,853,934	$41,853,934
Total Public Funds:	$63,082,911	$63,082,911	$63,082,911	$63,082,911

98.4 *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	($47,777,274)	($47,777,274)	($47,777,274)	($47,777,274)
Hospital Provider Fee	$47,777,274	$47,777,274	$47,777,274	$47,777,274
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

98.5 *Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup. (S:Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin at mile six)(CC:Increase funds for emergency medical services (EMS) transport reimbursement to begin upon patient pickup)*

State General Funds	$3,193,473	$1,677,872	$3,193,473
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,285,250	$3,257,408	$6,285,250
Total Public Funds:	$9,478,723	$4,935,280	$9,478,723

98.6 *Increase funds for rate increases for neonatologists and maternal fetal medicine specialists.*

State General Funds	$1,212,701	$1,212,701	$1,212,701
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,386,904	$2,386,904	$2,386,904
Total Public Funds:	$3,599,605	$3,599,605	$3,599,605

98.7 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$1,178,913	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$2,320,384	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$3,499,297	$0	$0

98.8 *Increase funds to provide an increase for emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$986,451	$977,529	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,941,572	$1,924,012	$0
Total Public Funds:	$2,928,023	$2,901,541	$0

98.9 *Increase funds to provide an increase for applied behavior analysis reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$2,949,591	$2,528,221	$2,528,221
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,805,502	$4,976,145	$4,976,145
Total Public Funds:	$8,755,093	$7,504,366	$7,504,366

98.10 *Increase funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.*

State General Funds	$104,061	$104,061	$104,061
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$202,024	$202,024	$202,024
Total Public Funds:	$306,085	$306,085	$306,085

98.11 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.*

State General Funds	$4,699,414	$2,349,707	$2,349,707
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$9,249,574	$4,624,787	$4,624,787
Total Public Funds:	$13,948,988	$6,974,494	$6,974,494

98.12 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$1,607,052	$803,526	$803,526
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,770,117	$1,581,533	$1,581,533
Total Public Funds:	$6,377,169	$2,385,059	$2,385,059

98.13 *Increase funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$71,790	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$141,300	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$213,090	$0	$0

98.14 *Increase funds to provide that the Department shall submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of adult heart and lung transplants. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$750,000	$750,000	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,476,179	$1,476,179	$0
Total Public Funds:	$2,226,179	$2,226,179	$0

98.15 *Increase funds for an additional $2,000 add-on payment (for a total of $3,000) for newborn deliveries in rural counties with a population of 35,000 or less.*

State General Funds	$1,747,837
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$3,440,162
Total Public Funds:	$5,187,999

98.16 *Increase funds to provide a $1,500 add-on payment for newborn deliveries in rural counties with a population between 35,001 and 50,000.*

State General Funds	$2,165,425
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$4,262,075
Total Public Funds:	$6,427,500

98.1000 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,244,055,095	$2,249,392,946	$2,243,043,117	$2,246,744,451
State General Funds	$1,709,257,165	$1,714,595,016	$1,708,245,187	$1,711,946,521
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545	$117,870,545
Hospital Provider Fee	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385	$416,927,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,751,736,618	$5,763,019,624	$5,748,869,810	$5,756,199,698
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$5,618,637,098	$5,629,920,104	$5,615,770,290	$5,623,100,178
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520	$133,099,520
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Intergovernmental Transfers	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
Hospital Authorities	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193	$639,118,193
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847	$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,648,326,753	$8,664,947,610	$8,644,447,967	$8,655,479,189

PeachCare **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399
State General Funds	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399	$124,111,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886	$378,460,886
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$502,724,068	$502,724,068	$502,724,068	$502,724,068

99.1 *Reduce funds for Medicaid based on projected utilization.*

State General Funds	($1,206,168)	($1,780,548)	($1,780,548)	($1,780,548)
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	($3,915,022)	($5,780,165)	($5,780,165)	($5,780,165)
Total Public Funds:	($5,121,190)	($7,560,713)	($7,560,713)	($7,560,713)

99.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%. (H and S:Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.23% to 76.52%)*

State General Funds	($1,274,290)	($1,268,436)	($1,268,436)	($1,268,436)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		($4,117,704)	$0	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767			$1,268,436	$1,268,436
Total Public Funds:	($1,274,290)	($5,386,140)	$0	$0

99.3 *Increase funds for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirement that the state provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children under the age of 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) effective January 1, 2024.*

State General Funds	$1,577,238	$1,577,238	$1,577,238	$1,577,238
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$5,119,454	$5,119,454	$5,119,454	$5,119,454
Total Public Funds:	$6,696,692	$6,696,692	$6,696,692	$6,696,692

99.4 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$27,641	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$89,717	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$117,358	$0	$0

99.5 *Increase funds to provide a rate increase for air ambulance transports.*

State General Funds	$18,364	$18,364	$18,364
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$35,651	$0	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$35,651	$35,651
Total Public Funds:	$54,015	$54,015	$54,015

99.6 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for primary care codes 99213 and 99214.*

State General Funds	$106,671	$53,336	$53,336
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$346,284	$0	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$173,142	$173,142
Total Public Funds:	$452,955	$226,478	$226,478

99.7 *Increase funds to increase dental code reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	$44,939	$22,470	$22,470
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$145,865	$0	$0
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		$72,933	$72,933
Total Public Funds:	$190,804	$95,403	$95,403

99.8 *Increase funds to increase durable medical equipment reimbursement rates. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$25,094	$0	$0
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$81,451	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$106,545	$0	$0

99.1000 PeachCare			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$123,208,179	$122,862,362	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
State General Funds	$123,208,179	$122,862,362	$122,733,823	$122,733,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$379,665,318	$374,381,439	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		($3,418,736)		
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	$379,665,318	$377,800,175	$379,350,337	$379,350,337
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
State Funds Transfers	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783	$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$503,025,280	$497,395,584	$502,235,943	$502,235,943

State Health Benefit Plan			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
State General Funds	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812	$5,127,393,812

100.1 *Reduce funds for interim one-time funding for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists awaiting the outcome of an SHBP Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM) study. (H and S:NO; Utilize existing funds for a $3 per prescription dispensing fee for independent pharmacists until HB196 (2025 Session) takes effect January 1, 2026)*

State General Funds	($6,200,000)	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)	($3,100,000)

100.2 *Recognize an increase in formula funds ($177,130,676) in the Department of Education, Department of Early Care and Learning, and Georgia Military College, to reflect an increase in the employer healthcare contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees and lead and assistant teachers to $1,885, effective July 1, 2025. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

100.3 *Increase the employer health care contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) for non-certified school employees to match the PMPM for certified school employees, effective July 1, 2025, to maintain the financial stability of the plan. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

100.4 *Increase funds to reimburse a pharmacy for drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in an amount equal to the national average drug acquisition cost (NADAC) on the day of claim administration and a professional dispensing fee. (CC:Increase funds to implement HB196 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds		$1,200,000	$5,000,000	$2,911,921

100.1000 State Health Benefit Plan **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$4,300,000	$8,100,000	$6,011,921
State General Funds	$0	$4,300,000	$8,100,000	$6,011,921
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
State Funds Transfers	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
Health Insurance Payments	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812	$5,121,193,812
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,121,193,812	$5,125,493,812	$5,129,293,812	$5,127,205,733

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
State General Funds	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021	$1,980,021

101.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,149	$6,149	$6,149	$6,149

101.2 *Increase funds for a grant writer position. (S and CC:NO; Commence funding of grant position upon attainment of initial grants)*

State General Funds	$100,000	$0	$0

101.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Board Administration			**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,986,170	$2,086,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
State General Funds	$1,986,170	$2,086,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,986,170	$2,086,170	$1,986,170	$1,986,170

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
State General Funds	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461	$37,002,461

102.1 *Increase funds for 75 new residency slots in primary care medicine. (H and S:Increase funds for 150 new residency slots)*

State General Funds	$1,508,629	$2,884,552	$2,884,552	$3,022,685

102.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($411,070)	($411,070)	($411,070)	($411,070)

102.3 *Eliminate one-time start-up funds for the development of a Pediatric Rural Training Track.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

102.4 *Eliminate one-time start-up funds for rural OB/GYN service expansion.*

State General Funds	($750,000)	($750,000)	($750,000)	($750,000)

102.5 *Increase funds for four child and adolescent psychiatry fellowships and two gastroenterology fellowships.*

State General Funds	$319,654	$319,654	$319,654

102.6 *Increase funds for year three of the maternal fetal medicine fellowship. (S:Increase funds to fill and expand ACGME-accredited programs at the Medical College of Georgia based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment similar to Florida's which took approximately 60 days for approval ($966,903 State General Funds) and include funding for a maternal fetal medicine fellowship ($150,000))(CC:Increase funds for year three of the maternal fetal medicine fellowship)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$1,116,903	$150,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$1,903,097	$0
Total Public Funds:	$150,000	$3,020,000	$150,000

102.7 *Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,844,122) for grants for graduate medical education programs to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to rural sites. (S:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,844,122) for grants for graduate medical education programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment similar to Florida's which took approximately 60 days for approval to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to rural sites (Total Funds: $14,892,133 State and Federal))(CC:Increase funds and utilize existing funds ($2,844,122) for grants for graduate medical education programs based on the use of Medicaid Reimbursements for new residency slots pending approval of a State Plan Amendment to support new and expanding residency programs with priority given to rural sites (Total Funds: $11,872,959 State and Federal))*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$4,058,975	$4,000,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		$7,989,036	$7,872,959
Total Public Funds:	$5,000,000	$12,048,011	$11,872,959

102.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Graduate Medical Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,300,020	$44,145,597	$44,171,475	$43,283,730
State General Funds	$37,300,020	$44,145,597	$44,171,475	$43,283,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS			$9,892,133	$7,872,959
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			$9,892,133	$7,872,959
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,300,020	$44,145,597	$54,063,608	$51,156,689

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
State General Funds	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000	$5,965,000

103.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program for the nursing faculty loan repayment program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

103.2 *Change the name of the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

103.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Healthcare Practitioner Loan Repayment			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
State General Funds	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000	$6,215,000

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
State General Funds	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597	$34,586,597
104.1 *Increase funds for the sixth year of the seven-year plan for Mercer School of Medicine's medical school campus in Columbus.*				
State General Funds	$565,204	$565,204	$565,204	$565,204
104.2 *Eliminate one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for the expansion of the Valdosta campus.*				
State General Funds	($75,000)	($75,000)	($75,000)	($75,000)
104.3 *Eliminate one-time matching funds to recognize private fundraising for scholarships for year-four students committed to practicing primary care for five years in rural Georgia.*				
State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

104.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Mercer School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
State General Funds	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801	$34,576,801

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

105.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
State General Funds	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696	$33,429,696

Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
State General Funds	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783	$7,445,783

106.1 *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program for the nursing faculty loan repayment program to include all loan repayment funds under the same program.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

106.2 *Utilize existing funds for equipment and operating grants for nursing programs, prioritizing those with wait lists and additional student capacity. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize existing funds for equipment and operating grants for new and existing nursing programs, prioritizing those with wait lists and additional student capacity)(CC:YES; Utilize existing funds for equipment and operating grants for nursing programs, prioritizing those with wait lists and additional student capacity)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

106.1000 Health Care Workforce, Georgia Board of: Undergraduate Medical Education			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
State General Funds	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783	$7,195,783

Georgia Composite Medical Board			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
State General Funds	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028	$4,612,028
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,912,028	$4,912,028	$4,912,028	$4,912,028

107.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$18,722	$18,722	$18,722	$18,722

107.2 *Eliminate one-time funds to replace six vehicles.*

State General Funds	($90,000)	($90,000)	($90,000)	($90,000)

107.3 *Eliminate one-time funds to modernize licensure application software.*

State General Funds	($501,715)	($501,715)	($501,715)	($501,715)

107.4 *Utilize existing funds ($75,562) for one paralegal. (G:YES)(H and S:NO; Increase funds for one paralegal)(CC:Increase funds for one paralegal)*

State General Funds	$0	$75,562	$75,562	$75,562

107.5 *Increase funds for two compliance inspectors. (S and CC:Increase funds for one compliance inspector)*

State General Funds		$184,926	$92,463	$92,463

107.6 *Increase funds for two licensing technologists. (S and CC:Increase funds for one licensing technologist)*

State General Funds		$143,500	$71,750	$71,750

107.7 *Increase funds for the physician health program.*

State General Funds		$750,000	$0	$500,000

107.8 *Increase funds to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB455 (2024 Session). (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to seed program to address career fatigue and wellness of healthcare professionals pursuant to HB455 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds		$750,000	$750,000	$500,000

107.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the implementation of technology for the credentialing of licensed doctors and physician assistants pursuant to SB162 (2025 Session). (CC:YES; Increase funds for one-time funding for the implementation of technology for the credentialing of licensed doctors and physician assistants pending passage of SB162 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds			$100,000	$0

107.1000 Georgia Composite Medical Board **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,039,035	$5,943,023	$5,128,810	$5,278,810
State General Funds	$4,039,035	$5,943,023	$5,128,810	$5,278,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,339,035	$6,243,023	$5,428,810	$5,578,810

Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
State General Funds	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334	$3,285,334

108.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$18,811	$18,811	$18,811	$18,811

108.1000 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
State General Funds	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145	$3,304,145

Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461
State General Funds	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461	$222,740,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$224,505,176	$224,505,176	$224,505,176	$224,505,176

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$223,266,745	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
State General Funds	$223,266,745	$232,862,212	$232,862,212	$232,862,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008	$636,008
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707	$283,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934	$171,934
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$225,031,460	$234,626,927	$234,626,927	$234,626,927

Departmental Administration (DCS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
State General Funds	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150	$11,120,150
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,121,350	$11,121,350	$11,121,350	$11,121,350

109.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$16,244	$16,244	$16,244	$16,244

109.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,429	$2,429	$2,429	$2,429

109.1000 Departmental Administration (DCS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
State General Funds	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823	$11,138,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023	$11,140,023

Field Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741
State General Funds	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741	$205,280,741
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$206,694,903	$206,694,903	$206,694,903	$206,694,903

110.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$303,275	$303,275	$303,275	$303,275

110.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$60,440	$60,440	$60,440	$60,440

110.3 *Increase funds for the Milledgeville Day Reporting Center lease. (H and S:Increase funds for the Milledgeville Field Office lease)*

State General Funds	$133,830	$133,830	$133,830	$133,830

110.4 *Increase funds for personnel to reflect increased retention of community supervision officers.*

State General Funds		$9,595,467	$9,595,467	$9,595,467

110.1000 Field Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,778,286	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
State General Funds	$205,778,286	$215,373,753	$215,373,753	$215,373,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884	$447,884
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278	$121,278
Intergovernmental Transfers	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773	$111,773
Sales and Services	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505	$9,505
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000	$845,000
State Funds Transfers	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000	$645,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$207,192,448	$216,787,915	$216,787,915	$216,787,915

Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
State General Funds	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901	$4,584,901

111.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000

111.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$893	$893	$893	$893

111.1000 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
State General Funds	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794	$4,592,794

Misdemeanor Probation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
State General Funds	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770	$1,015,770

112.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,612	$1,612	$1,612	$1,612

112.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$286	$286	$286	$286

112.1000 Misdemeanor Probation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
State General Funds	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668	$1,017,668

Family Violence, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
State General Funds	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899	$738,899
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,252	$1,088,252	$1,088,252	$1,088,252

113.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$275	$275	$275	$275

113.1000 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
State General Funds	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174	$739,174
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124	$188,124
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229	$161,229
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527	$1,088,527

Section 19: Corrections, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218
State General Funds	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218	$1,495,621,218
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889	$1,512,390,889

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,620,879,381	$1,745,811,779	$1,691,325,931	$1,695,298,277
State General Funds	$1,620,879,381	$1,745,811,779	$1,691,325,931	$1,695,298,277
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589	$809,589
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613	$15,420,613
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677	$15,081,677
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469

State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,649,052	$1,762,581,450	$1,708,095,602	$1,712,067,948

Departmental Administration (DOC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
State General Funds	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260	$40,345,260

114.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$176	$176	$176	$176

114.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$99,483	$99,483	$99,483	$99,483

114.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$6,939	$6,939	$6,939	$6,939

114.4 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$36,776	$55,642	$55,642	$55,642

114.5 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$20,878	$14,889	$14,889	$14,889

114.6 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$4,439	$2,506	$2,506	$2,506

114.7 *Increase funds for existing operational needs.*

State General Funds		$1,911,368	$0	$955,684

114.8 *Increase funds for administrative costs for the opening of McRae's Women Facility. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$917,170	$0	$0

114.9 *Increase funds for administrative costs for the opening of Smith Transition Center additional dormitory.*

State General Funds		$84,921	$84,921	$84,921

114.1000 Departmental Administration (DOC)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,513,951	$43,438,354	$40,609,816	$41,565,500
State General Funds	$40,513,951	$43,438,354	$40,609,816	$41,565,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,513,951	$43,438,354	$40,609,816	$41,565,500

Detention Centers			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753
State General Funds	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753	$67,238,753
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,745,649	$69,745,649	$69,745,649	$69,745,649

115.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$105	$105	$105	$105

115.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$194,059	$194,059	$194,059	$194,059

115.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$18,441	$18,441	$18,441	$18,441

115.4 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$26,175	$26,175	$26,175	$26,175

115.5 *Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program contract.*

State General Funds	$73,674	$73,674	$73,674	$73,674

115.6 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Detention Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$1,572,489	$1,572,489	$1,572,489	$1,572,489

115.7 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$219,573	$348,034	$219,573	$219,573

115.8 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$184,376	$438,034	$184,376	$184,376

115.9 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$1,416,458	$1,505,068	$1,505,068	$1,505,068

115.10 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$642,141	$951,399	$951,399	$951,399

115.11 *Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*

State General Funds		$4,417,749	$3,471,089	$3,471,089

115.12 *Increase funds for utility costs.*

State General Funds		$388,043	$21,618	$21,618

115.13 *Increase funds to annualize 12 correctional officer positions hired in FY2025.*

State General Funds			$946,660	$946,660

115.1000 Detention Centers **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,586,244	$77,172,023	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
State General Funds	$71,586,244	$77,172,023	$76,423,479	$76,423,479
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896	$2,506,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,093,140	$79,678,919	$78,930,375	$78,930,375

Food and Farm Operations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
State General Funds	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039	$29,110,039

116.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,321	$4,321	$4,321	$4,321

116.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$625	$625	$625	$625

116.3 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$48,246	$50,307	$50,307	$50,307

116.4 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$8,877	$6,705	$6,705	$6,705

116.5 *Increase funds for food and farm operations. (S and CC:YES; Utilize current prisoner count and recognize full funding for food and farm operations)*

State General Funds		$3,948,490	$0	$0

116.6 *Increase funds for food costs related to the opening of Smith Transitional Center ($101,615), McRae Women's Facility ($972,055) and Tift Cafeteria Contract for Basic Correctional Officer Training cadets ($103,525).*

State General Funds		$1,177,195	$1,177,195	$1,177,195

116.1000 Food and Farm Operations				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,172,108	$34,297,682	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
State General Funds	$29,172,108	$34,297,682	$30,349,192	$30,349,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$29,172,108	$34,297,682	$30,349,192	$30,349,192

Health			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
State General Funds	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609	$345,418,609
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$346,298,393	$346,298,393	$346,298,393	$346,298,393

117.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$608	$608	$608	$608

117.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	$14,704	$14,704	$14,704	$14,704
117.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	$1,485	$1,485	$1,485	$1,485
117.4 *Increase funds for the physical health contract to support increased population.*				
State General Funds	$14,661,767	$20,390,440	$14,661,767	$14,661,767
117.5 *Increase funds for the pharmacy services contract to support increased population.*				
State General Funds	$6,070,940	$6,070,940	$6,070,940	$6,070,940
117.6 *Increase funds for the mental health contract to support increased population.*				
State General Funds	$8,081,370	$22,211,240	$8,081,370	$8,081,370
117.7 *Increase funds for the dental health contract to support increased population.*				
State General Funds	$2,198,857	$6,997,731	$2,198,857	$2,198,857
117.8 *Increase funds for ongoing maintenance of an agency-managed electronic health records solution.*				
State General Funds	$146,268	$146,268	$146,268	$146,268
117.9 *Increase funds for retention of experienced Correctional Officers to address compression.*				
State General Funds		$3,626	$3,626	$3,626
117.10 *Increase funds for healthcare contract for McRae Women's Facility to account for additional full time physical health employees. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds		$998,022	$0	$0

117.1000 Health			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,594,608	$402,253,673	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
State General Funds	$376,594,608	$402,253,673	$376,598,234	$376,598,234
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812	$573,812
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972	$305,972
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$377,474,392	$403,133,457	$377,478,018	$377,478,018

Offender Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
State General Funds	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720	$45,832,720

118.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$15,897	$15,897	$15,897	$15,897

118.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,511	$1,511	$1,511	$1,511

118.3 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$3,252	$0	$0	$0

118.4 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$2,325	$0	$0	$0

118.5 *Increase funds for a $6 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions. (S:Increase funds to increase the per diem from $24 to $29 for County Correctional Institutions)(CC:Increase funds for a $6 per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions)*

State General Funds		$9,975,450	$8,312,875	$9,975,450

118.6 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*

State General Funds			$2,771,395	$2,771,395

118.1000 Offender Management **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,855,705	$55,825,578	$56,934,398	$58,596,973
State General Funds	$45,855,705	$55,825,578	$56,934,398	$58,596,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,855,705	$55,825,578	$56,934,398	$58,596,973

Private Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
State General Funds	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303	$147,835,303

119.1 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for parity in compensation to Georgia Department of Corrections correctional officers. (H and S:Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase and address compression for parity in compensation to Georgia Department of Corrections correctional officers for Coffee ($373,875), Wheeler ($425,789), Jenkins ($188,005) and Riverbend ($466,067) Correctional Institutions)*

State General Funds	$2,943,413	$1,453,736	$1,453,736	$1,453,736

119.2 *Increase funds to add 188 private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and 258 private prison beds at Wheeler Correctional Institution. (H:Increase funds to add a total of 500 additional private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and Wheeler Correctional Institution)(S and CC:Increase funds to add a total of 500 additional private prison beds at Coffee Correctional Institution and Wheeler Correctional Institution, not to include per diem increase)*

State General Funds	$5,941,353	$10,342,275	$6,393,785	$6,393,785

119.3 *Increase funds for a contractual increase to per diem rates at Coffee ($3,033,827), Wheeler ($3,208,871), Jenkins ($3,654,586), and Riverbend ($3,750,000) Correctional Institutions to account for increased consumer price index costs.*

State General Funds		$13,647,284	$13,647,284	$13,647,284

119.4 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions at Coffee ($124,182), Wheeler ($100,337), Jenkins ($48,735), and Riverbend ($76,978) Correctional Institutions to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$350,232	$350,232	$350,232

119.5 *Increase funds for an 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions at Coffee ($58,882), Wheeler ($57,148), Jenkins ($29,825), and Riverbend ($92,757) Correctional Institutions to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$238,612	$238,612	$238,612

119.6 *Increase funds to provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for employees at Coffee ($712,681), Wheeler ($790,763), Jenkins ($416,435), and Riverbend ($646,696) Correctional Institutions consistent with the state employee cost-of-living adjustment provided in Fiscal Year 2025.*

State General Funds		$2,566,575	$2,566,575	$2,566,575

119.1000 Private Prisons				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$156,720,069	$176,434,017	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
State General Funds	$156,720,069	$176,434,017	$172,485,527	$172,485,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$156,720,069	$176,434,017	$172,485,527	$172,485,527

State Prisons **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320
State General Funds	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320	$775,371,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$788,534,658	$788,534,658	$788,534,658	$788,534,658

120.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$1,889	$1,889	$1,889	$1,889

120.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,623,384	$1,623,384	$1,623,384	$1,623,384

120.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$222,162	$222,162	$222,162	$222,162

120.4 *Increase funds to address critical capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000	$15,000,000

120.5 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$760,421	$760,421	$760,421	$760,421

120.6 *Increase funds for ongoing support of body cameras and tasers for increased facility security.*

State General Funds	$3,366,763	$3,584,932	$3,584,932	$3,584,932

120.7 *Increase funds for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program contract.*

State General Funds	$176,326	$176,326	$176,326	$176,326

120.8 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Detention Centers ($1,572,489) and Transition Centers ($718,679) programs for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)	($2,291,168)

120.9 *Increase funds for software licenses for additional officer tablets to improve documentation and information sharing on offender management.*

State General Funds	$2,457,440	$2,457,440	$2,457,440	$2,457,440

120.10 *Increase funds for additional facility maintenance personnel and regional support staff to address critical facility maintenance needs.*

State General Funds	$15,592,952	$15,592,952	$15,592,952	$15,592,952

120.11 *Increase funds for a "tiger team" to support existing Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) locking team to address repairs needed on facility locks, locking controls, and security electronics.*

State General Funds	$1,022,013	$1,022,013	$1,022,013	$1,022,013

120.12 *Increase funds for skilled craftsman "tiger teams" focused on HVAC, plumbing, electrical and fabrication needs in facilities.*

State General Funds	$2,601,532	$2,601,532	$2,601,532	$2,601,532

120.13 *Increase funds to implement an off-site mail screening solution to inhibit contraband and ensure the safety of facility staff.*

State General Funds	$1,826,486	$1,826,486	$1,826,486	$1,826,486

120.14 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$1,776,340	$3,707,811	$2,837,644	$2,837,644

120.15 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, fire services, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$1,544,791	$1,931,247	$1,931,247	$1,931,247

120.16 *Increase funds to add 330 correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios. (H and S:Increase funds for additional Correctional Officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios based on improved retention)*

State General Funds	$20,191,487	$39,637,010	$39,637,010	$39,637,010

120.17 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$7,553,404	$9,795,423	$9,795,423	$9,795,423

120.18 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$5,099,440	$8,095,907	$8,095,907	$8,095,907

120.19 *Increase funds to continue operating the Digital Forensics Unit through a contract.*

State General Funds	$4,114,511	$4,114,511	$4,114,511

120.20 *Increase funds for personnel for the Over Watch and Logistics (OWL) Unit and ongoing technology fees.*

State General Funds	$3,805,472	$3,805,472	$3,805,472

120.21 *Increase funds for the annual operations costs of the Data Intelligence Advanced Integration system.*

State General Funds	$1,950,000	$1,950,000	$1,950,000

120.22 *Increase funds to transfer eligible inmates into federal custody.*

State General Funds	$474,500	$474,500	$474,500

120.23 *Increase funds for utility costs.*

State General Funds	$14,078,438	$784,319	$784,319

120.24 *The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of prisoners who have committed federal crimes to federal custody. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

120.25 *The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the transfer of international prisoners who are eligible under the "International Prisoner Transfer Program." Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

120.26 *The Department of Corrections is directed to work with the State Board of Pardons and Parole to identify eligible international prisoners of non-violent crimes and facilitate the transfer of custody upon favorable consideration from the State Board of Pardons and Parole to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

120.27 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Offender Management program to recognize virtual court technology efficiencies in the appropriate program.*

State General Funds		($2,771,395)	($2,771,395)

120.1000 State Prisons **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well-supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$853,896,982	$905,540,008	$888,604,327	$888,604,327
State General Funds	$853,896,982	$905,540,008	$888,604,327	$888,604,327

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777	$235,777
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092	$12,388,092
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936	$338,936
Sales and Services	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156	$12,049,156
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
State Funds Transfers	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
Agency to Agency Contracts	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469	$539,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$867,060,320	$918,703,346	$901,767,665	$901,767,665

Transition Centers **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214
State General Funds	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214	$44,469,214
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$44,688,867	$44,688,867	$44,688,867	$44,688,867

121.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$99,061	$99,061	$99,061	$99,061

121.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$9,325	$9,325	$9,325	$9,325

121.3 *Increase funds for Technical College System of Georgia vocational education contracts.*

State General Funds	$18,685	$18,685	$18,685	$18,685

121.4 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (H and S:Increase funds for a salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds	$234,278	$584,022	$436,048	$436,048

121.5 *Transfer funds from the State Prisons program to the Transition Centers program for ongoing capital maintenance and repairs.*

State General Funds	$718,679	$718,679	$718,679	$718,679

121.6 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service, and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$67,493	$67,493	$67,493	$67,493

121.7 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all correctional officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	$564,889	$618,779	$618,779	$618,779

121.8 *Increase funds for a six month in-grade promotion step for correctional officer (CO) and Closed Special Mission (CSM) correctional officer 1 and 2 and to address salary compression to improve career path and retention opportunities.*

State General Funds	$358,090	$581,308	$581,308	$581,308

121.9 *Increase funds to add correctional officer positions to improve staff to offender ratios and reflect increased retention.*

State General Funds		$946,660	$946,660	$946,660

121.10 *Increase funds for the opening of 100 additional beds at Smith Transitional Center. (S:Increase funds for the opening of 50 additional beds at Smith Transitional Center)(CC:Increase funds for the opening of 100 additional beds at Smith Transitional Center)*

State General Funds		$2,708,175	$1,354,088	$2,708,175

121.11 *Increase funds for utility costs.*

State General Funds		$29,043	$1,618	$1,618

121.12 *The Department of Corrections is directed to identify and facilitate the purchase of property for additional transition centers in the Albany and Savannah regions. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

121.1000 Transition Centers				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,539,714	$50,850,444	$49,320,958	$50,675,045
State General Funds	$46,539,714	$50,850,444	$49,320,958	$50,675,045
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653	$219,653
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,759,367	$51,070,097	$49,540,611	$50,894,698

Section 20: Defense, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
State General Funds	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545	$12,628,545
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,162,590	$111,162,590	$111,162,590	$111,162,590
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,592,324	$12,592,324	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
State General Funds	$12,592,324	$12,592,324	$12,466,401	$12,466,401
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450	$75,943,450
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595	$22,590,595
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344	$2,259,344
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$111,126,369	$111,126,369	$111,000,446	$111,000,446

Departmental Administration (DOD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
State General Funds	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745	$1,441,745
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,579,516	$2,579,516	$2,579,516	$2,579,516

122.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($171)	($171)	($171)	($171)

122.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($3,210)	($3,210)	($3,210)	($3,210)

122.1000 Departmental Administration (DOD) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
State General Funds	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364	$1,438,364
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771	$1,137,771
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,576,135	$2,576,135	$2,576,135	$2,576,135

Military Readiness **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
State General Funds	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286	$6,149,286
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,693,955	$88,693,955	$88,693,955	$88,693,955

123.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($338)	($338)	($338)	($338)

123.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,968)	($1,968)	($1,968)	($1,968)

123.1000 Military Readiness **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
State General Funds	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980	$6,146,980
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952	$59,957,952
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717	$22,586,717
Intergovernmental Transfers	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148	$20,256,148
Royalties and Rents	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103	$75,103
Sales and Services	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466	$2,255,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,691,649	$88,691,649	$88,691,649	$88,691,649

Youth Educational Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
State General Funds	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514	$5,037,514
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,889,119	$19,889,119	$19,889,119	$19,889,119

124.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($387)	($387)	($387)	($387)

124.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($30,147)	($30,147)	($30,147)	($30,147)

124.3 *Reduce funds to reflect lower graduation rates.*

State General Funds			($125,923)	($125,923)

124.1000 Youth Educational Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,006,980	$5,006,980	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
State General Funds	$5,006,980	$5,006,980	$4,881,057	$4,881,057
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727	$14,847,727
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878	$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,858,585	$19,858,585	$19,732,662	$19,732,662

Section 21: Driver Services, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
State General Funds	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996	$86,117,996
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,962,117	$88,962,117	$88,962,117	$88,962,117
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,279,332	$86,415,442
State General Funds	$86,415,442	$86,415,442	$86,279,332	$86,415,442
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121	$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$89,259,563	$89,259,563	$89,123,453	$89,259,563

Departmental Administration (DDS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
State General Funds	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031	$10,909,031
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,409,888	$11,409,888	$11,409,888	$11,409,888

125.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($27,874)	($27,874)	($27,874)	($27,874)

125.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($29,176)	($29,176)	($29,176)	($29,176)

125.1000 Departmental Administration (DDS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
State General Funds	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981	$10,851,981
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
Sales and Services	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857	$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838	$11,352,838

License Issuance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
State General Funds	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197	$74,201,197
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,029,032	$76,029,032	$76,029,032	$76,029,032

126.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($208,882)	($208,882)	($208,882)	($208,882)

126.2 *Increase funds for the ongoing maintenance of technology for address fraud prevention.*

State General Funds	$168,000	$168,000	$168,000	$168,000

126.3 *Increase funds for annual maintenance of 38 self-service kiosks. (S:NO; Report to the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the future workforce efficiencies in light of move towards self-service kiosks)(CC:Increase funds for annual maintenance of 38 self-service kiosks)*

State General Funds	$136,110	$136,110	$0	$136,110

126.4 *Increase funds for an increase in federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) fees.*

State General Funds	$263,079	$263,079	$263,079	$263,079

126.1000 License Issuance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,423,394	$74,559,504
State General Funds	$74,559,504	$74,559,504	$74,423,394	$74,559,504
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835	$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,387,339	$76,387,339	$76,251,229	$76,387,339

Regulatory Compliance			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
State General Funds	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768	$1,007,768
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,523,197	$1,523,197	$1,523,197	$1,523,197

127.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,811)	($3,811)	($3,811)	($3,811)

127.1000 Regulatory Compliance			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice, problem drivers, and commercial drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; to certify ignition interlock device providers; and to monitor the status of all commercial driver license convictions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
State General Funds	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957	$1,003,957
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429	$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386	$1,519,386

Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$613,306,642	$613,306,642	$613,306,642	$613,306,642
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
Lottery Proceeds	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500

State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027	$1,221,466,027

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675	$640,395,675
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885	$607,659,885
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000	$170,175,000
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865	$344,735,865
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,248,555,060	$1,248,555,060	$1,248,555,060	$1,248,555,060

Child Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
State General Funds	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694	$71,882,694
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$452,173,841	$452,173,841	$452,173,841	$452,173,841

128.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,865	$3,865	$3,865	$3,865

128.2 *Increase funds to annualize state match for Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) reimbursement to the 60th percentile of market rates for childcare providers.*

State General Funds	$1,540,000	$1,540,000	$1,540,000	$1,540,000

128.3 *Increase funds to provide 500 additional state-funded slots in the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program.*

State General Funds	$3,928,500	$3,928,500	$3,928,500	$3,928,500

128.1000 Child Care Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
State General Funds	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059	$77,355,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147	$380,291,147
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020	$92,749,020
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127	$287,542,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206	$457,646,206

Nutrition Services				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

129.1000 Nutrition Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.				
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000	$170,000,000

Pre-Kindergarten Program				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948	$541,423,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$541,598,948	$541,598,948	$541,598,948	$541,598,948

130.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,079,658	$1,079,658	$1,079,658	$1,079,658

130.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	($267)	($267)	($267)	($267)

130.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	$4,662	$4,662	$4,662	$4,662

130.4 *Increase formula funds for annual update of teacher training and experience.*

Lottery Proceeds	$5,263,853	$5,263,853	$5,263,853	$5,263,853

130.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified teachers at public Pre-K providers to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

Lottery Proceeds	$1,207,440	$1,207,440	$1,207,440	$1,207,440

130.6 *Increase funds for year two of a four-year phase in to reduce classroom size from 22 to 20 students to improve instructional quality.*

Lottery Proceeds	$14,061,322	$14,061,322	$14,061,322	$14,061,322

130.1000 Pre-Kindergarten Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
Lottery Proceeds	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616	$563,040,616
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616	$563,215,616

Quality Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500

Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

131.1000 Quality Initiatives **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738	$57,193,738
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
State Funds Transfers	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500	$199,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238	$57,693,238

Section 23: Economic Development, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026
State General Funds	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026	$39,189,026
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,115,216	$40,115,216	$40,115,216	$40,115,216

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,182,297	$45,541,004	$38,111,004	$38,416,004
State General Funds	$39,182,297	$45,541,004	$38,111,004	$38,416,004
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190	$926,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,108,487	$46,467,194	$39,037,194	$39,342,194

Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
State General Funds	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093	$5,772,093

132.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$620	$620	$620	$620

132.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($9,600)	($9,600)	($9,600)	($9,600)

132.3 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development for support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$250,000	$120,000	$120,000	$120,000

132.1000 Departmental Administration (DEcD) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,013,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
State General Funds	$6,013,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,013,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113	$5,883,113

Film, Video, and Music **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
State General Funds	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927	$1,167,927

133.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$132	$132	$132	$132

133.1000 Film, Video, and Music **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
State General Funds	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059	$1,168,059

Arts, Georgia Council for the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

134.1000 Arts, Georgia Council for the **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
State General Funds	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794	$610,794

Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

135.1000 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
State General Funds	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356	$976,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400	$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756	$1,635,756

Global Commerce **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
State General Funds	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293	$10,661,293

136.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$928	$928	$928	$928

136.998 *Transfer funds from the Rural Development program to the Global Commerce program for one project manager and rural site development position.*

State General Funds		$636,700	$456,700	$636,700

136.1000 Global Commerce **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; and help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,662,221	$11,298,921	$11,118,921	$11,298,921
State General Funds	$10,662,221	$11,298,921	$11,118,921	$11,298,921
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,662,221	$11,298,921	$11,118,921	$11,298,921

Innovation and Technology **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
State General Funds	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002	$2,758,002

137.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$195	$195	$195	$195

137.1000 Innovation and Technology **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
State General Funds	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197	$2,758,197

International Relations and Trade **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392
State General Funds	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392	$2,879,392
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,182	$3,146,182	$3,146,182	$3,146,182

138.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$185	$185	$185	$185

138.1000 International Relations and Trade **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
State General Funds	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577	$2,879,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790	$266,790
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367	$3,146,367

Rural Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
State General Funds	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889	$1,397,889

139.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$104	$104	$104	$104

139.997 *Transfer funds from the Rural Development program to the Global Commerce program for one project manager and rural site development position. (S and CC:Transfer funds from the Rural Development program to the Global Commerce program for one project manager and rural site development position and reduce funds)*

State General Funds		($636,700)	($636,700)	($636,700)

139.998 *Transfer remaining funds from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Agriculture to establish the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB495 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds		($761,293)	($761,293)	($761,293)

139.1000 Rural Development **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote rural economic development opportunities and to recruit, retain and expand businesses in rural communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,993	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$1,397,993	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,993	$0	$0	$0

Small and Minority Business Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
State General Funds	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381	$1,080,381

140.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$106	$106	$106	$106

140.1000 Small and Minority Business Development **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers; and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
State General Funds	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487	$1,080,487

Tourism **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
State General Funds	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899	$11,884,899

141.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$601	$601	$601	$601

141.2 *Eliminate funds appropriated in FY2023 for public safety and infrastructure costs related to the 2025 College Football Playoff and the 2026 FIFA World Cup.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

141.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for educational exhibits and marketing. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($500,000) for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for educational exhibits and marketing)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for educational exhibits and marketing)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0	$125,000

141.4 *Increase funds for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority to prepare for the execution of public safety and infrastructure costs related to the hosting of future major sporting events, including the Super Bowl 62 and 2031 NCAA Men's Final Four. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$7,000,000	$0	$0

141.5 *The Department of Economic Development is directed to engage stakeholders and all interested parties to assess the diverse resources available across the state to support the upcoming major sporting events. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

141.1000 Tourism			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,635,500	$18,885,500	$11,635,500	$11,760,500
State General Funds	$11,635,500	$18,885,500	$11,635,500	$11,760,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,635,500	$18,885,500	$11,635,500	$11,760,500

Section 24: Education, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595
State General Funds	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595	$13,249,375,595
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128	$15,547,667,128
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,653,799,730	$13,752,215,752	$13,676,337,268	$13,701,947,205
State General Funds	$13,653,799,730	$13,752,215,752	$13,676,337,268	$13,701,947,205
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683	$2,264,165,683
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182	$2,264,053,182
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850	$34,125,850
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531	$580,531
Intergovernmental Transfers	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181	$15,243,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082	$643,082
Sales and Services	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056	$17,659,056
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,952,091,263	$16,050,507,285	$15,974,628,801	$16,000,238,738

Agricultural Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911
State General Funds	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911	$15,418,911
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,877,914	$16,877,914	$16,877,914	$16,877,914

142.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$81,074	$44,996	$60,028	$44,996

142.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,965)	($2,965)	($2,965)	($2,965)

142.3 *Reduce funds to reflect updated counts of extended day/year teachers. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($95,411)	$0	($95,411)	$0

142.4 *Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025.*

State General Funds		$94,626	$94,626	$94,626

142.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds		$100,350	$100,350	$100,350

142.6 *Increase funds for 10 new agricultural education programs. (S and CC:Increase funds for five new agricultural education programs)*

State General Funds	$110,000	$55,000	$55,000

142.7 *Increase funds for a Young Farmer position in Bibb County. (S and CC:Increase funds for a Young Farmer position in Bibb County and recognize total base funding of $4,857,659 for Young Farmers)*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

142.8 *Increase funds for two education specialist positions at youth camps.*

State General Funds	$183,509	$183,509	$183,509

142.9 *Increase funds for camp-affiliated staff.*

State General Funds	$215,710	$268,157	$268,157

142.10 *The Department of Education shall study and report the elimination of duplicative services and gain of operational efficiencies by combining Young Farmer and FFA programs to the House Budget and Research and Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by November 1, 2025. (C:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

142.1000 Agricultural Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,401,609	$16,265,137	$16,182,205	$16,262,584
State General Funds	$15,401,609	$16,265,137	$16,182,205	$16,262,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003	$309,003
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000	$1,150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,860,612	$17,724,140	$17,641,208	$17,721,587

Business and Finance Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
State General Funds	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594	$8,539,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,612,595	$18,612,595	$18,612,595	$18,612,595

143.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$1,515	$1,515	$1,515	$1,515

143.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($23,937)	($23,937)	($23,937)	($23,937)

143.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,973	$5,973	$5,973	$5,973

143.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding to upgrade the Capital Outlay Program Software (COPS) to integrate public Pre-K classrooms pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($200,000)	($200,000)	($200,000)	($200,000)

143.5 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($5,000)	$0

143.1000 Business and Finance Administration				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,318,145	$8,323,145
State General Funds	$8,323,145	$8,323,145	$8,318,145	$8,323,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020	$81,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981	$9,991,981
Intergovernmental Transfers	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181	$8,089,181
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082	$608,082
Sales and Services	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718	$1,294,718
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,396,146	$18,396,146	$18,391,146	$18,396,146

Central Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357
State General Funds	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357	$5,250,357
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,475,947	$66,475,947	$66,475,947	$66,475,947

144.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$2,049	$2,049	$2,049	$2,049

144.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,859)	($9,859)	($9,859)	($9,859)

144.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$576	$576	$576	$576

144.4 *Increase funds for Plasma Games. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$0	$0

144.5 *Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the School Security Grants program for a school safety coordinator position. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($150,000)	$0

144.1000 Central Office **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,243,123	$5,743,123	$5,093,123	$5,243,123
State General Funds	$5,243,123	$5,743,123	$5,093,123	$5,243,123
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445	$60,875,445
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145	$350,145
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,468,713	$66,968,713	$66,318,713	$66,468,713

Charter Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
State General Funds	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781	$5,477,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,427,123	$10,427,123	$10,427,123	$10,427,123

145.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$398	$398	$398	$398

145.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,579)	($1,579)	($1,579)	($1,579)

145.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$372	$372	$372	$372

145.4 *Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program pursuant to HB318 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($265,501)	($265,501)	($265,501)	($265,501)

145.5 *Reduce funds to reflect savings from non-recurring office refurbishment. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($330,000)	$0

145.6 *Increase funds for planning grants for state completion special schools.*

State General Funds				$2,000,000

145.7 *Increase funds for grants to school systems to encourage the authorization of locally approved charter schools pursuant to SB82 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds				$500,000

145.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*
Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

145.1000 Charter Schools				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter systems and completion schools, and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of charter systems and locally authorized charter schools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,211,471	$5,211,471	$4,881,471	$7,711,471
State General Funds	$5,211,471	$5,211,471	$4,881,471	$7,711,471
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882	$4,803,882
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460	$145,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,160,813	$10,160,813	$9,830,813	$12,660,813
Communities in Schools			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
State General Funds	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100	$2,690,100
146.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time state funding used to leverage matching grant funds for program expansion.*				
State General Funds	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)	($1,000,000)
146.2 *Increase funds for affiliates.*				
State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
146.1000 Communities in Schools				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
State General Funds	$1,690,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,690,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100	$1,940,100
Curriculum Development			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501
State General Funds	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501	$11,266,501

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,276,551	$18,276,551	$18,276,551	$18,276,551

147.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,676	$4,676	$4,676	$4,676

147.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,335)	($10,335)	($10,335)	($10,335)

147.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,913	$2,913	$2,913	$2,913

147.4 *Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization. (CC:Increase funds for college preparatory exams based on increased utilization and recognize base funding of $4,924,130)*

State General Funds		$2,500,000	$0	$750,000

147.5 *Utilize existing funds for one Cambridge International program exam for students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. (H:YES)(S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds for one STEM Cambridge International program exam to all students and one Cambridge International program exam for free and reduced-paying lunch students)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

147.6 *Recognize existing funds ($475,000) for a supplementary secondary math pilot program. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds			$0	$0

147.7 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for Life Sciences industry.*

State General Funds			($177,000)	($177,000)

147.1000 Curriculum Development **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,263,755	$13,763,755	$11,086,755	$11,836,755
State General Funds	$11,263,755	$13,763,755	$11,086,755	$11,836,755
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819	$6,833,819
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231	$176,231
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,273,805	$20,773,805	$18,096,805	$18,846,805

Curriculum Development - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
State General Funds	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300	$6,111,300

148.1 *Increase funds to sustain supplements for school literacy leads at all 1,343 K-3 schools.*

State General Funds	$339,799	$0	$0	$0

148.998 *Transfer funds from the Curriculum Development - Special Project program to the Literacy Coach Initiative program.*

State General Funds		($6,111,300)	($6,111,300)	($6,111,300)

148.1000 Curriculum Development - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund literacy coaches and associated training targeted for the bottom 25 percent of schools, including an emphasis on English as a Second Language (ESL) training for Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,451,099	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$6,451,099	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,451,099	$0	$0	$0

Federal Programs **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

149.1000 Federal Programs **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432	$1,305,164,432

Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
State General Funds	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487	$51,033,487
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,356,289	$62,356,289	$62,356,289	$62,356,289

150.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$364,207	$364,207	$364,207	$364,207

150.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($529)	($529)	($529)	($529)

150.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$119	$119	$119	$119

150.4 *Reduce formula funds based on enrollment and training and experience.*

State General Funds	($1,846,344)	($4,034,597)	($4,034,597)	($4,034,597)

150.5 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

150.1000 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,880,940	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
State General Funds	$49,880,940	$47,692,687	$47,692,687	$47,692,687
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802	$11,322,802
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,203,742	$59,015,489	$59,015,489	$59,015,489

Georgia Virtual School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
State General Funds	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004	$3,086,004
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,370,004	$11,370,004	$11,370,004	$11,370,004

151.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,127	$3,127	$3,127	$3,127

151.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,396)	($9,396)	($9,396)	($9,396)

151.1000 Georgia Virtual School **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
State General Funds	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735	$3,079,735
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000	$8,284,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,363,735	$11,363,735	$11,363,735	$11,363,735

Information Technology Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
State General Funds	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817	$21,118,817
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,528,084	$21,528,084	$21,528,084	$21,528,084

152.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,275	$3,275	$3,275	$3,275

152.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($36,651)	($36,651)	($36,651)	($36,651)

152.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,016	$8,016	$8,016	$8,016

152.4 *Increase funds to sustain 400mbps of state-funded bandwidth for all systems through PeachNet.*

State General Funds	$3,015,000	$3,015,000	$1,590,028	$1,590,028

152.5 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($50,000)	$0

152.1000 Information Technology Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,108,457	$24,108,457	$22,633,485	$22,683,485
State General Funds	$24,108,457	$24,108,457	$22,633,485	$22,683,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267	$409,267
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,517,724	$24,517,724	$23,042,752	$23,092,752

Literacy Coach Initiative **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

153.998 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement ($1,600,000) and the Curriculum Development - Special Project program ($6,111,300) to the Department of Education Literacy Coach Initiative program, and increase funds ($10,768,700) for 116 RESA-based literacy coaches to improve literacy outcomes for students in grades K-5.*

State General Funds	$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

153.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

153.1000 Literacy Coach Initiative **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for RESA-based literacy coaches to support the Georgia Council on Literacy's literacy coaching initiative.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
State General Funds		$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS		$18,480,000	$18,480,000	$18,480,000

Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
State General Funds	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822	$32,355,822

154.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$165,084	$201,195	$199,667	$201,195

154.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($363)	($363)	($363)	($363)

154.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$119	$119	$119	$119

154.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time grant funding for CPR training and equipment for student health and safety.*

State General Funds	($362,000)	($362,000)	($362,000)	($362,000)

154.5 *Increase formula funds for Sparsity Grants based on enrollment data.*

State General Funds	$5,918,900	$5,940,936	$5,783,616	$5,940,936

154.6 *Increase funds for custodian supplement grants.*

State General Funds	$543,000	$543,000	$543,000	$543,000

154.7 *Reduce formula funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.*

State General Funds	($43,186)	($95,812)	($102,029)	($95,812)

154.8 *Realign program budget to expenditures. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

154.9 *Increase funds for character education programming. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for character education programming)*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

154.10 *Reduce funds ($3,027,090) and transfer funds ($1,995,000) from the Department of Education to the Office of the Governor for a free universal reading screener pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds		($5,022,090)	($5,022,090)	($5,022,090)

154.11 *Increase funds for feminine hygiene grants due to inflation and increased enrollment. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds in Department of Education ($1,500,000) and in Department of Public Health ($200,000) for feminine hygiene grants)(CC:Increase funds for feminine hygiene grants and recognize base funds in Department of Education ($1,500,000) and in Department of Public Health ($200,000))*

State General Funds	$150,000	$0	$75,000

154.12 *Increase funds to educators for school supplies pursuant to SB464 (2024 Session). (S:Increase funds for a 25% match for local education agencies (from historic reserve balances), charities, or local civic organizations to provide school supplies to educators pursuant to SB464 (2024 Session))(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$7,500,000	$4,000,000	$0

154.13 *Increase funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session) in the Residential Treatment Facilities formula. (CC:YES; Recognize funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session) under growth in the Residential Treatment Facilities formula)*

State General Funds	$47	$0	

154.14 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for mentorship programs.*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	

154.1000 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives including: children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,577,376	$43,210,807	$39,145,789	$35,385,807
State General Funds	$38,577,376	$43,210,807	$39,145,789	$35,385,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,577,376	$43,210,807	$39,145,789	$35,385,807

Nutrition			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
State General Funds	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016	$42,637,016
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$846,230,485	$846,230,485	$846,230,485	$846,230,485

155.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$370	$370	$370	$370

155.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,264)	($1,264)	($1,264)	($1,264)

155.3 *Reduce formula funds for school nutrition due to a decrease in the number of meals served. (H:NO; Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nutrition given the rising price of meals)(S and CC:Reduce formula funds for school nutrition due to a decrease in the number of meals served)*

State General Funds	($2,955,870)	$0	($2,955,870)	($2,955,870)

155.4 *Recognize $6,333,713 in existing state funds to provide for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduced-price paying students. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

155.1000 Nutrition			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,680,252	$42,636,122	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
State General Funds	$39,680,252	$42,636,122	$39,680,252	$39,680,252
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469	$803,409,469
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000	$184,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$843,273,721	$846,229,591	$843,273,721	$843,273,721

Preschool Disabilities Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
State General Funds	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489	$56,782,489

156.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$416,934	$416,934	$416,934	$416,934

156.2 *Increase funds based on formula earnings.*

State General Funds	$3,478,250	$3,478,250	$3,478,250	$3,478,250

156.3 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$793,919	$793,919	$793,919	$793,919

156.1000 Preschool Disabilities Services				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
State General Funds	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592	$61,471,592

Pupil Transportation				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
State General Funds	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373	$353,759,373

157.1 *Increase funds for pupil transportation formula grants to reflect updated bus counts and operations.*				
State General Funds	$10,313,902	$10,313,902	$10,228,129	$10,228,129

157.2 *Increase funds for required bus driver safety training. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($158,400) from historic local fund balances for required bus driver safety training)(CC:Increase funds for required bus driver safety training)*				
State General Funds		$158,400	$0	$158,400

157.1000 Pupil Transportation				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems in their efforts to provide safe and efficient transportation for students to and from school and school related activities.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$364,073,275	$364,231,675	$363,987,502	$364,145,902
State General Funds	$364,073,275	$364,231,675	$363,987,502	$364,145,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$364,073,275	$364,231,675	$363,987,502	$364,145,902

Quality Basic Education Equalization				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
State General Funds	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487	$1,022,847,487

158.1 *Reduce formula funds for Equalization grants.*				
State General Funds	($112,926,680)	($113,139,423)	($113,591,961)	($113,139,423)

158.1000 Quality Basic Education Equalization				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$909,920,807	$909,708,064	$909,255,526	$909,708,064
State General Funds	$909,920,807	$909,708,064	$909,255,526	$909,708,064
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$909,920,807	$909,708,064	$909,255,526	$909,708,064

Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
State General Funds	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)	($2,753,394,408)

159.1 *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.*				
State General Funds	($115,875,838)	($115,166,527)	($115,145,030)	($114,771,361)

159.1000 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	($2,869,270,246)	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,539,438)	($2,868,165,769)
State General Funds	($2,869,270,246)	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,539,438)	($2,868,165,769)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	($2,869,270,246)	($2,868,560,935)	($2,868,539,438)	($2,868,165,769)

Quality Basic Education Program				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
State General Funds	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664	$14,101,605,664

160.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$100,372,662	$100,330,135	$100,783,331	$100,330,135
160.2 *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*				
State General Funds	$305,904,192	$302,414,375	$302,314,783	$300,438,543
160.3 *Reduce formula funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*				
State General Funds	($605,051)	($298,026)	($630,103)	($298,026)

160.4 *Increase formula funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.*

State General Funds	$34,121,273	$24,722,145	$25,374,042	$21,526,403

160.5 *Reduce formula funds for the Completion Special Schools supplement.*

State General Funds	($1,828,238)	($1,828,238)	($1,834,931)	($1,828,238)

160.6 *Increase formula funds for the charter system grant. (S and CC:Reduce formula funds for the charter system grant)*

State General Funds	$313,627	$313,627	($1,354,350)	($1,354,350)

160.7 *Increase formula funds for the local charter school grant. (S:Reduce formula funds for the local charter school grant)(CC:Increase formula funds for the local charter school grant)*

State General Funds	$48,477	$48,477	($28,686)	$48,477

160.8 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*

State General Funds	$172,603,500	$172,603,500	$172,567,500	$172,603,500

160.9 *Increase funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds	$872,333	$871,982	$874,984	$871,982

160.10 *Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025 for military counselors. (CC:YES; Recognize funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025 for military counselors under QBE enrollment growth and training and experience)*

State General Funds			$5,601	$0

160.1000 Quality Basic Education Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,713,408,439	$14,700,783,641	$14,699,677,835	$14,693,944,090
State General Funds	$14,713,408,439	$14,700,783,641	$14,699,677,835	$14,693,944,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,713,408,439	$14,700,783,641	$14,699,677,835	$14,693,944,090

Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
State General Funds	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985	$16,490,985

161.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$46,481	$46,415	$46,294	$46,415
161.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($536)	($536)	($536)	($536)
161.3 *Reduce formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment. (H:NO; Maintain funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs))(S and CC:Reduce formula funds for Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) based on enrollment)*				
State General Funds	($134,750)	$0	($113,110)	($94,608)
161.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in the health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885 effective July 1, 2025.*				
State General Funds	$55,239	$55,239	$55,237	$55,239

161.1000 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,457,419	$16,592,103	$16,478,870	$16,497,495
State General Funds	$16,457,419	$16,592,103	$16,478,870	$16,497,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,457,419	$16,592,103	$16,478,870	$16,497,495

School Improvement			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
State General Funds	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249	$10,910,249
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,367,970	$14,367,970	$14,367,970	$14,367,970

162.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$4,925	$4,925	$4,925	$4,925

162.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($22,873)	($22,873)	($22,873)	($22,873)

162.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,915	$1,915	$1,915	$1,915

162.4 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($190,000)	$0

162.1000 School Improvement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low-performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,704,216	$10,894,216
State General Funds	$10,894,216	$10,894,216	$10,704,216	$10,894,216
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721	$3,456,721
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,351,937	$14,351,937	$14,161,937	$14,351,937

School Nurse **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
State General Funds	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230	$42,724,230

163.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$361,917	$361,917	$361,928	$361,928

163.2 *Reduce formula funds for school nurses. (H:NO; Maintain current funding and hold harmless for formula reduction for school nurse funding)(S and CC:Reduce formula funds for school nurses)*

State General Funds	($54,206)	$0	($72,715)	($92,301)

163.1000 School Nurse **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for school nurses who provide health procedures for students at school.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,031,941	$43,086,147	$43,013,443	$42,993,857
State General Funds	$43,031,941	$43,086,147	$43,013,443	$42,993,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,031,941	$43,086,147	$43,013,443	$42,993,857

School Security Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
State General Funds	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000	$108,905,000

164.1 *Increase funds for a school safety coordinator position. (S:Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the School Security Grants program for a school safety coordinator position)(CC:Increase funds for a school safety coordinator position)*

State General Funds	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

164.2 *Increase funds and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and for local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams. (S:NO; Study and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the implementation of the school safety management systems from surrounding states including Florida)(CC:NO; Study and report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office on the implementation of the school safety management systems from surrounding states)*

State General Funds	$24,935,238	$0	$0

164.3 *Transfer funds from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Education ($9,294,554) and increase funds ($5,000,000) to consolidate and streamline funding for school based mental health support services. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$14,294,554	$0

164.4 *Increase funds for qualified student advocacy specialist grants pursuant to HB268 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds			$6,963,875

164.999 ***CC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.*
***Senate**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams; and to provide for mental health support.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and contract with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Statewide School and Student Safety Database and local training and development of behavioral threat assessment management teams.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

164.1000 School Security Grants				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to local school systems to support school security needs and to provide for student mental health support.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$108,905,000	$133,990,238	$123,349,554	$116,018,875
State General Funds	$108,905,000	$133,990,238	$123,349,554	$116,018,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,905,000	$133,990,238	$123,349,554	$116,018,875

State Charter School Commission Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379

165.1 *Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program to the State Charter School Commission Administration program ($265,501) and increase funds ($120,850) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session). (H:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($449,899) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session))(S and CC:Transfer funds from the Charter Schools program ($265,501) and provide additional funds ($352,850) to implement the provisions of HB318 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$386,351	$715,400	$618,351	$618,351

165.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

Governor*: The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

165.1000 State Charter School Commission Administration				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state and local charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$386,351	$715,400	$618,351	$618,351
State General Funds	$386,351	$715,400	$618,351	$618,351
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379	$6,685,379
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,071,730	$7,400,779	$7,303,730	$7,303,730

State Schools			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
State General Funds	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118	$38,800,118
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,058,578	$41,058,578	$41,058,578	$41,058,578

166.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$18,011	$18,011	$18,011	$18,011
166.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($84,557)	($84,557)	($84,557)	($84,557)
166.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	$244	$244	$244	$244
166.4 *Increase formula funds for training and experience.*				
State General Funds	$135,151	$358,045	$358,045	$358,045

166.5 *Reduce funds to reflect alignment of budget to expenditures and prior usage of funds for hearing officers in Central Office. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($250,000)	$0

166.1000 State Schools			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$38,868,967	$39,091,861	$38,841,861	$39,091,861
State General Funds	$38,868,967	$39,091,861	$38,841,861	$39,091,861
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556	$1,146,556
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055	$1,034,055
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501	$112,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904	$1,111,904
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300	$403,300
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Sales and Services	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604	$673,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,127,427	$41,350,321	$41,100,321	$41,350,321

Student Support Services		**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

167.1 *Add funds to establish student mental health support grants. (S:NO; Consolidate funds for school based mental health support in School Security Grants program (Line 164.2))(CC:Add funds to establish student mental health support grants)*

State General Funds	$19,580,000	$0	$19,580,000

167.2 *Add funds to establish grants for social work services. (S:Add funds to establish grants for social work services at schools that do not employ a social worker and do not earn a social worker in the Quality Basic Education formula and recognize existing funds ($37,892,043) in the Quality Basic Education program for social work services)(CC:Increase funds for social workers for school systems that, due to system size, do not earn enough QBE funds for a full school social worker position)*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$266,664	$2,385,991

167.3 *Add funds for out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees.*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$12,500,000	$12,500,000

167.4 *Add funds to districts for targeted support to economically-disadvantaged students. (S:NO; Utilize existing funds targeted to assist local education agencies to support economically disadvantaged students through federal Title I funds ($686,138,349) and through the Quality Basic Education Equalization program ($909,255,526))(CC:Increase one-time pilot funds to districts for targeted support to economically-disadvantaged students)*

State General Funds	$28,026,222	$0	$15,275,991

167.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.*

State General Funds	$0	$0

167.1000 Student Support Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for additional school-based social workers above what is earned in the Quality Basic Education formula and for grants to providers of out-of-school care.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,606,222	$12,766,664	$49,741,982
State General Funds	$62,606,222	$12,766,664	$49,741,982
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,606,222	$12,766,664	$49,741,982

Technology/Career Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320
State General Funds	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320	$24,354,320
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,055,530	$81,055,530	$81,055,530	$81,055,530

168.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$137,826	$230,124	$230,124	$230,124

168.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,059)	($5,059)	($5,059)	($5,059)

168.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,076	$1,076	$1,076	$1,076

168.4 *Increase funds for two full-time and two part-time positions and operations to sustain Great Promise Partnership operations as a part of work-based learning programs for at-risk students at the Department of Education. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds to facilitate the move from federal grant funding to state general funds to sustain the Great Promise Partnership)*

State General Funds	$383,444	$383,444	$0	$0

168.5 *Add funds to establish a high-demand equipment grant program for new and expanding career and technical education labs that support instruction for high-demand careers as identified by the State Workforce Board. (H and S:Add funds to establish a high-demand equipment grant program for new and expanding career and technical education labs that support instruction for high-demand careers as identified by the State Workforce Board, to include grants for heavy equipment simulators)*

State General Funds	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000	$1,250,000

168.6 *Increase funds to reflect updated count of extended day/year teachers.*

State General Funds	$18,951	$0	$0	$0

168.7 *Increase funds to annualize the $2,500 salary increase in FY2025.*

State General Funds		$236,735	$236,735	$236,735

168.8 *Increase funds for a government and public administration pathway.*

State General Funds		$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

168.9 *Recognize existing funds ($1,000,000) for construction industry certification. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds			$0	$0

168.10 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($150,000)	$0

168.1000 Technology/Career Education				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,140,558	$26,550,640	$26,017,196	$26,167,196
State General Funds	$26,140,558	$26,550,640	$26,017,196	$26,167,196
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460	$50,655,460
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750	$6,045,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000	$5,820,000
Sales and Services	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750	$225,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$82,841,768	$83,251,850	$82,718,406	$82,868,406

Testing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452
State General Funds	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452	$19,052,452
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,750,259	$34,750,259	$34,750,259	$34,750,259

169.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,067	$4,067	$4,067	$4,067

169.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,433)	($10,433)	($10,433)	($10,433)

169.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,317	$2,317	$2,317	$2,317

169.4 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($20,000)	$0

169.1000 Testing **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,028,403	$19,048,403
State General Funds	$19,048,403	$19,048,403	$19,028,403	$19,048,403
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807	$15,697,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,746,210	$34,746,210	$34,726,210	$34,746,210

Tuition for Multiple Disability Students **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,551,946

170.1 *Reduce funds to align with budget utilization.*

State General Funds			($100,000)	($100,000)

170.1000 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
State General Funds	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,551,946	$1,551,946	$1,451,946	$1,451,946

The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of $3,243.93. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.

Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844
State General Funds	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844	$66,320,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,179,539	$102,179,539	$102,179,539	$102,179,539

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,436,844	$93,686,844	$146,321,141	$80,436,844
State General Funds	$70,436,844	$93,686,844	$146,321,141	$80,436,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$106,295,539	$129,545,539	$182,179,836	$116,295,539

Deferred Compensation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

171.1000 Deferred Compensation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184	$5,226,184

Georgia Military Pension Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

172.1000 Georgia Military Pension Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
State General Funds	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444	$2,781,444

Public School Employees Retirement System **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
State General Funds	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000	$36,773,000

173.1 *Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	$4,122,000	$4,122,000	$4,122,000	$4,122,000

173.1000 Public School Employees Retirement System **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
State General Funds	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000	$40,895,000

System Administration (ERS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400
State General Funds	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400	$26,766,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,398,911	$57,398,911	$57,398,911	$57,398,911

174.1 *Eliminate funds for actuarially determined costs for HB472 (2024 Session) as legislation failed to pass.*

State General Funds	($6,000)	($6,000)	($6,000)	($6,000)

174.2 *Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for an annual payment to eligible retired members by December 1 each year. (Total Funds: $50,000,000)(S:Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) for a payment to eligible retired members by December 1, 2025 (Total Funds: $50,000,000) and increase funds to improve the funded ratio)(CC:Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($26,750,000) to pay a one-time supplement to eligible retired members upon approval by the Board (Total Funds: $36,750,000))*

State General Funds		$23,250,000	$75,884,297	$10,000,000

174.1000 System Administration (ERS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,760,400	$50,010,400	$102,644,697	$36,760,400
State General Funds	$26,760,400	$50,010,400	$102,644,697	$36,760,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
State Funds Transfers	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
Retirement Payments	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511	$30,632,511
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$57,392,911	$80,642,911	$133,277,208	$67,392,911

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 29.15% for New Plan employees and 24.40% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 25.51% for the pension portion of the benefit and 9.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed $997.99 per member for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 26: Forestry Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
State General Funds	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490	$52,328,490
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,792,026	$68,792,026	$68,792,026	$68,792,026

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,393,131	$54,884,879	$52,393,131	$54,010,299
State General Funds	$52,393,131	$54,884,879	$52,393,131	$54,010,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349	$6,986,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100	$8,914,100
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500	$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600	$6,241,600
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087

State Funds Transfers	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
Agency to Agency Contracts	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087	$563,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,856,667	$71,348,415	$68,856,667	$70,473,835

Commission Administration (SFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
State General Funds	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652	$6,512,652
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,144,232	$7,144,232	$7,144,232	$7,144,232

175.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,269	$5,269	$5,269	$5,269

175.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$11,932	$11,932	$11,932	$11,932

175.3 *Increase funds for grants to counties with more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-14-1.*

State General Funds		$641,748	$0	$641,748

175.1000 Commission Administration (SFC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer workforce needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,529,853	$7,171,601	$6,529,853	$7,171,601
State General Funds	$6,529,853	$7,171,601	$6,529,853	$7,171,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800	$123,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780	$507,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,161,433	$7,803,181	$7,161,433	$7,803,181

Forest Management **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
State General Funds	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751	$4,676,751
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,498,634	$9,498,634	$9,498,634	$9,498,634

176.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,329	$5,329	$5,329	$5,329

176.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia Grown Wood Product Program. (S and CC:YES; Recognize funds in the Department of Agriculture Marketing and Promotion program)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0	$0

176.1000 Forest Management **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,682,080	$4,882,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
State General Funds	$4,682,080	$4,882,080	$4,682,080	$4,682,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151	$3,682,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145	$798,145
Intergovernmental Transfers	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000	$187,000
Sales and Services	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145	$611,145
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
State Funds Transfers	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
Agency to Agency Contracts	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587	$341,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,503,963	$9,703,963	$9,503,963	$9,503,963

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
State General Funds	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087	$41,139,087
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,942,080	$50,942,080	$50,942,080	$50,942,080

177.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$42,111	$42,111	$42,111	$42,111

177.2 *Increase funds to aid in preventing and combating wildfires. (CC:NO; Reflect in Forest Protection - Special Project)*

State General Funds		$1,650,000	$0	$0

177.1000 Forest Protection				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,181,198	$42,831,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
State General Funds	$41,181,198	$42,831,198	$41,181,198	$41,181,198
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681	$3,046,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312	$6,541,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500	$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Sales and Services	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812	$4,055,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000	$80,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
State Funds Transfers	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000	$215,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$50,984,191	$52,634,191	$50,984,191	$50,984,191

177.1001 Special Project - Forest Protection: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for overtime pay earned by firefighters while awaiting reimbursements from the federal government or other states.

State General Funds $975,420

Tree Seedling Nursery			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500

State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

178.1000 Tree Seedling Nursery **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717	$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863	$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
State Funds Transfers	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080	$1,207,080

Section 27: Governor, Office of the

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882
State General Funds	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882	$61,795,882
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,068,650	$94,068,650	$94,068,650	$94,068,650
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,930,362	$64,823,254	$63,510,709	$63,573,254
State General Funds	$61,930,362	$64,823,254	$63,510,709	$63,573,254
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912	$31,454,912
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182	$30,294,182
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856	$817,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$94,203,130	$97,096,022	$95,783,477	$95,846,022

Governor's Emergency Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

179.1000 Governor's Emergency Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
State General Funds	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041	$11,062,041

Governor's Office **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
State General Funds	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362	$6,904,362

180.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$430	$430	$430	$430

180.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,681)	($3,681)	($3,681)	($3,681)

180.1000 Governor's Office **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be $60,000.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
State General Funds	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111	$6,901,111

Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
State General Funds	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276	$8,881,276

181.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$592	$592	$592	$592

181.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,534	$4,534	$4,534	$4,534

181.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($27,227)	($27,227)	($27,227)	($27,227)

181.4 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB982 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$194,756	$194,756	$194,756	$194,756

181.1000 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
State General Funds	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931	$9,053,931

Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

182.1000 Office of Health Strategy and Coordination **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to share healthcare information and coordinate policy between state agencies, healthcare providers, and the public; coordinate the state's healthcare system; and develop innovative approaches for lowering costs while improving access to quality healthcare.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
State General Funds	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567	$1,991,567

Georgia Data Analytic Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

183.1000 Georgia Data Analytic Center **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to consolidate data and analytics from across state government to provide transparency and accountability to lawmakers, agencies, researchers, and the public.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
State General Funds	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667	$1,999,667

Child Advocate, Office of the **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
State General Funds	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162	$1,476,162

184.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($280)	($280)	($280)	($280)

184.1000 Child Advocate, Office of the **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
State General Funds	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882	$1,475,882

Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522
State General Funds	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522	$1,399,522

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,840,522	$1,840,522	$1,840,522	$1,840,522

185.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,035	$1,035	$1,035	$1,035

185.1000 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
State General Funds	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557	$1,400,557
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000	$441,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557	$1,841,557

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372
State General Funds	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372	$6,261,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,772,410	$36,772,410	$36,772,410	$36,772,410

186.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,916)	($6,916)	($6,916)	($6,916)

186.2 *Establish the Georgia Resilience Office to plan and coordinate state-wide resilience and disaster recovery. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

186.3 *Reduce funds to reflect regular operations and grant efficiencies. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($62,545)	$0

186.4 *Eliminate funds for a gang case management system.*

State General Funds	($1,250,000)	($1,250,000)

186.1000 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,254,456	$6,254,456	$4,941,911	$5,004,456
State General Funds	$6,254,456	$6,254,456	$4,941,911	$5,004,456
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182	$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856	$807,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,765,494	$36,765,494	$35,452,949	$35,515,494

Office of the State Inspector General **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
State General Funds	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469	$1,829,469

187.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$441	$441	$441	$441

187.1000 Office of the State Inspector General			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
State General Funds	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910	$1,829,910

Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
State General Funds	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690	$8,730,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,051,420	$10,051,420	$10,051,420	$10,051,420

188.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$444	$444	$444	$444

188.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($920)	($920)	($920)	($920)

188.3 *Increase funds for two new ethics investigators.*

State General Funds		$221,922	$221,922	$221,922

188.1000 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,730,214	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
State General Funds	$8,730,214	$8,952,136	$8,952,136	$8,952,136
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730	$1,310,730
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730	$1,160,730
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,050,944	$10,272,866	$10,272,866	$10,272,866

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
State General Funds	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736	$5,964,736

189.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$431	$431	$431	$431

189.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($22,342)	($22,342)	($22,342)	($22,342)

189.3 *Add funds to annualize state participation for newly established regional crisis recovery network at the Southern Regional Education Board to support student mental health in response to significant public safety or natural disaster incidents impacting schools or school systems.*

State General Funds	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000

189.998 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to the Department of Education for the Growing Readers program for RESA-based literacy coaches.*

State General Funds		($1,600,000)	($1,600,000)	($1,600,000)

189.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,952,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
State General Funds	$5,952,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,952,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825	$4,352,825

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
State General Funds	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290	$1,661,290

190.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$205	$205	$205	$205

190.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,730)	($2,730)	($2,730)	($2,730)

190.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's Honors Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide gifted high school students a summer program of challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
State General Funds	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765	$1,658,765

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
State General Funds	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694	$2,628,694

191.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$835	$835	$835	$835

191.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($14,296)	($14,296)	($14,296)	($14,296)

191.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Governor's School Leadership Academy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide high-quality, selective, statewide leadership preparation and support designed to develop high-capacity school leaders across Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
State General Funds	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233	$2,615,233

Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

192.1 *Increase funds for a literacy coach coordinator position.*

State General Funds	$247,000	$247,000	$247,000

192.2 *Increase funds for a research group for competency-based standards and evaluation for literacy coaches.*

State General Funds	$2,028,970	$2,028,970	$2,028,970

192.997 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement - Special Project program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy, pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session), and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*

State General Funds	$1,004,203	$1,004,203	$1,004,203

192.998 *Transfer funds from the Department of Education to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for a free universal reading screener pursuant to HB538 (2023 Session).*

State General Funds	$1,995,000	$1,995,000	$1,995,000

192.999 ***CC**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*
***Senate**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*
***House**: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

192.1000 Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including competency-based research and training, literacy coach coordination, universal reading screeners for K through 3, and digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
State General Funds	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,275,173	$5,275,173	$5,275,173

Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
State General Funds	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034	$1,005,034

193.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$226	$226	$226	$226

193.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,057)	($1,057)	($1,057)	($1,057)

193.998 *Transfer funds from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement - Special Project program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement: Literacy Initiative Coordination program.*

State General Funds		($1,004,203)	($1,004,203)	($1,004,203)

193.1000 Student Achievement, Governor's Office of - Special Project			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide personnel and operations for the Georgia Council on Literacy ($251,000) pursuant to SB211 (2023 Session) and support the implementation of effective literacy methods, including digital curriculum for Pre-K through 5 ($749,000).				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,004,203	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$1,004,203	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,004,203	$0	$0	$0

The Mansion allowance shall be $60,000.

Section 28: Human Services, Department of

		Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764	$1,028,095,764
State General Funds	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375	$1,026,525,375
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470	$1,297,031,470
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$599,657,476	$599,657,476	$599,657,476	$599,657,476
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$87,994,777	$87,994,777	$87,994,777	$87,994,777
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$130,561,606	$130,561,606	$130,561,606	$130,561,606
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$367,879,092	$367,879,092	$367,879,092	$367,879,092
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$365,330,321	$365,330,321	$365,330,321	$365,330,321
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,262,196	$25,262,196	$25,262,196	$25,262,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797
State Funds Transfers	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency to Agency Contracts	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797

Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227	$2,351,663,227

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,027,310,115	$1,061,374,047	$1,057,998,791	$1,059,937,900
State General Funds	$1,025,953,069	$1,060,017,001	$1,056,641,745	$1,058,580,854
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,294,397,784	$1,300,498,977	$1,300,599,554	$1,300,870,572
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,109,334	$600,109,334	$600,480,929	$600,480,929
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317	$19,443,317
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$86,620,961	$92,722,154	$92,451,136	$92,722,154
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989	$76,201,989
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$130,569,082	$130,569,082	$130,569,082	$130,569,082
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213	$15,293,213
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$366,159,888	$366,159,888	$366,159,888	$366,159,888
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$363,611,117	$363,611,117	$363,611,117	$363,611,117
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,262,196	$25,633,791	$25,262,196	$25,262,196
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$23,762,196	$24,133,791	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$23,762,196	$24,133,791	$23,762,196	$23,762,196
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797	$1,273,797
State Funds Transfers	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency to Agency Contracts	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797	$553,797
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,348,243,892	$2,388,780,612	$2,385,134,338	$2,387,344,465

Adoptions Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
State General Funds	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753	$45,739,753
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,455,821	$79,455,821	$79,455,821	$79,455,821
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,334,420	$70,334,420	$70,334,420	$70,334,420
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,195,574	$125,195,574	$125,195,574	$125,195,574

194.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($27,469)	($27,469)	($27,469)	($27,469)

194.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($315,971)	($315,971)	($315,971)	($315,971)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$315,971	$315,971	$315,971	$315,971
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

194.1000 Adoptions Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
State General Funds	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313	$45,396,313
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,771,792	$79,771,792	$79,771,792	$79,771,792
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,650,391	$70,650,391	$70,650,391	$70,650,391
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401	$9,121,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,168,105	$125,168,105	$125,168,105	$125,168,105

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,305,967	$4,305,967	$4,305,967	$4,305,967
State General Funds	$2,989,897	$2,989,897	$2,989,897	$2,989,897
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070	$1,316,070
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,364,006	$12,364,006	$12,364,006	$12,364,006

195.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,112)	($10,112)	($10,112)	($10,112)

195.2 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2024 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

State Children's Trust Funds	($93,233)	($93,233)	($93,233)	($93,233)

195.3 *Increase funds to expand services for at-risk girls. (S and CC:Increase funds and recognize existing funds to expand services for at-risk girls)*

State General Funds		$150,000	$75,000	$75,000

195.1000 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,202,622	$4,352,622	$4,277,622	$4,277,622
State General Funds	$2,979,785	$3,129,785	$3,054,785	$3,054,785
State Children's Trust Funds	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837	$1,222,837
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039	$8,058,039
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949	$5,091,949
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090	$2,966,090
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,260,661	$12,410,661	$12,335,661	$12,335,661

Child Support Services			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145
State General Funds	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145	$34,136,145
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810	$112,248,810
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,180,715	$150,180,715	$150,180,715	$150,180,715

196.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,719	$1,719	$1,719	$1,719

196.2 *Increase funds to expand participation in the Child Support Lien Network to include real property and lump sum payment matching services.*

State General Funds	$60,899	$60,899	$60,899	$60,899
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$118,217	$118,217	$118,217	$118,217
Total Public Funds:	$179,116	$179,116	$179,116	$179,116

196.3 *Increase funds to support the attainment of child support for out of state non-custodial parents.*

State General Funds	$191,428	$191,428	$191,428
Federal Funds Not Itemized		$371,595	$371,595
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$371,595	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	$563,023	$563,023	$563,023

196.1000 Child Support Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,198,763	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
State General Funds	$34,198,763	$34,390,191	$34,390,191	$34,390,191
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$112,367,027	$112,367,027	$112,738,622	$112,738,622
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,367,027	$112,367,027	$112,738,622	$112,738,622
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,400,000	$3,771,595	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services	$3,400,000	$3,771,595	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,400,000	$3,771,595	$3,400,000	$3,400,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
State Funds Transfers	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760	$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$150,361,550	$150,924,573	$150,924,573	$150,924,573

Child Welfare Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585
State General Funds	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585	$243,832,585
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,997,680	$271,997,680	$271,997,680	$271,997,680
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$44,974,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$189,321,915	$189,321,915	$189,321,915	$189,321,915
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$186,773,144	$186,773,144	$186,773,144	$186,773,144
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
State Funds Transfers	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
Agency to Agency Contracts	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$515,988,302	$515,988,302	$515,988,302	$515,988,302

197.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($214,658)	($214,658)	($214,658)	($214,658)

197.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$8,096	$8,096	$8,096	$8,096

197.3 *Increase funds for Court Appointed Special Advocates to replace federal funds deemed ineligible by the Administration for Children and Families.*

State General Funds	$1,719,204	$1,719,204	$1,719,204	$1,719,204
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)	($1,719,204)
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

197.4 *Eliminate matching funds for the wraparound services pilot due to the denial of federal funds by the Administration for Children and Families. (H:NO; Maintain funds for wraparound services)(S and CC:Increase funds for wraparound services)*

State General Funds	($1,500,000)	$0	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	($1,500,000)	$0	$0	$0
Total Public Funds:	($3,000,000)	$0	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

197.5 *Increase funds to expand heavy equipment operator certification program for high-risk youth.*

State General Funds		$125,000	$125,000	$125,000

197.1000 Child Welfare Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$243,845,227	$245,470,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
State General Funds	$243,845,227	$245,470,227	$246,970,227	$246,970,227
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$268,778,476	$270,278,476	$270,278,476	$270,278,476
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063	$33,977,063
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$43,474,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727	$44,974,727
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974	$247,974
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001	$3,476,001
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$187,602,711	$187,602,711	$187,602,711	$187,602,711
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$185,053,940	$185,053,940	$185,053,940	$185,053,940
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771	$2,548,771
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
State Funds Transfers	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
Agency to Agency Contracts	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037	$158,037
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$512,781,740	$515,906,740	$517,406,740	$517,406,740

Community Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456

198.1000 Community Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456	$19,033,456

Departmental Administration (DHS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779
State General Funds	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779	$62,091,779
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,538,528	$47,538,528	$47,538,528	$47,538,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,770,669	$6,770,669	$6,770,669	$6,770,669
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,498,980	$122,498,980	$122,498,980	$122,498,980

199.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,356	$6,356	$6,356	$6,356

199.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$41,233	$41,233	$41,233	$41,233

199.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) from 76.23% to 76.48%.*

State General Funds	($3,738)	($3,738)	($3,738)	($3,738)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$7,476	$7,476	$7,476	$7,476
Total Public Funds:	$3,738	$3,738	$3,738	$3,738

199.1000 Departmental Administration (DHS)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
State General Funds	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630	$62,135,630
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$47,546,004	$47,546,004	$47,546,004	$47,546,004
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943	$29,747,943
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459	$216,459
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825	$6,351,825
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441	$426,441
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$6,778,145	$6,778,145	$6,778,145	$6,778,145
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191	$4,000,191
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673	$12,868,673
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673	$11,368,673
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$122,550,307	$122,550,307	$122,550,307	$122,550,307

Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
State General Funds	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395	$30,883,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403

Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,627,120	$35,627,120	$35,627,120	$35,627,120

200.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,639	$2,639	$2,639	$2,639

200.1000 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
State General Funds	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034	$30,886,034
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725	$4,743,725
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403	$2,142,403
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322	$2,601,322
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,629,759	$35,629,759	$35,629,759	$35,629,759

Elder Community Living Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103
State General Funds	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103	$52,943,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$97,494,315	$97,494,315	$97,494,315	$97,494,315

201.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$157	$157	$157	$157

201.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health for brain health awareness campaign to match agency budgets with existing contracts.*

State General Funds	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)	($225,000)

201.3 *Increase funds for non-Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).*

State General Funds		$1,099,200	$1,099,200	$1,099,200

201.1000 Elder Community Living Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,718,260	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
State General Funds	$52,718,260	$53,817,460	$53,817,460	$53,817,460
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212	$44,551,212
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322	$35,360,322
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890	$9,190,890
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$97,269,472	$98,368,672	$98,368,672	$98,368,672

Energy Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606

202.1000 Energy Assistance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606	$75,127,606

Federal Eligibility Benefit Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
State General Funds	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645	$159,022,645
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,523,667	$443,523,667	$443,523,667	$443,523,667

203.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$256	$256	$256	$256
203.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($76,974)	($76,974)	($76,974)	($76,974)
203.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	$31,630	$31,630	$31,630	$31,630
203.4 *Utilize existing funds ($133,763) to enhance Medicaid disability evaluation capacity. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*				
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
203.5 *Increase funds to annualize a $3,000 additional salary enhancement for eligibility caseworkers.*				
State General Funds		$5,758,228	$5,758,228	$5,758,228
203.6 *The department is directed to prepare and submit a plan to address the backlog of eligibility determinations to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by June 1, 2025. (H:YES)(S:YES)*				
State General Funds		$0	$0	$0
203.7 *Reduce funds for labor and wage data verification services.*				
State General Funds			($2,061,147)	($2,061,147)
203.8 *Reduce funds. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds			($1,000,000)	$0

203.1000 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$158,977,557	$164,735,785	$161,674,638	$162,674,638
State General Funds	$158,977,557	$164,735,785	$161,674,638	$162,674,638
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022	$284,501,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220	$135,348,220
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402	$193,402
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564	$6,105,564
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942	$647,942
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998	$122,205,998
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896	$19,999,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$443,478,579	$449,236,807	$446,175,660	$447,175,660

Out-of-Home Care **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
State General Funds	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385	$342,191,385
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$107,075,957	$107,075,957	$107,075,957	$107,075,957
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$152,651	$152,651	$152,651	$152,651
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$30,048,837	$30,048,837	$30,048,837	$30,048,837
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$449,267,342	$449,267,342	$449,267,342	$449,267,342

204.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%.*

State General Funds	($143,854)	($143,854)	($143,854)	($143,854)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$126,184	$126,184	$126,184	$126,184
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,670	$17,670	$17,670	$17,670
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

204.2 *Increase funds for utilization growth and increased costs of care.*

State General Funds		$19,293,420	$21,893,420	$19,293,420
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		$3,197,389	$3,628,273	$3,197,389
Total Public Funds:		$22,490,809	$25,521,693	$22,490,809

204.3 *Increase funds for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for essential clothing and supplies for foster youth)*

State General Funds		$400,000	$200,000	$300,000

204.4 *Increase funds to place foster youth closer to their biological families. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to place foster youth closer to their biological families and provide a report to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on success outcomes of the program by December 31, 2025)*

State General Funds		$500,000	$250,000	$250,000

204.5 *Increase funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers. (S:Increase funds for a 1% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers)(CC:Increase funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers)*

State General Funds		$6,135,219	$3,067,610	$6,135,219
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		$1,403,804	$701,902	$1,403,804
Total Public Funds:		$7,539,023	$3,769,512	$7,539,023

204.6 *Increase funds for community action teams to deter child welfare involvement.*

State General Funds	$371,500	$0	$371,500

204.7 *Increase funds to support youth aging out of foster care. (S and CC:NO; Await recommendations from the Senate Study Committee on additional services and resources for transition age youth in foster care pursuant to SR310 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds	$325,000	$0	$0

204.1000 Out-of-Home Care **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$342,047,531	$369,072,670	$367,458,561	$368,397,670
State General Funds	$342,047,531	$369,072,670	$367,458,561	$368,397,670
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$107,219,811	$111,821,004	$111,549,986	$111,821,004
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,321	$170,321	$170,321	$170,321
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$30,175,021	$34,776,214	$34,505,196	$34,776,214
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469	$76,874,469
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$449,267,342	$480,893,674	$479,008,547	$480,218,674

Out-of-School Care Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,500,000	$17,500,000	$17,500,000	$17,500,000

205.1 *Reduce funds and recognize $10,000,000 in the Department of Education Student Support Services for out-of-school care grants.*

State General Funds	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($2,000,000)

205.1000 Out-of-School Care Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of out-of-school services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,000,000	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$2,000,000	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

Refugee Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

206.1000 Refugee Assistance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463	$20,174,463

Residential Child Care Licensing **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
State General Funds	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120	$2,569,120
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,082,944	$3,082,944	$3,082,944	$3,082,944

207.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$315	$315	$315	$315

207.2 *Utilize existing funds ($46,550) for one position to address new licensure and regulation responsibilities due to the creation of two new Child Caring Institution types in SB377 (2024 Session) and HB1201 (2024 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

207.1000 Residential Child Care Licensing **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
State General Funds	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435	$2,569,435
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824	$513,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259	$3,083,259

Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

208.1000 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008	$36,453,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008	$36,523,008

Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726

209.1000 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726	$20,810,726
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604	$7,168,604
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122	$13,642,122
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726	$20,910,726

Council On Aging **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625
State General Funds	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625	$376,625

210.1 *Increase funds for personnel.*

State General Funds		$89,937	$89,937	$89,937

210.1000 Council On Aging				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$376,625	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
State General Funds	$376,625	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$376,625	$466,562	$466,562	$466,562

Family Connection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

211.1000 Family Connection				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
State General Funds	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889	$10,359,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965	$1,336,965
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854	$11,696,854

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
State General Funds	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972	$335,972
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,779,241	$2,779,241	$2,779,241	$2,779,241

212.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($452)	($452)	($452)	($452)

212.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
State General Funds	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520	$335,520
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269	$2,443,269
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,778,789	$2,778,789	$2,778,789	$2,778,789

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
State General Funds	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950	$2,908,950
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,039,595	$11,039,595	$11,039,595	$11,039,595

213.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$238	$238	$238	$238

213.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($11,105)	($11,105)	($11,105)	($11,105)

213.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$113,208	$113,208	$113,208	$113,208

213.998 *Transfer funds and six positions from Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration program to align with work on agency-wide operations.*

State General Funds		$576,042	$576,042	$576,042

213.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,011,291	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
State General Funds	$3,011,291	$3,587,333	$3,587,333	$3,587,333
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048	$7,846,048
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597	$284,597
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,141,936	$11,717,978	$11,717,978	$11,717,978

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

214.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724	$66,908,724

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

215.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888	$4,365,888

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
State General Funds	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292	$25,752,292
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,527,917	$101,527,917	$101,527,917	$101,527,917

216.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$153	$153	$153	$153

216.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($29,076)	($29,076)	($29,076)	($29,076)

216.3 *Increase funds to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing funds ($57,500) to supply new and used durable medical equipment and assistive technology)*

State General Funds	$125,000	$0	$0

216.998 *Transfer funds and six positions from Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration program to align with work on agency-wide operations.*

State General Funds	($576,042)	($576,042)	($576,042)

216.1000 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$25,723,369	$25,272,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
State General Funds	$25,723,369	$25,272,327	$25,147,327	$25,147,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587	$70,712,587
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038	$4,343,038
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Funds Transfers	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000	$720,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,498,994	$101,047,952	$100,922,952	$100,922,952

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319	$254,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159	$8,476,159

217.1 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2024 collections of financial penalties for sex trafficking and sexual offenses ($120,110) pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-208 and adult entertainment establishment assessments pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-209.*

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	($120,110)	($120,110)	($120,110)	($120,110)

217.1000 Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission for the purposes of providing care, rehabilitative services, residential housing, health services, and social services to sexually exploited children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049
State General Funds	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840	$8,221,840
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209	$134,209
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049	$8,356,049

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:
For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is $235, and the maximum monthly amount is $155.
For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is $356, and the maximum monthly amount is $235.
For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is $424, and the maximum monthly amount is $280.
For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is $500, and the maximum monthly amount is $330.
For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is $573, and the maximum monthly amount is $378.
For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is $621, and the maximum monthly amount is $410.
For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is $672, and the maximum monthly amount is $444.
For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is $713, and the maximum monthly amount is $470.
For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is $751, and the maximum monthly amount is $496.
For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is $804, and the maximum monthly amount is $530.
For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is $860, and the maximum monthly amount is $568.
Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.

Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commissioner of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762
State General Funds	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762	$232,821,762
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177	$8,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283	$8,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,417,883	$243,417,883	$243,417,883	$243,417,883

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$182,606,128	$173,762,867	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
State General Funds	$182,606,128	$173,762,867	$172,606,128	$172,606,128
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$58,874,177	$67,717,438	$68,874,177	$68,874,177
Intergovernmental Transfers	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894	$590,894
Sales and Services	$58,283,283	$67,126,544	$68,283,283	$68,283,283
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$58,283,283	$67,126,544	$68,283,283	$68,283,283
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$243,202,249	$243,202,249	$243,202,249	$243,202,249

Departmental Administration (COI) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
State General Funds	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523	$2,610,523
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,720,123	$2,720,123	$2,720,123	$2,720,123

218.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($13,849)	($13,849)	($13,849)	($13,849)

218.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,445)	($2,445)	($2,445)	($2,445)

218.1000 Departmental Administration (COI) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and maintain a fire-safe environment.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
State General Funds	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229	$2,594,229
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600	$109,600
Intergovernmental Transfers	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600	$49,600

Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,703,829	$2,703,829	$2,703,829	$2,703,829

Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
State General Funds	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866	$587,866

219.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,201)	($4,201)	($4,201)	($4,201)

219.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($742)	($742)	($742)	($742)

219.1000 Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, fire safety, and fraud.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
State General Funds	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923	$582,923

Fire Safety **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
State General Funds	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276	$12,106,276
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450

Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$16,273,495	$16,273,495	$16,273,495	$16,273,495

220.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($45,806)	($45,806)	($45,806)	($45,806)

220.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($8,086)	($8,086)	($8,086)	($8,086)

220.3 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for 45 positions and associated vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	$4,155,057	$4,155,057	$4,155,057	$4,155,057

220.4 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for three vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	($77,826)	($77,826)	($77,826)	($77,826)

220.1000 Fire Safety **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, and elevators, boilers and carnivals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
State General Funds	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615	$16,129,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494	$853,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275	$2,445,275
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
State Funds Transfers	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
Agency to Agency Contracts	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450	$868,450
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,296,834	$20,296,834	$20,296,834	$20,296,834

Insurance Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
State General Funds	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277	$4,184,277
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,962,285	$9,962,285	$9,962,285	$9,962,285

221.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($24,836)	($24,836)	($24,836)	($24,836)

221.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,384)	($4,384)	($4,384)	($4,384)

221.3 *Transfer funds from the Insurance Regulation program to the Fire Safety program for 45 positions and associated vehicles and equipment.*

State General Funds	($4,155,057)	($4,155,057)	($4,155,057)	($4,155,057)

221.1000 Insurance Regulation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008	$5,778,008

Reinsurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
State General Funds	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326	$205,884,326

222.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($7,760)	($7,760)	($7,760)	($7,760)

222.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,370)	($1,370)	($1,370)	($1,370)

222.3 *Reduce funds for the state reinsurance program and the state healthcare exchange and recognize exchange-generated user fees.*

State General Funds	($50,000,000)	($58,843,261)	($60,000,000)	($60,000,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000	$60,000,000
Total Public Funds:	$0	$0	$0	$0

222.1000 Reinsurance				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable healthcare insurance premiums and to operate a healthcare exchange for individuals to review and enroll in healthcare insurance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,875,196	$147,031,935	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
State General Funds	$155,875,196	$147,031,935	$145,875,196	$145,875,196
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000	$60,000,000
Sales and Services	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000	$60,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000,000	$58,843,261	$60,000,000	$60,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$205,875,196	$205,875,196	$205,875,196	$205,875,196

Special Fraud			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
State General Funds	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494	$7,448,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,989,788	$7,989,788	$7,989,788	$7,989,788

223.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$330	$330	$330	$330

223.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($20,959)	($20,959)	($20,959)	($20,959)

223.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	($3,700)	($3,700)	($3,700)	($3,700)

223.1000 Special Fraud				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to identify and take appropriate action to deter insurance fraud.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
State General Funds	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165	$7,424,165
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294	$541,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,965,459	$7,965,459	$7,965,459	$7,965,459

Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108
State General Funds	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108	$250,452,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$352,025,614	$352,025,614	$352,025,614	$352,025,614
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$255,493,383	$265,412,322	$255,649,831	$260,647,384
State General Funds	$255,493,383	$265,412,322	$255,649,831	$260,647,384
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460	$70,782,460
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304	$70,605,304
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743	$30,527,743
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738	$2,210,738
Sales and Services	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005	$28,317,005
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$357,066,889	$366,985,828	$357,223,337	$362,220,890

Bureau Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
State General Funds	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356	$10,493,356
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,859,259	$10,859,259	$10,859,259	$10,859,259

224.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$5,801	$5,801	$5,801	$5,801

224.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$13,925	$13,925	$13,925	$13,925

224.3 *Increase funds for new pool car reservation system.*

State General Funds	$10,346	$19,290	$10,346	$10,346

224.4 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to statewide security contracts through the Department of Administrative Services.*

State General Funds	$18,075	$57,018	$18,075	$18,075

224.1000 Bureau Administration **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,541,503	$10,589,390	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
State General Funds	$10,541,503	$10,589,390	$10,541,503	$10,541,503
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600	$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
State Funds Transfers	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
Agency to Agency Contracts	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303	$263,303
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,907,406	$10,955,293	$10,907,406	$10,907,406

Criminal Justice Information Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
State General Funds	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856	$7,588,856
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,088,856	$19,088,856	$19,088,856	$19,088,856

225.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,498	$7,498	$7,498	$7,498

225.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$222	$222	$222	$222

225.3 *Increase funds and recognize $1,000,000 appropriated in Amended FY2025 budget for a gang case management system. (CC:YES; Recognize in Regional Investigative Services program)*

State General Funds			$1,000,000	$0

225.1000 Criminal Justice Information Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$8,596,576	$7,596,576
State General Funds	$7,596,576	$7,596,576	$8,596,576	$7,596,576
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$19,096,576	$19,096,576	$20,096,576	$19,096,576

Forensic Scientific Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540
State General Funds	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540	$66,530,540

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,765,762	$68,765,762	$68,765,762	$68,765,762

226.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$46,867	$46,867	$46,867	$46,867

226.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,926	$3,926	$3,926	$3,926

226.3 *Increase funds for one crime lab scientist, one crime lab technician, and one evidence receiving technician at the Central Crime Lab.*

State General Funds	$384,591	$384,591	$384,591	$384,591

226.4 *Increase funds for one crime lab assistant manager at the Headquarters Crime Lab. (H and S:Increase funds for two crime lab assistant managers at the Headquarters Crime Lab)*

State General Funds	$194,857	$389,714	$389,714	$389,714

226.5 *Increase funds for additional service contracts for crime lab instrumentation.*

State General Funds	$633,593	$633,593	$633,593	$633,593

226.6 *Reduce funds for one-time costs related to the Medical Examiner's Office positions in Fiscal Year 2025.*

State General Funds		($28,270)	($28,270)	($28,270)

226.7 *Increase funds for one-time purchase of five handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories and warranties. (CC:Increase funds for one-time purchase of three handheld portable mass spectrometer chemical detection systems, accessories and warranties)*

State General Funds			$545,129	$327,546

226.1000 Forensic Scientific Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$67,794,374	$67,960,961	$68,506,090	$68,288,507
State General Funds	$67,794,374	$67,960,961	$68,506,090	$68,288,507
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366	$2,229,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
Sales and Services	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856	$5,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$70,029,596	$70,196,183	$70,741,312	$70,523,729

Regional Investigative Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144
State General Funds	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144	$77,943,144
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$81,647,234	$81,647,234	$81,647,234	$81,647,234

227.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$687	$687	$687	$687

227.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$56,839	$56,839	$56,839	$56,839

227.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$13,517	$13,517	$13,517	$13,517

227.4 *Increase funds to replace federal funds with state funds for three human trafficking positions.*

State General Funds	$294,420	$294,420	$294,420	$294,420

227.5 *Increase funds for the start-up cost to establish a Strategic Threat Assessment Group responsible for addressing threats to public officials, investigating homeland security matters, and partnering with critical infrastructure partners to provide support during major events occurring in the state.*

State General Funds	$390,789	$390,789	$390,789	$390,789

227.6 *Increase funds for two crime scene technical leaders and three digital forensic investigators.*

State General Funds	$1,033,531	$1,033,531	$1,033,531	$1,033,531

227.7 *Increase funds for on-going maintenance and support of the case management and leads tracking systems.*

State General Funds	$562,135	$562,135	$562,135	$562,135

227.8 *Reduce funds for one-time costs for the Columbus Gang Task Force positions.*

State General Funds	($2,146,987)	($2,146,987)	($2,146,987)

227.9 *Increase funds for advanced DNA testing and genetic genealogy testing for the Cold Case Unit.*

State General Funds	$200,000	$100,000	$150,000

227.10 *Increase funds for eight Criminal Intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC). (S and CC:Increase funds for four Criminal Intelligence analysts for Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC))*

State General Funds	$1,619,157	$545,930	$531,591

227.11 *Increase funds for technology.*

State General Funds			$877,320

227.12 *Increase funds and recognize $1,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) for a gang case management system and for gang enforcement efforts across the state.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000

227.1000 Regional Investigative Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$80,295,062	$79,967,232	$78,794,005	$80,706,986
State General Funds	$80,295,062	$79,967,232	$78,794,005	$80,706,986
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153	$1,812,153
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937	$1,891,937
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738	$1,820,738
Sales and Services	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199	$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$83,999,152	$83,671,322	$82,498,095	$84,411,076

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
State General Funds	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441	$15,623,441
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$99,391,732	$99,391,732	$99,391,732	$99,391,732

228.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$12,546	$12,546	$12,546	$12,546

228.2 *Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue operations at the Receiving Hope Center. (S:YES; Utilize partner resources to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue operations at the Receiving Hope Center)(CC:Increase funds to offset the loss of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue operations at the Receiving Hope Center)*

State General Funds	$400,312	$400,312	$0	$400,312

228.3 *Increase funds for two advocate positions and ongoing maintenance of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline. (S:NO; Explore possibility of utilizing existing resources at the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC))(CC:Increase funds for two advocate positions and ongoing maintenance of the End Human Trafficking Georgia 24/7 Hotline)*

State General Funds	$421,608	$421,608	$0	$421,608

228.4 *Increase funds to offset the loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to provide core services for victims of crimes. (S:YES; Maintain current funding in expectation of receipt of $12,000,000 in additional federal funds)(CC:Increase funds to offset the loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to provide core services for victims of crimes)*

State General Funds		$8,125,000	$0	$3,125,000

228.5 *Increase funds to implement the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention program pursuant to HB268 (2023 Session). (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$750,000	$0	$0

228.6 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds		$33,558	$33,558	$33,558

228.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding for gang prevention activities in Chatham County.*

State General Funds				$250,000

228.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,457,907	$25,366,465	$15,669,545	$19,866,465
State General Funds	$16,457,907	$25,366,465	$15,669,545	$19,866,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341	$66,728,341
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185	$66,551,185
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156	$177,156
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950	$17,039,950
Intergovernmental Transfers	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Sales and Services	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950	$16,739,950
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$100,226,198	$109,134,756	$99,437,836	$103,634,756

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
State General Funds	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125	$37,300,125

229.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,968	$4,968	$4,968	$4,968

229.2 *Increase funds to implement Juvenile Treatment Courts per HB873 (2024 Session). (H and S:Increase funds for one training coordinator position and for the implementation of Juvenile Treatment Courts per HB873 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$17,250	$155,375	$155,375	$155,375

229.3 *Increase funds for new and existing accountability courts to support population growth.*

State General Funds	$512,544	$1,344,476	$954,890	$1,060,125

229.4 *Increase funds for new and existing Juvenile Treatment Courts.*

State General Funds		$153,680	$153,680	$153,680

229.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,834,887	$38,958,624	$38,569,038	$38,674,273
State General Funds	$37,834,887	$38,958,624	$38,569,038	$38,674,273
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,834,887	$38,958,624	$38,569,038	$38,674,273

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
State General Funds	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646	$34,972,646

230.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$428	$428	$428	$428

230.1000 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide certified domestic violence shelters and sexual assault centers with funds so as to provide the necessary services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence and sexual assault statewide.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
State General Funds	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074	$34,973,074

Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187
State General Funds	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187	$388,064,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$394,665,964	$394,665,964	$394,665,964	$394,665,964

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$389,519,554	$395,229,317	$393,520,946	$395,229,317
State General Funds	$389,519,554	$395,229,317	$393,520,946	$395,229,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886	$6,072,886
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771	$5,553,771
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891	$468,891
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$396,121,331	$401,831,094	$400,122,723	$401,831,094

Community Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
State General Funds	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877	$104,990,877
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,935,316	$105,935,316	$105,935,316	$105,935,316

231.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$516	$516	$516	$516

231.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$38,166	$38,166	$38,166	$38,166

231.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,000)	($4,000)	($4,000)	($4,000)

231.4 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$6,833	$0	$0

231.5 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($16,873) for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)(CC:Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention)*

State General Funds		$16,873	$0	$16,873

231.6 *Increase funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents and relative caregivers. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($175,791) for a 1% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents and relative caregivers)(CC:Increase funds for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers)*

State General Funds		$351,582	$0	$351,582

231.7 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($1,054,008)	$0

231.1000 Community Service **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$105,025,559	$105,400,847	$103,971,551	$105,394,014
State General Funds	$105,025,559	$105,400,847	$103,971,551	$105,394,014
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141	$663,141
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026	$144,026
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115	$519,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
Federal Funds Transfers	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298

FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298	$221,298
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,969,998	$106,345,286	$104,915,990	$106,338,453

Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
State General Funds	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262	$28,578,262

232.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$13,513	$13,513	$13,513	$13,513

232.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($952)	($952)	($952)	($952)

232.3 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds			$6,833	$6,833

232.4 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($285,908)	$0

232.1000 Departmental Administration (DJJ) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,590,823	$28,590,823	$28,311,748	$28,597,656
State General Funds	$28,590,823	$28,590,823	$28,311,748	$28,597,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$28,590,823	$28,590,823	$28,311,748	$28,597,656

Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
State General Funds	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358	$98,540,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593

State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,252,504	$101,252,504	$101,252,504	$101,252,504

233.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$51,215	$51,215	$51,215	$51,215

233.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$37,042	$37,042	$37,042	$37,042

233.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($5,333)	($5,333)	($5,333)	($5,333)

233.4 *Increase funds to increase rates and hours for full-time and contracted psychologist and psychiatrist positions.*

State General Funds	$401,330	$401,330	$401,330	$401,330

233.5 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$1,931,401	$1,235,069	$1,235,069

233.6 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$364,296	$364,296	$364,296

233.7 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$564,055	$564,055	$564,055

233.1000 Secure Commitment (YDCs) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$99,024,612	$101,884,364	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
State General Funds	$99,024,612	$101,884,364	$101,188,032	$101,188,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553	$2,464,553
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
State Funds Transfers	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
Agency to Agency Contracts	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593	$247,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$101,736,758	$104,596,510	$103,900,178	$103,900,178

Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690
State General Funds	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690	$155,954,690
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$158,899,882	$158,899,882	$158,899,882	$158,899,882

234.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$76,393	$76,393	$76,393	$76,393

234.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$57,568	$57,568	$57,568	$57,568

234.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($8,761)	($8,761)	($8,761)	($8,761)

234.4 *Increase funds to increase rates and hours for full-time and contracted psychologist and psychiatrist positions.*

State General Funds	$798,670	$798,670	$798,670	$798,670

234.5 *Increase funds to provide a 4% salary increase for all Juvenile Correctional Officer staff to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$1,235,069	$1,931,401	$1,931,401

234.6 *Increase funds for an 8% salary increase for behavioral health counselor positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$490,234	$490,234	$490,234

234.7 *Increase funds for a 4% salary increase for education, chaplain, food service and maintenance positions to align with statewide averages to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$749,420	$749,420	$749,420

234.1000 Secure Detention (RYDCs) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$156,878,560	$159,353,283	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
State General Funds	$156,878,560	$159,353,283	$160,049,615	$160,049,615
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192	$2,945,192
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$159,823,752	$162,298,475	$162,994,807	$162,994,807

Section 32: Labor, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
State General Funds	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260	$8,578,260
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,060,312	$54,060,312	$54,060,312	$54,060,312
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,566,969	$9,161,987	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
State General Funds	$8,566,969	$9,161,987	$8,930,190	$8,930,190
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283	$41,189,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000	$3,761,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000	$3,161,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$54,049,021	$54,644,039	$54,412,242	$54,412,242

Departmental Administration (DOL) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
State General Funds	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156	$1,743,156
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,014,994	$20,014,994	$20,014,994	$20,014,994

235.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,446)	($1,446)	($1,446)	($1,446)

235.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,985)	($2,985)	($2,985)	($2,985)

235.3 *Increase funds for three accountants and related operations.*

State General Funds		$300,521	$300,521	$300,521

235.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for staff training.*

State General Funds		$62,700	$62,700	$62,700

235.5 *Increase funds for two constituent services representatives and operations. (S and CC:NO; Allow time for new commissioner to develop operations strategy)*

State General Funds		$231,797	$0	$0

235.1000 Departmental Administration (DOL)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this program is to provide administrative support for the Labor Market Information and Unemployment Insurance programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,738,725	$2,333,743	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
State General Funds	$1,738,725	$2,333,743	$2,101,946	$2,101,946
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069	$14,314,069
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000	$3,426,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Sales and Services	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000	$2,826,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
State Funds Transfers	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769

Agency to Agency Contracts	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769	$531,769
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$20,010,563	$20,605,581	$20,373,784	$20,373,784

Labor Market Information **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

236.1000 Labor Market Information **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448	$1,383,448

Unemployment Insurance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
State General Funds	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104	$6,835,104
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,661,870	$32,661,870	$32,661,870	$32,661,870

237.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,860)	($6,860)	($6,860)	($6,860)

237.1000 Unemployment Insurance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
State General Funds	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244	$6,828,244
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766	$25,491,766
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000	$335,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,655,010	$32,655,010	$32,655,010	$32,655,010

Section 33: Law, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667
State General Funds	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667	$45,935,667
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$129,617,039	$129,617,039	$129,617,039	$129,617,039
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$49,999,714	$49,999,714	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
State General Funds	$49,999,714	$49,999,714	$49,495,901	$49,495,901
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$133,681,086	$133,681,086	$133,177,273	$133,177,273

Law, Department of **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259
State General Funds	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259	$44,251,259
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$124,299,299	$124,299,299	$124,299,299	$124,299,299

238.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$66,081	$66,081	$66,081	$66,081

238.2 *Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions. (H:Increase funds for a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions)(S:Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions)(CC:Increase funds for a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions)*

State General Funds	$1,594,143	$1,594,143	$1,594,143	$1,594,143

238.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent due to relocation to the renovated Law building.*

State General Funds	$1,109,919	$1,109,919	$924,570	$924,570

238.4 *Increase funds for four positions to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Savannah region. (S and CC:Increase funds for two positions to expand the Gang Prosecution Unit to Savannah region)*

State General Funds	$536,928	$536,928	$268,464	$268,464

238.5 *Increase funds to annualize six positions to expand the Human Trafficking Unit to the Macon and Augusta regions.*

State General Funds	$748,143	$748,143	$748,143	$748,143

238.6 *Increase funds for the Judicial Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution rate from 6.43% to 8.89%.*

State General Funds	$212	$212	$212	$212

238.7 *Increase funds to retain an additional $125,000 in Lemon Law fees for a total of $625,000. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$0	$0	$0	$0

238.8 *Transfer funds from the Department of Law to Judicial Council for outside legal fees for unanticipated defensive litigation costs.*

State General Funds			($50,000)	($50,000)

238.1000 Law, Department of **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$48,306,685	$48,306,685	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
State General Funds	$48,306,685	$48,306,685	$47,802,872	$47,802,872
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040	$848,040
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Funds Transfers	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000	$79,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$128,354,725	$128,354,725	$127,850,912	$127,850,912

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
State General Funds	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408	$1,684,408
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,317,740	$5,317,740	$5,317,740	$5,317,740

239.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,219	$2,219	$2,219	$2,219

239.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($24,419)	($24,419)	($24,419)	($24,419)

239.3 *Increase funds for the third and final phase of a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions. (CC:Increase funds for a merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions)*

State General Funds	$30,821	$30,821	$30,821	$30,821

239.1000 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
State General Funds	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029	$1,693,029
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332	$3,633,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361	$5,326,361

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of $625,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.

Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$188,188,840	$188,188,840	$188,188,840	$188,188,840
State General Funds	$163,865,387	$163,865,387	$163,865,387	$163,865,387
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$360,923,811	$360,923,811	$360,923,811	$360,923,811
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$172,268,827	$183,333,597	$179,536,073	$181,105,001
State General Funds	$148,665,572	$159,730,342	$155,932,818	$157,501,746
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242	$70,919,242
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632	$101,403,632
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542	$348,542

Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165	$45,165
Sales and Services	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696	$100,955,696
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$345,003,798	$356,068,568	$352,271,044	$353,839,972

Coastal Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
State General Funds	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900	$7,323,900
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,527,969	$12,527,969	$12,527,969	$12,527,969

240.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($617)	($617)	($617)	($617)

240.2 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Tybee Island beach restoration. (H and S:Reduce funds to maintain funding for beach restoration)*

State General Funds	($4,000,000)	($2,000,000)	($3,000,000)	($3,000,000)

240.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for reef/migratory fish surveys of offshore anglers by Coastal Resources staff.*

State General Funds			$349,000	$349,000

240.1000 Coastal Resources				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,323,283	$5,323,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
State General Funds	$3,323,283	$5,323,283	$4,672,283	$4,672,283
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144	$5,096,144
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925	$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760	$70,760
Royalties and Rents	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165	$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,527,352	$10,527,352	$9,876,352	$9,876,352

Departmental Administration (DNR)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
State General Funds	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444	$13,809,444
241.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($2,159)	($2,159)	($2,159)	($2,159)
241.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds	($3,977)	($3,977)	($3,977)	($3,977)
241.3 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*				
State General Funds				($287,826)

241.1000 Departmental Administration (DNR)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,515,482
State General Funds	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,515,482
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,803,308	$13,515,482

Environmental Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
State General Funds	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006	$35,219,006
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,930,449	$125,930,449	$125,930,449	$125,930,449

242.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,428)	($6,428)	($6,428)	($6,428)

242.2 *Reduce funds for streamlined contracting.*

State General Funds			($581,754)	($125,000)

242.1000 Environmental Protection **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and

quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,212,578	$35,212,578	$34,630,824	$35,087,578
State General Funds	$35,212,578	$35,212,578	$34,630,824	$35,087,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490	$29,887,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856	$60,411,856
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782	$277,782
Sales and Services	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074	$60,134,074
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
State Funds Transfers	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
Agency to Agency Contracts	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097	$412,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$125,924,021	$125,924,021	$125,342,267	$125,799,021

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
State General Funds	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943	$30,138,943

243.1 *Reduce funds for grants and benefits to reflect a decrease in FY2024 collections of sporting goods stores sales and use tax pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.*

State General Funds	($1,373,807)	($1,373,807)	($1,373,807)	($1,373,807)

243.2 *Reduce funds for grants and benefits by 20% to reflect a greater than one percent reduction in collections pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-6A-5.*

State General Funds	($5,753,027)	($1,438,257)	($5,753,027)	($5,753,027)

243.1000 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding through grant and loan opportunities for land conservation, parks, trails, and outdoor recreation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,012,109	$27,326,879	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
State General Funds	$23,012,109	$27,326,879	$23,012,109	$23,012,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$23,012,109	$27,326,879	$23,012,109	$23,012,109

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767	$14,679,767

244.1 *Reduce funds for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Hazardous Waste Fees, and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session) and HB31 (2023 Session).*

Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)	($2,908,276)

244.1000 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
Hazardous Waste Trust Funds	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491	$11,771,491

Law Enforcement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
State General Funds	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394	$34,317,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,072,344	$37,072,344	$37,072,344	$37,072,344

245.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,776)	($6,776)	($6,776)	($6,776)

245.1000 Law Enforcement **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
State General Funds	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618	$34,310,618
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293	$2,751,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657	$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568	$37,065,568

Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730
State General Funds	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730	$20,206,730
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$55,802,550	$55,802,550	$55,802,550	$55,802,550

246.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,877)	($3,877)	($3,877)	($3,877)

246.2 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for outdoor recreation)*

State General Funds	($4,000,000)	$0	$2,500,000	$3,000,000

246.3 *Reduce funds for the Georgia State Games Commission.*

State General Funds	($45,000)	($45,000)	($45,000)	($45,000)

246.4 *Increase funds for operations of the historic SAM shortline railroad. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for operations of the historic SAM shortline railroad)*

State General Funds		$300,000	$0	$300,000

246.1000 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,157,853	$20,457,853	$22,657,853	$23,457,853
State General Funds	$16,157,853	$20,457,853	$22,657,853	$23,457,853
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029	$3,204,029

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791	$32,391,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$51,753,673	$56,053,673	$58,253,673	$59,053,673

Solid Waste Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886	$7,866,886

247.1 *Increase funds for the Solid Waste Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Scrap Tire Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Solid Waste Trust Funds	$1,971,413	$1,971,413	$1,971,413	$1,971,413

247.1000 Solid Waste Trust Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the scrap tire management activity; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
Solid Waste Trust Funds	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299	$9,838,299

Wildlife Resources **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,626,770	$24,626,770	$24,626,770	$24,626,770
State General Funds	$22,849,970	$22,849,970	$22,849,970	$22,849,970
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800	$1,776,800
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,095,459	$63,095,459	$63,095,459	$63,095,459

248.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,147)	($4,147)	($4,147)	($4,147)

248.2 *Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Lifetime Sportsman's License revenues pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$216,665	$216,665	$216,665	$216,665

248.3 *Increase funds for the processing of venison donations. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($300,000) for the processing of venison donations)(CC:Increase funds for the processing of venison donations)*

State General Funds		$200,000	$0	$200,000

248.4 *Increase funds to control chronic wasting disease. (S:YES; Continue utilization of existing funds for controlling chronic wasting disease)(CC:Increase funds to control chronic wasting disease)*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0	$250,000

248.5 *Increase funds to establish a pilot program to eradicate the feral hog population based on awards for number eradicated.*

State General Funds				$100,000

248.6 *Increase funds to mitigate the spread of invasive plant species in southwest Georgia.*

State General Funds				$50,000

248.1000 Wildlife Resources **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,839,288	$25,289,288	$24,839,288	$25,439,288
State General Funds	$22,845,823	$23,295,823	$22,845,823	$23,445,823
Wildlife Endowment Trust Funds	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465	$1,993,465
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286	$29,980,286
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403	$8,488,403
Intergovernmental Transfers	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572	$50,572

Royalties and Rents	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000
Sales and Services	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831	$8,429,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$63,307,977	$63,757,977	$63,307,977	$63,907,977

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
State General Funds	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305	$21,293,305

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,193,721	$21,407,799
State General Funds	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,193,721	$21,407,799
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,407,799	$21,407,799	$21,193,721	$21,407,799

Board Administration (SBPP) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
State General Funds	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857	$2,407,857

249.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,269)	($1,269)	($1,269)	($1,269)

249.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,395)	($1,395)	($1,395)	($1,395)

249.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			($158,533)	$0

249.1000 Board Administration (SBPP) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,246,660	$2,405,193
State General Funds	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,246,660	$2,405,193
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,405,193	$2,405,193	$2,246,660	$2,405,193

Clemency Decisions **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
State General Funds	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969	$18,282,969

250.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,398)	($10,398)	($10,398)	($10,398)

250.2 *The State Board of Pardons and Paroles is directed to work with the Department of Corrections to identify and facilitate the transfer of non-violent international prisoners, upon favorable consideration from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, to the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Provide a status update on eligible offenders to the Office of Planning and Budget and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees quarterly. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

250.1000 Clemency Decisions **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
State General Funds	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571	$18,272,571

Victim Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
State General Funds	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479	$602,479

251.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($359)	($359)	($359)	($359)
251.2 *Increase funds for two victim advocate positions.*				
State General Funds	$127,915	$127,915	$127,915	$127,915
251.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to align the program's budget with expenditures. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds			($55,545)	$0

251.1000 Victim Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement, conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, host victims visitors' days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections, community supervision, and pardons and paroles systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$674,490	$730,035
State General Funds	$730,035	$730,035	$674,490	$730,035
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$730,035	$730,035	$674,490	$730,035

Section 36: Properties Commission, State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Properties Commission, State			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

252.1000 Properties Commission, State **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Funds Transfers	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000

Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477
State General Funds	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477	$82,527,477
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,038,239	$116,038,239	$116,038,239	$116,038,239

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$83,023,595	$83,008,247	$83,164,374	$82,937,857
State General Funds	$83,023,595	$83,008,247	$83,164,374	$82,937,857
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762	$170,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000	$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$116,534,357	$116,519,009	$116,675,136	$116,448,619

Public Defender Council **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
State General Funds	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841	$9,439,841
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,284,841	$11,284,841	$11,284,841	$11,284,841

253.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($19,244)	($19,244)	($19,244)	($19,244)

253.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,899	$3,899	$3,899	$3,899

253.1000 Public Defender Council **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
State General Funds	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496	$9,424,496
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000	$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000
Sales and Services	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,269,496	$11,269,496	$11,269,496	$11,269,496

Public Defenders **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636
State General Funds	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636	$73,087,636
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,753,398	$104,753,398	$104,753,398	$104,753,398

254.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$139	$139	$139	$139

254.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($155,933)	($155,933)	($155,933)	($155,933)

254.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$9,152	$9,152	$9,152	$9,152

254.4 *Increase funds to annualize one Public Defender, one investigator, and two administrative positions for the West Georgia Circuit pursuant to SB424 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$417,813	$417,813	$417,813	$417,813

254.5 *Increase funds to annualize two Assistant Public Defender positions for additional judgeships in the Tifton and Houston Judicial Circuits.*

State General Funds	$74,963	$74,963	$74,963	$74,963

254.6 *Increase funds for a Juvenile Conflict Division manager position. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$226,517	$0	$226,517	$0

254.7 *Reduce funds for one Assistant Public Defender in the Douglas Judicial Circuit due to SB347 failing to pass during the 2024 legislative session.*

State General Funds	($61,188)	($61,188)	($61,188)	($61,188)

254.8 *Increase funds for three Assistant Public Defender positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha, Augusta, and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026. (S and CC:Increase funds for two Assistant Public Defender positions for new judgeships in the Alapaha and Douglas Judicial Circuits effective January 1, 2026 and recognize existing Assistant Public Defender position in Augusta Judicial Circuit)*

State General Funds		$211,169	$140,779	$140,779

254.1000 Public Defenders				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$73,599,099	$73,583,751	$73,739,878	$73,513,361
State General Funds	$73,599,099	$73,583,751	$73,739,878	$73,513,361
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762	$165,762
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000	$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$105,264,861	$105,249,513	$105,405,640	$105,179,123

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	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$431,886,865	$431,886,865	$431,886,865	$431,886,865
State General Funds	$399,946,410	$399,946,410	$399,946,410	$399,946,410
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,327	$13,864,327	$13,864,327	$13,864,327
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Sales and Services	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863
State Funds Transfers	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$919,356,566	$919,356,566	$919,356,566	$919,356,566

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$435,709,502	$437,487,731	$434,469,974	$435,017,588
State General Funds	$403,444,130	$405,222,359	$402,204,602	$402,752,216
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628	$13,864,628
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136	$464,841,136
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493	$423,261,493
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003	$17,233,003
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246	$4,005,246
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702	$18,601,702
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000	$502,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702	$14,549,702
Sales and Services	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000	$3,550,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863	$4,026,863
State Funds Transfers	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141	$2,520,141
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$923,179,203	$924,957,432	$921,939,675	$922,487,289

Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,770,355	$24,770,355	$24,770,355	$24,770,355
State General Funds	$17,873,781	$17,873,781	$17,873,781	$17,873,781
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,458,410	$59,458,410	$59,458,410	$59,458,410

255.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,421	$1,421	$1,421	$1,421

255.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health to support lupus research, data collection, awareness, and education.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

255.3 *Increase funds for feminine hygiene products for low-income clients at community organizations. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds in Department of Education ($1,500,000) and in Department of Public Health ($200,000) for feminine hygiene grants)(CC:Increase funds for feminine hygiene grants and recognize base funds in Department of Education ($1,500,000) and in Department of Public Health ($200,000))*

State General Funds		$50,000	$0	$25,000

255.4 *Increase funds for an Alzheimer's and related dementia registry. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($150,000) appropriated in the Amended FY2025 budget and coordinate with the Georgia Memory Net for data collection)(CC:Increase funds for an Alzheimer's and related dementia registry)*

State General Funds		$297,500	$0	$297,500

255.1000 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$24,871,776	$25,219,276	$24,871,776	$25,194,276
State General Funds	$17,975,202	$18,322,702	$17,975,202	$18,297,702
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574	$6,896,574
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055	$33,993,055
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922	$13,419,922
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739	$231,739
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394	$20,341,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000	$285,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
State Funds Transfers	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000	$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,559,831	$59,907,331	$59,559,831	$59,882,331

Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857	$6,715,857
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,025	$7,673,025	$7,673,025	$7,673,025

256.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Tobacco Settlement Funds	$301	$301	$301	$301

256.1000 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158	$6,716,158
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168	$957,168
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326	$7,673,326

Departmental Administration (DPH) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,204,400	$32,204,400	$32,204,400	$32,204,400
State General Funds	$32,072,605	$32,072,605	$32,072,605	$32,072,605
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,619,150	$38,619,150	$38,619,150	$38,619,150

257.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,514	$10,514	$10,514	$10,514

257.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$13,903	$13,903	$13,903	$13,903

257.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$20,245	$20,245	$20,245	$20,245

257.1000 Departmental Administration (DPH)			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062	$32,249,062
State General Funds	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267	$32,117,267
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795	$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750	$4,664,750
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625	$4,018,625
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125	$646,125
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
State Funds Transfers	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000	$1,650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$38,663,812	$38,663,812	$38,663,812	$38,663,812

Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
State General Funds	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750	$9,386,750
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,817,840	$46,817,840	$46,817,840	$46,817,840

258.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,587	$1,587	$1,587	$1,587

258.2 *Transfer funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Public Health for brain health awareness campaign to match agency budgets with existing contracts.*

State General Funds	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000	$225,000

258.3 *Increase funds to the Office of Cardiac Care for grants to hospitals as cardiac complications are the leading cause of maternal mortality. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$1,200,000	$0	$0

258.4 *Increase funds to provide that the Department of Public Health shall study the needs of regional emergency transportation and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025. (S:Increase funds to provide that the Department of Public Health shall study the needs of regional emergency transportation and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by December 1, 2025)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$100,000	$40,000	$0

258.5 *Eliminate funds for the Georgia Coordinating Council.*

State General Funds		($3,065,309)	($3,065,309)	($3,065,309)

258.1000 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,613,337	$7,848,028	$6,588,028	$6,548,028
State General Funds	$9,613,337	$7,848,028	$6,588,028	$6,548,028
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949	$36,970,949
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000	$36,347,000
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949	$623,949
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
State Funds Transfers	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
Agency to Agency Contracts	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141	$460,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$47,044,427	$45,279,118	$44,019,118	$43,979,118

Epidemiology			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,362,958	$8,362,958	$8,362,958	$8,362,958
State General Funds	$8,242,857	$8,242,857	$8,242,857	$8,242,857
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,693,837	$24,693,837	$24,693,837	$24,693,837

259.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,278	$1,278	$1,278	$1,278

259.1000 Epidemiology				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236	$8,364,236
State General Funds	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135	$8,244,135
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101	$120,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879	$16,330,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,695,115	$24,695,115	$24,695,115	$24,695,115

Immunization			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
State General Funds	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402	$2,499,402
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,495	$26,149,495	$26,149,495	$26,149,495

260.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$393	$393	$393	$393

260.1000 Immunization				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
State General Funds	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795	$2,499,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391	$11,000,391
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702	$12,649,702
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888	$26,149,888

Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310
State General Funds	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310	$29,336,310
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,927,334	$68,927,334	$68,927,334	$68,927,334

261.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$638	$638	$638	$638

261.2 *Increase funds for the cost of mailing Low THC Oil Patient registry cards pursuant to SB495 (2024 Session). (S:NO; Utilize existing funds for delivery of Low THC Oil Patient registry cards through other means available pursuant to SB495 (2024 Session))(CC:Increase funds for the cost of mailing Low THC Oil Patient registry cards pursuant to SB495 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$437,000	$437,000	$0	$437,000

261.3 *Increase funds to expand the pilot to provide home visiting in at-risk and underserved rural communities during pregnancy and early childhood to improve birth outcomes, reduce preterm deliveries, and decrease infant and maternal mortality.*

State General Funds	$2,980,000	$2,980,000	$2,980,000	$2,980,000

261.4 *Utilize existing funds ($97,701) and increase funds for a cardiac obstetric program to increase access to maternal fetal medicine.*

State General Funds	$778,239	$778,239	$778,239	$778,239

261.5 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.04% to 66.40%*

State General Funds	($47,401)	($47,401)	($47,401)	($47,401)

261.6 *Increase funds to support quality improvement at birthing facilities and additional funding to increase the number of birthing facilities with verified maternal and neonatal levels of care.*

State General Funds		$700,000	$0	$600,000

261.7 *Increase funds for the retention and recruitment of Babies Can't Wait Service Coordinators and Special Instructors.*

State General Funds	$1,101,790	$550,895	$550,895

261.8 *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rate for CIS speech therapy code 92507. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$50,476	$0	$0

261.9 *Increase funds for 6 perinatal regional centers to provide for surveillance, training and monitoring of clinical care for high-risk infants and training residents in complex care.*

State General Funds		$1,000,000	$600,000

261.1000 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$33,484,786	$35,337,052	$34,598,681	$35,235,681
State General Funds	$33,484,786	$35,337,052	$34,598,681	$35,235,681
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024	$38,374,024
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427	$26,879,427
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769	$10,818,769
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828	$675,828
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000	$1,217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000	$217,000
Sales and Services	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$73,075,810	$74,928,076	$74,189,705	$74,826,705

Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
State General Funds	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521	$16,579,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,176,911	$231,176,911	$231,176,911	$231,176,911

262.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,244	$1,244	$1,244	$1,244

262.2 *Utilize existing funds ($1,007,109) for newborn screening to include one additional disorder that has been approved by the Georgia Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

262.3 *Increase funds for a two-year pilot program to study the impact of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy on the newborn screening panel. (S:Increase funds for a one-year pilot program to study the impact of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy on the newborn screening panel)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$843,772	$421,886	$0

262.4 *Increase funds for Reach Out and Read Georgia to provide children with books during well-visit appointments.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$0	$50,000

262.1000 Infant and Child Health Promotion			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$16,580,765	$17,674,537	$17,002,651	$16,630,765
State General Funds	$16,580,765	$17,674,537	$17,002,651	$16,630,765
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390	$214,597,390
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719	$208,492,719
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546	$5,558,546
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125	$546,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$231,178,155	$232,271,927	$231,600,041	$231,228,155

Infectious Disease Control			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
State General Funds	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124	$45,895,124
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,158,245	$126,158,245	$126,158,245	$126,158,245

263.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$4,844	$4,844	$4,844	$4,844

263.2 *Increase funds to implement the recommendations from the state viral hepatitis plan.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

263.1000 Infectious Disease Control				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$45,899,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
State General Funds	$45,899,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968	$46,149,968
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121	$80,263,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,163,089	$126,413,089	$126,413,089	$126,413,089

Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
State General Funds	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284	$9,086,284
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,381,380	$12,381,380	$12,381,380	$12,381,380

264.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,315	$2,315	$2,315	$2,315

264.1000 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
State General Funds	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599	$9,088,599
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096	$2,545,096
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096	$1,365,096
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000	$1,180,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000	$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,383,695	$12,383,695	$12,383,695	$12,383,695

Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
State General Funds	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713	$210,326,713
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,126,713	$237,126,713	$237,126,713	$237,126,713

265.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($18,377)	($18,377)	($18,377)	($18,377)

265.1000 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
State General Funds	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336	$210,308,336
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$25,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336	$237,108,336

Vital Records **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
State General Funds	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899	$5,078,899
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,878,899	$6,878,899	$6,878,899	$6,878,899

266.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$326	$326	$326	$326

266.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,642	$1,642	$1,642	$1,642

266.1000 Vital Records			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
State General Funds	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867	$5,080,867
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,880,867	$6,880,867	$6,880,867	$6,880,867

Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188	$1,848,188
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,992,501	$1,992,501	$1,992,501	$1,992,501

267.1 *Increase funds to reflect FY2024 collections of fines relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs pursuant to O.C.G.A. 15-21-150.*

Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$162,683	$162,683	$162,683	$162,683

267.1000 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871	$2,010,871
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313	$144,313
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184	$2,155,184

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$29,796,104	$29,796,104	$29,796,104	$29,796,104
State General Funds	$13,568,164	$13,568,164	$13,568,164	$13,568,164
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940	$16,227,940
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,302,826	$31,302,826	$31,302,826	$31,302,826

268.1 *Increase funds for Trauma Care Network Trust Funds to reflect FY2024 Super Speeder Collections pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Trauma Care Trust Funds	$161,933	$161,933	$161,933	$161,933

268.2 *Increase funds to reflect FY2024 driver's license reinstatement fee collections.*

State General Funds	$1,041,180	$1,041,180	$1,041,180	$1,041,180

268.3 *Eliminate funds for SB515 as it did not pass during the 2024 Session.*

State General Funds	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)	($2,058,271)

268.1000 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946	$28,940,946
State General Funds	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073	$12,551,073
Trauma Care Trust Funds	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873	$16,389,873
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Funds Transfers	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722	$1,506,722
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,447,668	$30,447,668	$30,447,668	$30,447,668

Section 39: Public Safety, Department of

Section Total - Continuation

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024
State General Funds	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024	$254,827,024
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$315,394,838	$315,394,838	$315,394,838	$315,394,838
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$255,903,940	$256,135,475	$255,538,636	$256,072,312
State General Funds	$255,903,940	$256,135,475	$255,538,636	$256,072,312
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566	$34,695,566
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879	$24,143,879
Intergovernmental Transfers	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590	$2,299,590
Sales and Services	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289	$21,224,289
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Funds Transfers	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369	$1,728,369
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
Agency to Agency Contracts	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786	$520,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$316,471,754	$316,703,289	$316,106,450	$316,640,126

Aviation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
State General Funds	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513	$5,121,513

269.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($6,400)	($6,400)	($6,400)	($6,400)

269.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($105)	($105)	($105)	($105)

269.3 *Increase funds for two aviation mechanic positions. (CC:Increase funds for one aviation mechanic position)*

State General Funds		$171,302	$0	$85,651

269.1000 Aviation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,115,008	$5,286,310	$5,115,008	$5,200,659
State General Funds	$5,115,008	$5,286,310	$5,115,008	$5,200,659
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,115,008	$5,286,310	$5,115,008	$5,200,659

Capitol Police Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

270.1000 Capitol Police Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077	$8,405,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Funds Transfers	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583	$1,207,583
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660	$9,612,660

Departmental Administration (DPS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
State General Funds	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677	$10,581,677
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,585,187	$10,585,187	$10,585,187	$10,585,187

271.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($20,261)	($20,261)	($20,261)	($20,261)

271.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($554)	($554)	($554)	($554)

271.3 *Increase funds to monitor the vehicle immobilization industry pursuant to passage of HB551 (2025 Session). (CC:YES)*

State General Funds	$0

271.1000 Departmental Administration (DPS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department and administratively attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
State General Funds	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862	$10,560,862
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510	$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372	$10,564,372

Field Offices and Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
State General Funds	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318	$161,259,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$164,803,505	$164,803,505	$164,803,505	$164,803,505

272.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($256,068)	($256,068)	($256,068)	($256,068)

272.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($4,788)	($4,788)	($4,788)	($4,788)

272.3 *Increase funds for protection of communities.*

State General Funds			$1,000,000	$1,000,000

272.1000 Field Offices and Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$160,998,462	$160,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
State General Funds	$160,998,462	$160,998,462	$161,998,462	$161,998,462
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501	$2,494,501
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900	$673,900
Sales and Services	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900	$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000	$620,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
State Funds Transfers	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
Agency to Agency Contracts	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786	$375,786
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$164,542,649	$164,542,649	$165,542,649	$165,542,649

Law Enforcement Training **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
State General Funds	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381	$9,786,381

273.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($13,489)	($13,489)	($13,489)	($13,489)

273.1000 Law Enforcement Training **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the training of State Troopers through Georgia State Patrol trooper schools.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
State General Funds	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892	$9,772,892

Motor Carrier Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
State General Funds	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173	$23,197,173
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,678,644	$45,678,644	$45,678,644	$45,678,644

274.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($21,680)	($21,680)	($21,680)	($21,680)

274.1000 Motor Carrier Compliance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
State General Funds	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493	$23,175,493
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744	$11,348,744
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727	$11,132,727
Intergovernmental Transfers	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923	$370,923

Sales and Services	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804	$10,761,804
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964	$45,656,964

Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
State General Funds	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013	$2,104,013

275.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$332	$332	$332	$332

275.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($2,931)	($2,931)	($2,931)	($2,931)

275.1000 Office of Public Safety Officer Support **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide peer counselors and critical incident support services to requesting local and state public entities that employ public safety officers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
State General Funds	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414	$2,101,414

Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
State General Funds	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034	$1,853,034

276.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,242	$1,242	$1,242	$1,242

276.1000 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
State General Funds	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276	$1,854,276

Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
State General Funds	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249	$6,284,249

277.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	$735	$735	$735	$735
277.2 *Increase funds for the purchase of a cloud storage solution.*				
State General Funds		$37,141	$0	$37,141
277.3 *Increase funds for the Chiefs of Police ($319,000) and Georgia Sheriffs' Association ($500,000) for state mandated training. (S and CC:NO; Recognize funds appropriated for the Chiefs of Police ($318,000) and the Georgia Sheriffs' Association ($325,000) in the Amended FY2025 budget)*				
State General Funds		$819,000	$0	$0

277.1000 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,284,984	$7,141,125	$6,284,984	$6,322,125
State General Funds	$6,284,984	$7,141,125	$6,284,984	$6,322,125
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,284,984	$7,141,125	$6,284,984	$6,322,125

Public Safety Training Center, Georgia				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910
State General Funds	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910	$30,970,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$35,452,842	$35,452,842	$35,452,842	$35,452,842

278.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$224	$224	$224	$224

278.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($23,838)	($23,838)	($23,838)	($23,838)

278.3 *Increase funds for additional training for jailers in accordance with SB37 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	$253,202	$253,202	$189,901	$253,202

278.4 *Increase funds for two training instructors and supplies for increased basic law enforcement training. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($6,262,417) appropriated in FY2025 Budget (HB916, 2024 Session) for additional staff and operational needs related to increase in basic law enforcement training hours)(CC:Increase funds and recognize existing funds ($6,262,417) appropriated in FY2025 Budget (HB916, 2024 Session) for additional staff and operational needs related to increase in basic law enforcement training hours)*

State General Funds	$478,595	$478,595	$0	$237,583

278.5 *Reduce funds for rent at the Pickens Academy location.*

State General Funds	($15,000)	($7,500)	($15,000)	($15,000)

278.6 *Reduce funds for one-time costs for the volunteer firefighter program. (S:Reduce funds for one-time costs for the volunteer firefighting program, and recognize base funding ($140,000))(CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($110,000)	($110,000)	$0

278.7 *Reduce funds for one-time costs for the expansion of basic mandate.*

State General Funds		($681,491)	($681,491)	($681,491)

278.8 *Increase funds for the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$150,000	$0	$0

278.9 *Increase funds for officer training for at-risk adults pending passage of HB238 (2025 Session). (CC:YES)*

State General Funds				$0

278.1000 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,664,093	$31,030,102	$30,330,706	$30,741,590
State General Funds	$31,664,093	$31,030,102	$30,330,706	$30,741,590
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179	$1,061,179
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753	$3,420,753
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667	$1,928,667
Sales and Services	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086	$1,492,086
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$36,146,025	$35,512,034	$34,812,638	$35,223,522

Highway Safety, Office of			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
State General Funds	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883	$738,883
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,182,937	$21,182,937	$21,182,937	$21,182,937

279.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	$2,013	$2,013	$2,013	$2,013
279.2 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*				
State General Funds	$21,333	$21,333	$21,333	$21,333
279.3 *Increase funds to replace federal funds for the personnel cost of three employees.*				
State General Funds	$161,917	$0	$130,000	$130,000

279.1000 Highway Safety, Office of			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$924,146	$762,229	$892,229	$892,229
State General Funds	$924,146	$762,229	$892,229	$892,229
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142	$19,791,142
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912	$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
State Funds Transfers	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000	$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,368,200	$21,206,283	$21,336,283	$21,336,283
Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
State General Funds	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873	$2,929,873
280.1 *Increase funds for driver's education and training in accordance with FY2024 Joshua's Law Collections.*				
State General Funds	$522,437	$522,437	$522,437	$522,437

280.1000 Highway Safety, Office of: Georgia Driver's Education Commission			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide driver's education grant scholarships for Georgia drivers ages 15-17 to help satisfy driver's education requirements and reduce motor vehicle crashes in Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
State General Funds	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310	$3,452,310

Section 40: Public Service Commission

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894
State General Funds	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894	$12,819,894
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,050,994	$14,050,994	$14,050,994	$14,050,994
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$12,797,640	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
State General Funds	$12,797,640	$13,180,213	$13,180,213	$13,180,213
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,028,740	$14,411,313	$14,411,313	$14,411,313

Commission Administration (PSC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
State General Funds	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791	$1,993,791

281.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,584)	($4,584)	($4,584)	($4,584)

281.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,014	$1,014	$1,014	$1,014

281.3 *Increase funds for legal support.*

State General Funds		$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

281.1000 Commission Administration (PSC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,990,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
State General Funds	$1,990,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,990,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221	$2,020,221

Facility Protection **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992
State General Funds	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992	$1,813,992
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,045,092	$3,045,092	$3,045,092	$3,045,092

282.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($4,022)	($4,022)	($4,022)	($4,022)

282.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,606	$1,606	$1,606	$1,606

282.3 *Increase funds for state share of pipeline safety inspector positions.*

State General Funds		$102,573	$102,573	$102,573

282.1000 Facility Protection **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,811,576	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
State General Funds	$1,811,576	$1,914,149	$1,914,149	$1,914,149
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100	$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,042,676	$3,145,249	$3,145,249	$3,145,249

Utilities Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
State General Funds	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111	$9,012,111

283.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($20,833)	($20,833)	($20,833)	($20,833)

283.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565	$4,565

283.3 *Increase funds for targeted salary enhancements for recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds		$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

283.4 *Increase funds for the regulation of private water systems pursuant to HB449 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S and CC:NO; Pending passage of HB449 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

283.1000 Utilities Regulation			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,995,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
State General Funds	$8,995,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,995,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843	$9,245,843

Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia

		Section Total - Continuation		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304
State General Funds	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304	$3,389,252,304
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Sales and Services	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$422,136,675
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287	$10,197,979,287

		Section Total - Final		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,604,842,035	$3,602,957,388	$3,593,204,569	$3,600,383,387
State General Funds	$3,604,842,035	$3,602,957,388	$3,593,204,569	$3,600,383,387
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290	$2,031,340,290
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,777,386,693	$4,777,386,693	$4,778,586,693	$4,777,836,693
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448	$1,258,675,448
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639	$1,053,047,639
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809	$205,627,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966	$525,773,966
Sales and Services	$2,992,937,279	$2,992,937,279	$2,994,137,279	$2,993,387,279
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$422,136,675	$422,136,675	$423,336,675	$422,586,675
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,413,569,018	$10,411,684,371	$10,403,131,552	$10,409,560,370

Agricultural Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
State General Funds	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208	$54,413,208
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806
Intergovernmental Transfers	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$126,913,507	$126,913,507	$126,913,507	$126,913,507

284.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$205,404	$205,404	$205,404	$205,404

284.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($14,859)	($14,859)	($14,859)	($14,859)

284.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$268,908	$268,908	$268,908	$268,908

284.4 *Increase funds for two College of Agricultural and Environmental Services faculty members and one staff position to support sustainable bioeconomy through the University of Georgia's Synthetic Biology Initiative. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$450,000	$0	$0

284.5 *Increase funds for a peach/citrus breeder technician, blueberry breeder technician, turfgrass breeder technician, turfgrass extension specialist technician, and soybean/corn/small grains extension specialist technician.*

State General Funds		$450,000	$450,000	$450,000

284.6 *Increase funds to match private funding for bulb plant disease research.*

State General Funds	$70,000	$70,000

284.1000 Agricultural Experiment Station			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$54,872,661	$55,772,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
State General Funds	$54,872,661	$55,772,661	$55,392,661	$55,392,661
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493	$40,749,493
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806	$31,750,806
Intergovernmental Transfers	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000	$22,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806	$6,250,806
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$127,372,960	$128,272,960	$127,892,960	$127,892,960

Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867
Intergovernmental Transfers	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Sales and Services	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867

285.1000 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories Contract			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, disease research, and educational outreach for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.				
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000	$900,000

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867	$7,121,867
Intergovernmental Transfers	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000	$175,000
Sales and Services	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867	$6,946,867
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867	$8,021,867

Cooperative Extension Service **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027
State General Funds	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027	$50,810,027
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$87,413,245	$87,413,245	$87,413,245	$87,413,245

286.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$281,664	$281,664	$281,664	$281,664

286.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($10,906)	($10,906)	($10,906)	($10,906)

286.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$437,700	$437,700	$437,700	$437,700

286.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$468,129	$468,129	$468,129	$468,129

286.5 *Increase funds for a North Georgia Hay and Forage Extension Specialist.*

State General Funds		$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

286.1000 Cooperative Extension Service				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$51,986,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
State General Funds	$51,986,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614	$52,136,614
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903	$9,385,903
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315	$27,217,315
Intergovernmental Transfers	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000	$9,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000
Sales and Services	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315	$17,167,315
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$88,589,832	$88,739,832	$88,739,832	$88,739,832

Enterprise Innovation Institute			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
State General Funds	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598	$13,005,598
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Sales and Services	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,155,598	$30,155,598	$30,155,598	$30,155,598

287.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$43,059	$43,059	$43,059	$43,059
287.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($139)	($139)	($139)	($139)
287.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*				
State General Funds	$40,667	$40,667	$40,667	$40,667

287.4 *Increase funds for workforce innovation initiative. (S and CC:YES; Utilize existing base funds of $1,500,000 to leverage private matching funds)*

State General Funds	$250,000	$0	$0	

287.1000 Enterprise Innovation Institute			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,089,185	$13,339,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
State General Funds	$13,089,185	$13,339,185	$13,089,185	$13,089,185
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000	$11,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000	$6,150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000	$1,750,000
Sales and Services	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$30,239,185	$30,489,185	$30,239,185	$30,239,185

Forestry Cooperative Extension			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906
State General Funds	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906	$1,107,906
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678
Intergovernmental Transfers	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,408,584	$2,408,584	$2,408,584	$2,408,584

288.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,670	$4,670	$4,670	$4,670

288.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$8,817	$8,817	$8,817	$8,817

288.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$10,388	$10,388	$10,388	$10,388

288.1000 Forestry Cooperative Extension			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
State General Funds	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781	$1,131,781
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678	$700,678
Intergovernmental Transfers	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988	$325,988
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Sales and Services	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690	$224,690
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,432,459	$2,432,459	$2,432,459	$2,432,459

Forestry Research			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424
State General Funds	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424	$3,250,424
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,229,667	$17,229,667	$17,229,667	$17,229,667

289.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,689	$10,689	$10,689	$10,689

289.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($770)	($770)	($770)	($770)

289.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$19,235	$19,235	$19,235	$19,235

289.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$22,502	$22,502	$22,502	$22,502

289.1000 Forestry Research **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
State General Funds	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080	$3,302,080
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000	$3,700,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243	$10,279,243
Intergovernmental Transfers	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000	$7,800,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000	$850,000
Sales and Services	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243	$1,629,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$17,281,323	$17,281,323	$17,281,323	$17,281,323

Georgia Archives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889
State General Funds	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889	$4,540,889
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749
Intergovernmental Transfers	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
Sales and Services	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,502,638	$5,502,638	$5,502,638	$5,502,638

290.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$8,864	$8,864	$8,864	$8,864

290.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$9,195	$9,195	$9,195	$9,195

290.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$8,573	$8,573	$8,573	$8,573

290.1000 Georgia Archives **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
State General Funds	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521	$4,567,521
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749	$961,749
Intergovernmental Transfers	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759	$133,759
Sales and Services	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990	$827,990
Record Center Storage Fees	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472	$704,472
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518	$123,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,529,270	$5,529,270	$5,529,270	$5,529,270

Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513
State General Funds	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513	$2,431,513
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$1,560,496
Intergovernmental Transfers	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
Sales and Services	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$1,234,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,190,814	$4,190,814	$4,190,814	$4,190,814

291.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$12,957	$12,957	$12,957	$12,957

291.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$17,932	$17,932	$17,932	$17,932

291.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$916	$916	$916	$916

291.4 *Replace funds in recognition of Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center's commitment to be self-sustaining.*

State General Funds			($1,200,000)	($450,000)
Sales and Services Not Itemized			$1,200,000	$450,000
Total Public Funds:			$0	$0

291.1000 Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance cybersecurity technology for private and public industries through unique education, training, research, and practical applications.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,463,318	$2,463,318	$1,263,318	$2,013,318
State General Funds	$2,463,318	$2,463,318	$1,263,318	$2,013,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805	$198,805
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,560,496	$1,560,496	$2,760,496	$2,010,496
Intergovernmental Transfers	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441	$326,441
Sales and Services	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$2,434,055	$1,684,055
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,234,055	$1,234,055	$2,434,055	$1,684,055
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,222,619	$4,222,619	$4,222,619	$4,222,619

Georgia Research Alliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
State General Funds	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082	$5,128,082

292.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,367	$3,367	$3,367	$3,367

292.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$3,349	$3,349	$3,349	$3,349

292.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$4,178	$4,178	$4,178	$4,178

292.4 *Increase funds for research grants. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		$2,000,000	$0	$0

292.1000 Georgia Research Alliance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,138,976	$7,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
State General Funds	$5,138,976	$7,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,138,976	$7,138,976	$5,138,976	$5,138,976

Georgia Tech Research Institute **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
State General Funds	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038	$7,150,038
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,503,854	$998,503,854	$998,503,854	$998,503,854

293.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,899	$10,899	$10,899	$10,899

293.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$23,952	$23,952	$23,952	$23,952

293.3 *Increase funds for research on post-harvest technology to support the peanut industry.*

State General Funds		$350,000	$350,000	$350,000

293.1000 Georgia Tech Research Institute			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,184,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
State General Funds	$7,184,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889	$7,534,889
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225	$633,514,225
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591	$357,839,591
Intergovernmental Transfers	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694	$16,317,694
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562	$332,922,562
Sales and Services	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335	$8,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$998,538,705	$998,888,705	$998,888,705	$998,888,705

Marine Institute			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126
State General Funds	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126	$1,159,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,757,957	$1,757,957	$1,757,957	$1,757,957

294.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$5,523	$5,523	$5,523	$5,523
294.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($1,020)	($1,020)	($1,020)	($1,020)

294.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$6,353	$6,353	$6,353	$6,353

294.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$7,568	$7,568	$7,568	$7,568

294.1000 Marine Institute **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
State General Funds	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550	$1,177,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648	$67,648
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183	$531,183
Intergovernmental Transfers	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000	$375,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333	$93,333
Sales and Services	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850	$62,850
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,776,381	$1,776,381	$1,776,381	$1,776,381

Marine Resources Extension Center **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529
State General Funds	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529	$1,772,529
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,362,529	$4,362,529	$4,362,529	$4,362,529

295.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$9,245	$9,245	$9,245	$9,245

295.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($301)	($301)	($301)	($301)

295.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$14,244	$14,244	$14,244	$14,244

295.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$10,371	$10,371	$10,371	$10,371

295.1000 Marine Resources Extension Center				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
State General Funds	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088	$1,806,088
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000	$880,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000	$1,710,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000	$970,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000	$90,000
Sales and Services	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000	$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,396,088	$4,396,088	$4,396,088	$4,396,088

Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
State General Funds	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856	$46,036,856

296.1 *Eliminate one-time funds for state match for MCG 3+ Program Endowment.*

State General Funds	($8,708,036)	($8,708,036)	($8,708,036)	($8,708,036)

296.1000 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support graduate medical education at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University and provide patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
State General Funds	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820	$37,328,820

Public Libraries				**Continuation Budget**
The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754
State General Funds	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754	$50,232,754
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$69,798,257	$69,798,257	$69,798,257	$69,798,257

297.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$261,679	$261,679	$242,550	$242,550
297.2 *Increase funds for the public libraries' formula based on an increase in the state population.*				
State General Funds	$372,012	$372,012	$334,446	$334,446
297.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*				
State General Funds	$15,548	$15,548	$15,548	$15,548
297.4 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees from $1,580 to $1,885.*				
State General Funds	$1,836,378	$1,836,378	$1,829,796	$1,829,796
297.5 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*				
State General Funds	$16,727	$16,727	$16,727	$16,727

297.1000 Public Libraries				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.				

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,735,098	$52,735,098	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
State General Funds	$52,735,098	$52,735,098	$52,671,821	$52,671,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503	$6,851,503
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000	$12,714,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,300,601	$72,300,601	$72,237,324	$72,237,324

Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
State General Funds	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591	$39,034,591

298.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$75,314	$75,314	$75,314	$75,314

298.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$112,948	$112,948	$112,948	$112,948

298.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

298.4 *Increase funds to support continued excellence at Georgia's nationally recognized public law schools at the University of Georgia ($1,500,000) and Georgia State University ($1,500,000). (S and CC:NO; Recognize continued funds for legal clinics)*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$0	$0	$0

298.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for a planning grant to study the development of a school of civil thought and leadership within the University System of Georgia.*

State General Funds		$375,000	$375,000	$375,000

298.6 *Reduce funds for summer programming.*

State General Funds		($2,500,000)	($2,500,000)	($2,500,000)

298.7 *Reduce funds to realize savings due to delayed program implementation. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		($700,000)	$0	$0

298.8 *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to the Department of Agriculture for the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation program pursuant to HB495 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds	($1,631,692)	($1,631,692)	($1,631,692)

298.9 *Increase funds for computer science professional development pursuant to SB108 (2019 Session). (S:YES; Utilize existing funds ($2,150,000) for computer science professional development pursuant to SB108 (2019 Session))(CC:Increase funds for computer science professional development pursuant to SB108 (2019 Session))*

State General Funds	$600,000	$0	$200,000

298.10 *Increase funds for the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers.*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

298.11 *Increase funds for dental clinic training.*

State General Funds	$577,681	$500,000	$500,000

298.12 *Reduce funds for the Center for International Trade.*

State General Funds		($199,066)	($199,066)

298.1000 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$41,722,853	$35,543,842	$35,367,095	$35,567,095
State General Funds	$41,722,853	$35,543,842	$35,367,095	$35,567,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$41,722,853	$35,543,842	$35,367,095	$35,567,095

Regents Central Office			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
State General Funds	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898	$11,332,898
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,652,898	$11,652,898	$11,652,898	$11,652,898

299.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$20,249	$20,249	$20,249	$20,249

299.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$17,444	$17,444	$17,444	$17,444

299.3 *Increase funds to explore alternative college admissions tests.*

State General Funds			$15,000	$15,000

299.1000 Regents Central Office			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,370,591	$11,370,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
State General Funds	$11,370,591	$11,370,591	$11,385,591	$11,385,591
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000	$320,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,690,591	$11,690,591	$11,705,591	$11,705,591

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522
State General Funds	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522	$3,215,522
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194
Intergovernmental Transfers	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,894,716	$7,894,716	$7,894,716	$7,894,716

300.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$5,539	$5,539	$5,539	$5,539

300.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,329)	($1,329)	($1,329)	($1,329)

300.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$6,451	$6,451	$6,451	$6,451

300.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$3,970	$3,970	$3,970	$3,970

300.5 *Increase funds to offset the austerity reduction for Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$326,292	$0	$0

300.6 *Increase funds for a dock electrical supply line replacement.*

State General Funds	$193,072	$193,072	$193,072

300.1000 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,230,153	$3,749,517	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
State General Funds	$3,230,153	$3,749,517	$3,423,225	$3,423,225
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194	$2,179,194
Intergovernmental Transfers	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620	$550,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Sales and Services	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574	$1,128,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,909,347	$8,428,711	$8,102,419	$8,102,419

Teaching			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100
State General Funds	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100	$3,065,015,100
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Sales and Services	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384	$8,668,558,384

301.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds	$11,004,024	$11,004,024	$11,004,024	$11,004,024
301.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($1,198,972)	($1,198,972)	($1,198,972)	($1,198,972)
301.3 *Increase funds to reflect a 2.7% increase in enrollment ($167,834,602) and a 0.5% increase in square footage ($1,697,277).*				
State General Funds	$169,531,879	$169,531,879	$169,531,879	$169,531,879
301.4 *Increase funds to reflect formula correction for FY2025 cost-of-living adjustment.*				
State General Funds	$17,750,865	$17,750,865	$17,750,865	$17,750,865
301.5 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*				
State General Funds	$19,374,110	$19,374,110	$19,374,110	$19,374,110
301.6 *Increase funds for Georgia Capitol history publication. (S:YES; Utilize existing funds for Georgia Capitol History publication)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for Georgia Capitol history publication)*				
State General Funds		$125,000	$0	$125,000
301.7 *Reduce funds to reflect savings from implementation of HB196 (2025 Session) to reimburse a pharmacy for drugs dispensed to a covered person for self-administration in an amount equal to the national average drug acquisition cost (NADAC) on the day of claim administration and a professional dispensing fee. (CC:Increase funds to implement HB196 (2025 Session))*				
State General Funds			($3,800,000)	$2,130,296
301.8 *Reduce funds for one-time funding for information technology funding.*				
State General Funds			($1,160,173)	($1,160,173)
301.9 *Reduce funds for the Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation. (CC:NO)*				
State General Funds			($127,613)	$0
301.10 *Reduce funds for the Education Economics Center.*				
State General Funds			($49,713)	($49,713)
301.11 *Reduce funds for language services at the Small Business Development Center.*				
State General Funds			($49,500)	($49,500)

301.1000 Teaching			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,281,477,006	$3,281,602,006	$3,276,290,007	$3,282,472,916
State General Funds	$3,281,477,006	$3,281,602,006	$3,276,290,007	$3,282,472,916
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713	$1,320,612,713
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571	$4,282,930,571
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946	$1,185,266,946
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137	$992,353,137
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809	$192,913,809
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071	$186,168,071
Sales and Services	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554	$2,911,495,554
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422	$341,399,422
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132	$2,570,096,132
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,885,020,290	$8,885,145,290	$8,879,833,291	$8,886,016,200

Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499
State General Funds	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499	$5,282,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,082,499	$7,082,499	$7,082,499	$7,082,499

302.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$20,109	$20,109	$20,109	$20,109

302.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($237)	($237)	($237)	($237)

302.3 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$24,125	$24,125	$24,125	$24,125

302.4 *Increase funds to reflect correction for FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$20,008	$20,008	$20,008	$20,008

302.1000 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
State General Funds	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504	$5,346,504
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000	$380,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000	$1,420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,146,504	$7,146,504	$7,146,504	$7,146,504

Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855
State General Funds	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855	$591,855
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,591,855	$32,591,855	$32,591,855	$32,591,855

303.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$4,474	$4,474	$4,474	$4,474

303.2 *Increase funds for the employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$3,216	$3,216	$3,216	$3,216

303.3 *Increase funds to reflect correction for the FY2025 employer share of health benefits.*

State General Funds	$1,306	$1,306	$1,306	$1,306

303.1000 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
State General Funds	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851	$600,851
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000	$32,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$32,600,851	$32,600,851	$32,600,851	$32,600,851

Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
State General Funds	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161	$629,161

304.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$152	$152	$152	$152

304.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($1,853)	($1,853)	($1,853)	($1,853)

304.1000 Payments to Georgia Commission on the Holocaust **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
State General Funds	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460	$627,460

Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
State General Funds	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215	$3,940,215

305.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($951)	($951)	($951)	($951)

305.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Junior Military College **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and pooled expenses.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
State General Funds	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264	$3,939,264

Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
State General Funds	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545	$5,897,545

306.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$14,308	$14,308	$41,863	$41,112

306.2 *Increase formula funds for enrollment, training, and experience.*

State General Funds	$254,726	$254,726	$378,420	$425,081

306.3 *Increase formula funds to reflect an increase in health insurance employer contribution per-member per-month (PMPM) rate for certified school employees to $1,885.*

State General Funds	$304,200	$304,200	$93,000	$93,000

306.4 *Increase funds to fully fund school psychologist ratio at 1:2,420 for all QBE student categories pursuant to HB283 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds			$447	$446

306.1000 Payments to Georgia Military College Preparatory School **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades kindergarten through twelve at Georgia Military College's Preparatory School.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,470,779	$6,470,779	$6,411,275	$6,457,184
State General Funds	$6,470,779	$6,470,779	$6,411,275	$6,457,184
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,470,779	$6,470,779	$6,411,275	$6,457,184

Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
State General Funds	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968	$13,273,968

307.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$530	$530	$530	$530

307.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,822)	($1,822)	($1,822)	($1,822)

307.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($683)	($683)	($683)	($683)

307.1000 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
State General Funds	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993	$13,271,993

Section 42: Revenue, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$225,088,779	$225,088,779	$225,088,779	$225,088,779
State General Funds	$221,915,502	$221,915,502	$221,915,502	$221,915,502
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$228,394,509	$228,394,509	$228,394,509	$228,394,509
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$231,827,153	$231,246,985	$243,463,186	$243,463,186
State General Funds	$228,718,399	$228,138,231	$240,354,432	$240,354,432
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059	$1,058,059
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912	$687,912
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671	$2,247,671
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$235,132,883	$234,552,715	$246,768,916	$246,768,916

Departmental Administration (DOR) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
State General Funds	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782	$14,314,782

308.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$22,968	$22,968	$22,968	$22,968

308.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,901	$2,901	$2,901	$2,901

308.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$7,886	$7,886	$7,886	$7,886

308.1000 Departmental Administration (DOR) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
State General Funds	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537	$14,348,537

Forestland Protection Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$39,073,494

309.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds			($5,083,799)	($5,083,799)

309.1000 Forestland Protection Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for forestland conservation use property and qualified timberland property to counties, municipalities, and school districts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
State General Funds	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$33,989,695	$33,989,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$39,073,494	$39,073,494	$33,989,695	$33,989,695

Industry Regulation **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,902,324	$9,902,324	$9,902,324	$9,902,324
State General Funds	$9,468,541	$9,468,541	$9,468,541	$9,468,541
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,758,358	$10,758,358	$10,758,358	$10,758,358

310.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$16,914	$16,914	$16,914	$16,914

310.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,818	$1,818	$1,818	$1,818

310.1000 Industry Regulation **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056	$9,921,056
State General Funds	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273	$9,487,273
Tobacco Settlement Funds	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783	$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147	$370,147
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887	$485,887
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090	$10,777,090

Local Government Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,291,502	$7,291,502	$7,291,502	$7,291,502
State General Funds	$4,552,008	$4,552,008	$4,552,008	$4,552,008

Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494	$2,739,494
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,711,502	$7,711,502	$7,711,502	$7,711,502

311.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$8,945	$8,945	$8,945	$8,945

311.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,089	$1,089	$1,089	$1,089

311.3 *Reduce funds for the Fireworks Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Fireworks Excise Tax pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Fireworks Trust Funds	($64,523)	($64,523)	($64,523)	($64,523)

311.4 *Increase funds to provide local reimbursement for timber severance tax per passage of SB52/HB223 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds			$17,300,000	$17,300,000

311.1000 Local Government Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,237,013	$7,237,013	$24,537,013	$24,537,013
State General Funds	$4,562,042	$4,562,042	$21,862,042	$21,862,042
Fireworks Trust Funds	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971	$2,674,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000	$420,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,657,013	$7,657,013	$24,957,013	$24,957,013

Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175	$9,749,175

312.1 *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		($580,168)	($580,168)	($580,168)

312.1000 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
State General Funds	$9,749,175	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,749,175	$9,169,007	$9,169,007	$9,169,007

Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
State General Funds	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791	$43,301,791

313.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$25,763	$25,763	$25,763	$25,763

313.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$6,959	$6,959	$6,959	$6,959

313.3 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	$2,624,900	$2,624,900	$2,624,900	$2,624,900

313.4 *Increase funds to reflect an increase in postage for motor vehicle registration and licensing production.*

State General Funds	$315,619	$315,619	$315,619	$315,619

313.1000 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
State General Funds	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032	$46,275,032

Office of Special Investigations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
State General Funds	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509	$5,976,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,392,590	$6,392,590	$6,392,590	$6,392,590

314.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$6,413	$6,413	$6,413	$6,413

314.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$1,257	$1,257	$1,257	$1,257

314.1000 Office of Special Investigations **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
State General Funds	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179	$5,984,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081	$416,081
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260	$6,400,260

Tax Compliance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
State General Funds	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590	$63,135,590
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$64,477,374	$64,477,374	$64,477,374	$64,477,374

315.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$96,152	$96,152	$96,152	$96,152

315.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$12,492	$12,492	$12,492	$12,492

315.3 *Increase funds for maintenance and support of the Integrated Tax System (ITS).*

State General Funds	$3,595,426	$3,595,426	$3,595,426	$3,595,426

315.1000 Tax Compliance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
State General Funds	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660	$66,839,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784	$1,341,784
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444	$68,181,444

Tax Policy **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
State General Funds	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425	$4,856,425

316.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$9,033	$9,033	$9,033	$9,033

316.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$971	$971	$971	$971

316.1000 Tax Policy **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
State General Funds	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429	$4,866,429

Taxpayer Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
State General Funds	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187	$27,487,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,759,018	$27,759,018	$27,759,018	$27,759,018

317.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$39,801	$39,801	$39,801	$39,801

317.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,590	$5,590	$5,590	$5,590

317.1000 Taxpayer Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are processed in accordance with the law; that all returns are reviewed and taxpayer information is recorded accurately; to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
State General Funds	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578	$27,532,578
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831	$271,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409	$27,804,409

Section 43: Secretary of State

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622
State General Funds	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622	$39,935,622
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$45,677,942	$45,677,942	$45,677,942	$45,677,942
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$35,000,701	$35,122,658	$35,935,388	$35,895,388
State General Funds	$35,000,701	$35,122,658	$35,935,388	$35,895,388
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320	$5,192,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,743,021	$40,864,978	$41,677,708	$41,637,708

Corporations **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

318.1000 Corporations **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820	$4,611,820

Elections **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
State General Funds	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891	$8,293,891
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,893,891	$8,893,891	$8,893,891	$8,893,891

319.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$265	$265	$265	$265

319.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,489)	($1,489)	($1,489)	($1,489)

319.3 *Increase funds for unexpected precinct card mailing due to passage of SB424 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds			$4,640	$4,640

319.1000 Elections			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,292,667	$8,292,667	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
State General Funds	$8,292,667	$8,292,667	$8,297,307	$8,297,307
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000	$550,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,892,667	$8,892,667	$8,897,307	$8,897,307

Investigations			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
State General Funds	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758	$4,374,758

320.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($1,579)	($1,579)	($1,579)	($1,579)

320.1000 Investigations			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
State General Funds	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179	$4,373,179

Office Administration (SOS)			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
State General Funds	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985	$3,476,985
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,482,485	$3,482,485	$3,482,485	$3,482,485

321.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($961)	($961)	($961)	($961)

321.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$354	$354	$354	$354

321.1000 Office Administration (SOS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
State General Funds	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378	$3,476,378
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878	$3,481,878

321.1001 Special Project - Office Administration (SOS): The purpose of this appropriation is to provide start-up funds for the Victim Centered Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to SB324 (2024 Session).

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000

Professional Licensing Boards **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
State General Funds	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280	$10,631,280
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,031,280	$11,031,280	$11,031,280	$11,031,280

322.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($3,452)	($3,452)	($3,452)	($3,452)

322.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$199	$199	$199	$199

322.1000 Professional Licensing Boards				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
State General Funds	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027	$10,628,027
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,028,027	$11,028,027	$11,028,027	$11,028,027

Securities **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
State General Funds	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245	$1,180,245
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,205,245	$1,205,245	$1,205,245	$1,205,245

323.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($401)	($401)	($401)	($401)

323.1000 Securities				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examination, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
State General Funds	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844	$1,179,844
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,844	$1,204,844	$1,204,844	$1,204,844

Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
State General Funds	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973	$1,697,973

324.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$251	$251	$251	$251

324.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,108	$1,108	$1,108	$1,108

324.3 *Increase funds for Georgia Building Authority rent for office relocation due to construction on Capitol Hill.*

State General Funds	$67,541	$67,541	$67,541	$67,541

324.4 *Increase funds for merit-based retention initiatives.*

State General Funds		$121,957	$80,000	$40,000

324.1000 Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide access to low THC oil for registered Georgia patients by regulating the production, transport, and sale of low THC oil; to develop a network of low THC oil; and to study the use, efficacy, and best practices of low THC oil use in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,766,873	$1,888,830	$1,846,873	$1,806,873
State General Funds	$1,766,873	$1,888,830	$1,846,873	$1,806,873
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,766,873	$1,888,830	$1,846,873	$1,806,873

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

325.1 *The Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board is directed to work with the Georgia Building Authority to identify office locations that optimize a match for square footage necessary for operations, space utilization, and allocated budget. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds			$0	$0

325.1000 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for professional engineers and land surveyors.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
State General Funds	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143	$1,361,143

Real Estate Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
State General Funds	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111	$3,130,111
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,230,111	$3,230,111	$3,230,111	$3,230,111

326.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$3,243	$3,243	$3,243	$3,243

326.1000 Real Estate Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
State General Funds	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354	$3,133,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354	$3,233,354

State Elections Board **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
State General Funds	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236	$5,789,236

327.1 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for an audit pilot program.*

State General Funds	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)	($5,000,000)

327.2 *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds			$600,047	$600,047

327.1000 State Elections Board				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is for the promulgation and enforcement of rules and regulations related to elections and the investigation of any violations thereof.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$789,236	$789,236	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
State General Funds	$789,236	$789,236	$1,389,283	$1,389,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$789,236	$789,236	$1,389,283	$1,389,283

Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040	$1,155,710,040
State General Funds	$136,860,079	$136,860,079	$136,860,079	$136,860,079
Lottery Proceeds	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961	$1,018,849,961
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345	$1,166,623,345
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,761,214	$1,299,341,797	$1,367,711,214	$1,394,811,214
State General Funds	$299,314,875	$199,895,458	$299,264,875	$295,364,875
Lottery Proceeds	$1,099,446,339	$1,099,446,339	$1,068,446,339	$1,099,446,339
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305	$10,913,305
Reserved Fund Balances	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165	$10,224,165
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,409,674,519	$1,310,255,102	$1,378,624,519	$1,405,724,519

College Completion Grants			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

328.1000 College Completion Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to provide needs-based financial aid to eligible students to complete remaining credential credit requirements.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
Lottery Proceeds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

Commission Administration (GSFC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359	$11,085,359
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,266,499	$11,266,499	$11,266,499	$11,266,499

329.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

Lottery Proceeds	$6,088	$6,088	$6,088	$6,088

329.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	$7,183	$7,183	$7,183	$7,183

329.3 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

Lottery Proceeds	($360)	($360)	($360)	($360)

329.1000 Commission Administration (GSFC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
Lottery Proceeds	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270	$11,098,270
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140	$181,140
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$11,279,410	$11,279,410	$11,279,410	$11,279,410

Dual Enrollment			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
State General Funds	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437	$91,295,437
330.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*				
State General Funds	$21,436,838	$17,436,838	$21,436,838	$17,436,838

330.1000 Dual Enrollment			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue postsecondary study at approved public and private postsecondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$112,732,275	$108,732,275	$112,732,275	$108,732,275
State General Funds	$112,732,275	$108,732,275	$112,732,275	$108,732,275
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$112,732,275	$108,732,275	$112,732,275	$108,732,275

Engineer Scholarship			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

331.1000 Engineer Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
State General Funds	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000	$1,260,000

Georgia Foster Care Scholarship			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$0	$0	$0
State General Funds		$0	$0	$0

332.1 *Establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship pursuant to SB85 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

332.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.*
House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide postsecondary education grants to eligible students who are current or former foster youth.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

Georgia Military College Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

333.1000 Georgia Military College Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
State General Funds	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916	$1,082,916

HERO Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
State General Funds	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000	$330,000

334.1 *Reduce funds and utilize surplus funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	($50,000)	($50,000)	($50,000)

334.1000 HERO Scholarship **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$330,000	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
State General Funds	$330,000	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$330,000	$280,000	$280,000	$280,000

HOPE Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700	$76,573,700

335.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$17,215,905	$17,215,905	$17,215,905	$17,215,905

335.1000 HOPE Grant **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
Lottery Proceeds	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605	$93,789,605

HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

336.1000 HOPE High School Equivalency Exam **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's High School Equivalency Exam recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Lottery Proceeds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841	$74,782,841

337.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$3,308,837	$3,308,837	$3,308,837	$3,308,837

337.2 *Increase funds to increase the HOPE Scholarship Private award amount to match the Zell Private award amount in order to provide parity in HOPE Public and HOPE Private award policies.*

Lottery Proceeds		$10,147,510	$0	$10,147,510

337.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$78,091,678	$88,239,188	$78,091,678	$88,239,188
Lottery Proceeds	$78,091,678	$88,239,188	$78,091,678	$88,239,188
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$78,091,678	$88,239,188	$78,091,678	$88,239,188

HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lottery Proceeds	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061	$845,908,061

338.1 *Increase funds to meet projected need.*

Lottery Proceeds	$60,058,725	$49,911,215	$29,058,725	$49,911,215

338.1000 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public postsecondary institution.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$905,966,786	$895,819,276	$874,966,786	$895,819,276
Lottery Proceeds	$905,966,786	$895,819,276	$874,966,786	$895,819,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$905,966,786	$895,819,276	$874,966,786	$895,819,276

Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

339.1000 Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Grant **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently enrolled in the Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education program at a postsecondary institution in this state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
State General Funds	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000	$2,600,000

Memorial Grants **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

340.1 *Transfer funds from the Public Safety Memorial Grant program to the Memorial Grants program. (S and CC:NO; Recognize funds for the Public Safety Memorial Grant in the Public Service Memorial Grant program)*

State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$0

340.2 *Utilize $36,000 in existing funds to establish the Public School Employee Memorial Grant program pursuant to HB56 (2025 Session). (H:YES)(S and CC:NO; Recognize funds for the Public School Employee Memorial Grant in the Public Service Memorial Grant program)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

340.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant. (S:NO)(CC:NO)*

Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant. (S:NO)*

House*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

340.1000 Memorial Grants			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant. (S:NO)(CC:NO)				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		$540,000	$0	$0
State General Funds		$540,000	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS		$540,000	$0	$0

North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

341.1000 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
State General Funds	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740	$3,037,740

North Georgia ROTC Grants			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

342.1000 North Georgia ROTC Grants			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
State General Funds	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750	$1,113,750

Public Service Memorial Grant **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000	$540,000

343.1 *Transfer funds from the Public Safety Memorial Grant program to the Memorial Grants program. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	($540,000)	$0	$0

343.2 *Utilize $36,000 in existing funds to establish the Public School Employee Memorial Grant program pursuant to HB56 (2025 Session). (S:YES)(CC:YES; Utilize $36,000 in existing funds to establish the Public School Employee Memorial Grant program pursuant to SB20 (2025 Session))*

State General Funds		$0	$0

343.998 *Change the name of the Public Safety Memorial Grant program to the Public Service Memorial Grant program. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds		$0	$0

343.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.*
Senate*: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.*

State General Funds		$0	$0

343.1000 Public Service Memorial Grant **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance through the Public Safety Memorial Grant and the Public School Employee Memorial Grant.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$540,000	$540,000
State General Funds	$540,000	$0	$540,000	$540,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$540,000	$0	$540,000	$540,000

REACH Georgia Scholarship **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

344.1000 REACH Georgia Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
State General Funds	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000	$6,370,000

Promise Scholarship			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

345.1 *Add funds to fully fund the Promise Scholarship Program as established pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session). (H:Increase funds to implement the Promise Scholarship program as established pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session))(S and CC:Add funds to fully fund the Promise Scholarship program as established pursuant to SB233 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057	$141,016,057

345.999 ***CC****: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*
Senate*: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*
House*: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*
Governor*: The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

345.1000 Promise Scholarship			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this program is to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the Promise Scholarship Act.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
State General Funds	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057	$141,016,057
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$141,016,057	$45,646,640	$141,016,057	$141,016,057

Service Cancelable Loans **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,891,296

346.1 *Increase funds for veterinary student loan repayment pursuant to SB20 (2025 Session).*

State General Funds $100,000

346.1000 Service Cancelable Loans **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,120,000
State General Funds	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,020,000	$5,120,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296	$8,871,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,891,296	$13,991,296

Tuition Equalization Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

347.1 *Utilize existing funds to increase award amount from $1,100 to $1,150. (H:YES)(S:NO)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0

347.1000 Tuition Equalization Grants **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private postsecondary institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
State General Funds	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067	$23,157,067
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261	$1,278,261
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328	$24,435,328

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
State General Funds	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169	$1,053,169
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,635,777	$1,635,777	$1,635,777	$1,635,777

348.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$1,901	$1,901	$1,901	$1,901

348.1000 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private postsecondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
State General Funds	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070	$1,055,070
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608	$582,608
Reserved Fund Balances	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608	$74,608
Sales and Services	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000	$508,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678	$1,637,678

Section 45: Teachers Retirement System

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527

Section Total - Final

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527	$59,364,527

Local/Floor COLA **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

349.1000 Local/Floor COLA **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
State General Funds	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000	$62,000

System Administration (TRS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

350.1000 System Administration (TRS)				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.				
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
State Funds Transfers	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
Retirement Payments	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527	$59,302,527

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers Retirement System shall not exceed 21.91% for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833
State General Funds	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833	$489,183,833
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466
Intergovernmental Transfers	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Sales and Services	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
State Funds Transfers	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405	$1,224,549,405
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
State General Funds	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828	$538,302,828
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176	$243,718,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466	$486,247,466
Intergovernmental Transfers	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513	$77,905,513
Sales and Services	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953	$408,341,953
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286	$84,787,286
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
State Funds Transfers	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
Agency to Agency Contracts	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930	$5,399,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,273,668,400	$1,273,668,400	$1,273,668,400	$1,273,668,400

Adult Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
State General Funds	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849	$19,071,849
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Sales and Services	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
State Funds Transfers	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,068,775	$58,068,775	$58,068,775	$58,068,775

351.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$10,332	$10,332	$10,332	$10,332

351.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,119	$1,119	$1,119	$1,119

351.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$5,072	$5,072	$5,072	$5,072

351.1000 Adult Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of high school equivalency preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
State General Funds	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372	$19,088,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394

Federal Funds Not Itemized	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394	$33,441,394
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532	$5,520,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216	$3,312,216
Sales and Services	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316	$2,208,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
State Funds Transfers	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000	$35,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$58,085,298	$58,085,298	$58,085,298	$58,085,298

Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
State General Funds	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321	$8,613,321

352.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$2,179	$2,179	$2,179	$2,179

352.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$7,300	$7,300	$7,300	$7,300

352.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$796	$796	$796	$796

352.1000 Departmental Administration (TCSG) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
State General Funds	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596	$8,623,596

Economic Development and Customized Services **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533
State General Funds	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533	$3,361,533

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
State Funds Transfers	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,749,513	$52,749,513	$52,749,513	$52,749,513

353.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$9,299	$9,299	$9,299	$9,299

353.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,377	$1,377	$1,377	$1,377

353.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,149	$3,149	$3,149	$3,149

353.1000 Economic Development and Customized Services **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide customized services for existing businesses in the state.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
State General Funds	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358	$3,375,358
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592	$17,430,592
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063	$29,293,063
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
State Funds Transfers	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325	$2,664,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$52,763,338	$52,763,338	$52,763,338	$52,763,338

Quick Start **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633
State General Funds	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633	$21,534,633

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,538,512	$21,538,512	$21,538,512	$21,538,512

354.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$6,450	$6,450	$6,450	$6,450

354.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$10,542	$10,542	$10,542	$10,542

354.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$994	$994	$994	$994

354.1000 Quick Start **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
State General Funds	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619	$21,552,619
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879	$3,879
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$21,556,498	$21,556,498	$21,556,498	$21,556,498

Technical Education **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287
State General Funds	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287	$418,972,287
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004
Intergovernmental Transfers	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Sales and Services	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
State Funds Transfers	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$943,726,465	$943,726,465	$943,726,465	$943,726,465

355.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$331,885	$331,885	$331,885	$331,885

355.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($213,460)	($213,460)	($213,460)	($213,460)

355.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$89,052	$89,052	$89,052	$89,052

355.4 *Increase funds to reflect a 10.6% increase in enrollment ($33,486,954) and a 0.02% decrease in square footage (($13,581)).*

State General Funds	$33,473,373	$33,473,373	$33,473,373	$33,473,373

355.5 *Transfer funds from the Technical Education program to the Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project program to recognize all state funds budgeted to fully fund supplemental earnings for high-cost programs.*

State General Funds	($8,472,027)	($8,472,027)	($8,472,027)	($8,472,027)

355.1000 Technical Education **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
State General Funds	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110	$444,181,110
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569	$70,669,569
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004	$451,384,004
Intergovernmental Transfers	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297	$74,593,297
Sales and Services	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707	$376,790,707
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040	$53,236,040
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667	$323,554,667
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
State Funds Transfers	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
Agency to Agency Contracts	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605	$2,700,605
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$968,935,288	$968,935,288	$968,935,288	$968,935,288

Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
State General Funds	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541	$7,421,541

356.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$3,783	$3,783	$3,783	$3,783

356.2 *Increase funds to reflect growth in aviation, commercial truck driving, and nursing program enrollment at targeted supplemental credit hour rates.*

State General Funds	$15,813,747	$15,813,747	$15,813,747	$15,813,747

356.3 *Transfer funds from the Technical Education program to the Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project program to recognize all state funds budgeted to fully fund supplemental earnings for high-cost programs.*

State General Funds	$8,472,027	$8,472,027	$8,472,027	$8,472,027

356.1000 Technical Education: High-Cost Programs - Special Project **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to bridge the funding gap between formula earnings and instructional delivery for the high-cost program areas of Aviation, Commercial Truck Driving, and Nursing.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
State General Funds	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098	$31,711,098

Workforce Development **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669
State General Funds	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669	$10,208,669
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$132,431,278	$132,431,278	$132,431,278	$132,431,278

357.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$982	$982	$982	$982

357.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,084	$2,084	$2,084	$2,084

357.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$3,696	$3,696	$3,696	$3,696

357.4 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session). (S and CC:Transfer funds ($120,000) from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Department of Economic Development and reduce funds ($130,000) for the support of the Georgia Joint Defense Commission and Defense Community Economic Development Fund pursuant to SB398 (2024 Session))*

State General Funds	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)	($250,000)

357.5 *Transfer funds from the Technical College System of Georgia to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for one position and operations to support State Workforce Board responsibilities per HB982 (2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($194,756)	($194,756)	($194,756)	($194,756)

357.1000 Workforce Development				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce and assist employers and job seekers with job matching services to promote economic growth and development.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
State General Funds	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675	$9,770,675
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621	$122,176,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988	$45,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$131,993,284	$131,993,284	$131,993,284	$131,993,284

Section 47: Transportation, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670	$2,388,903,670
State General Funds	$41,346,890	$41,346,890	$41,346,890	$41,346,890
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283	$2,086,529,283
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524	$228,614,524
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186	$1,611,749,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281	$1,499,458,281
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405	$4,176,632,405
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$2,687,165,385	$2,695,645,684	$2,692,805,327	$2,696,305,327
State General Funds	$36,010,841	$44,491,140	$41,650,783	$45,150,783
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046	$2,374,878,046
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141	$238,271,141
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546	$1,611,757,546
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905	$112,290,905
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641	$1,499,466,641
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549	$175,979,549
Intergovernmental Transfers	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766	$87,053,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783	$80,925,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$4,474,902,480	$4,483,382,779	$4,480,542,422	$4,484,042,422

Airport Aid **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
State General Funds	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425	$26,359,425
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942	$72,874,942

358.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$812	$812	$812	$812

358.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($179)	($179)	($179)	($179)

358.3 *Increase funds for Airport Aid.*

State General Funds		$3,639,942	$3,639,942	$3,639,942

358.1000 Airport Aid			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$26,360,058	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
State General Funds	$26,360,058	$30,000,000	$30,000,000	$30,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284	$46,509,284
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233	$6,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$72,875,575	$76,515,517	$76,515,517	$76,515,517

Capital Construction Projects			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407	$1,021,516,407
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$885,544,844	$885,544,844	$885,544,844	$885,544,844
Transportation Trust Funds	$135,971,563	$135,971,563	$135,971,563	$135,971,563
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536	$2,074,269,536

359.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased project capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$102,647,286	$102,647,286	$102,647,286	$102,647,286

359.2 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session) for additional projects.*

Transportation Trust Funds	$4,764,172	$4,764,172	$4,764,172	$4,764,172

359.1000 Capital Construction Projects				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865	$1,128,927,865
State Motor Fuel Funds	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130	$988,192,130
Transportation Trust Funds	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735	$140,735,735
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699	$930,452,699
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430	$122,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112	$85,737,112
Sales and Services	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318	$36,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994	$2,181,680,994

Capital Maintenance Projects			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$194,745,643	$194,745,643	$194,745,643	$194,745,643
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167	$150,588,167
Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$476,696,217	$476,696,217	$476,696,217	$476,696,217

360.1 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for resurfacing projects.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$110,000,000	$110,000,000	$110,000,000	$110,000,000

360.1000 Capital Maintenance Projects				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643	$304,745,643
State Motor Fuel Funds	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167	$260,588,167

Transportation Trust Funds	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476	$44,157,476
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000	$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574	$350,574
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217	$586,696,217

Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938	$3,167,938
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,211,835	$12,211,835	$12,211,835	$12,211,835

361.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,101	$3,101	$3,101	$3,101

361.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for required costs associated with federal reporting.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$9,020	$9,020	$9,020	$9,020

361.1000 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059	$3,180,059
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897	$9,043,897
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956	$12,223,956

Departmental Administration (DOT) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582	$90,794,582
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$102,033,375	$102,033,375	$102,033,375	$102,033,375

362.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$239,069	$239,069	$239,069	$239,069

362.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for costs associated with information technology security.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,070,247	$2,070,247	$2,070,247	$2,070,247

362.1000 Departmental Administration (DOT) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
State Motor Fuel Funds	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898	$93,103,898
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823	$10,839,823
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970	$398,970
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691	$104,342,691

Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601	$220,146,601

363.1 *Increase funds for local maintenance and improvement grants to reflect 10% of projected motor fuel excise tax revenue.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$27,497,680	$27,497,680	$27,497,680	$27,497,680

363.1000 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
State Motor Fuel Funds	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281	$247,644,281

Local Road Assistance Administration			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$62,002,378

364.1 *Increase funds for one-time funding for pedestrian safety and traffic improvements in the Cumberland Community Improvement District.*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

364.2 *Increase funds for roadway safety improvements.*

State General Funds	$3,500,000

364.1000 Local Road Assistance Administration				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$6,346,461	$9,846,461
State General Funds	$0	$0	$2,000,000	$5,500,000
State Motor Fuel Funds	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461	$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917	$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	$6,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$62,002,378	$62,002,378	$64,002,378	$67,502,378

Planning **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,900,880	$4,900,880	$4,900,880	$4,900,880
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,900,880	$2,900,880	$2,900,880	$2,900,880
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,673,675	$27,673,675	$27,673,675	$27,673,675

365.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$6,526	$6,526	$6,526	$6,526

365.1000 Planning **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406	$4,907,406
State Motor Fuel Funds	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406	$2,907,406
Transportation Trust Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795	$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201	$27,680,201

Ports and Waterways **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
State General Funds	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141	$1,397,141

366.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$1,924	$1,924	$1,924	$1,924

366.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($424)	($424)	($424)	($424)

366.1000 Ports and Waterways				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Ports and Waterways.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
State General Funds	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641	$1,398,641

Program Delivery Administration **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423	$138,726,423
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$193,468,032	$193,468,032	$193,468,032	$193,468,032

367.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$542,498	$542,498	$542,498	$542,498

367.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for increased program capacity.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$3,635,529	$3,635,529	$3,635,529	$3,635,529

367.1000 Program Delivery Administration				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
State Motor Fuel Funds	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450	$142,904,450
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990	$53,642,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619	$1,098,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415	$526,415
Sales and Services	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204	$572,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059	$197,646,059

Rail **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
State General Funds	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324	$13,090,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$13,794,878	$13,794,878	$13,794,878	$13,794,878

368.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	$2,791	$2,791	$2,791	$2,791

368.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($616)	($616)	($616)	($616)

368.3 *Reduce funds to reflect FY2024 collections of locomotive fuel sales tax pursuant to HB588 (2021 Session).*

State General Funds	($4,840,357)	$0	($4,840,357)	($4,840,357)

368.1000 Rail **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Rail.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$8,252,142	$13,092,499	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
State General Funds	$8,252,142	$13,092,499	$8,252,142	$8,252,142
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315	$616,315
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239	$88,239
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$8,956,696	$13,797,053	$8,956,696	$8,956,696

Routine Maintenance **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to

maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085	$529,162,085
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$560,239,451	$560,239,451	$560,239,451	$560,239,451

369.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$754,986	$754,986	$754,986	$754,986

369.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue due to increased contracting and material costs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$32,912,374	$32,912,374	$32,912,374	$32,912,374

369.1000 Routine Maintenance **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
State Motor Fuel Funds	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445	$562,829,445
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366	$11,577,366
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000	$19,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Sales and Services	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000	$11,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811	$593,906,811

Traffic Management and Control **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302	$61,151,302
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$166,363,140	$166,363,140	$166,363,140	$166,363,140

370.1 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$118,158	$118,158	$118,158	$118,158

370.2 *Increase funds based on projected motor fuel excise tax revenue for safety and technology projects.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	$7,912,289	$7,912,289	$7,912,289	$7,912,289

370.1000 Traffic Management and Control **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
State Motor Fuel Funds	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749	$69,181,749
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354	$79,677,354
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354	$79,527,354
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484	$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587	$174,393,587

Transit **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$42,334,199	$42,334,199	$42,334,199	$42,334,199
State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Transit Trust Funds	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973	$32,412,973
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,421,226	$9,421,226	$9,421,226	$9,421,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$108,051,505	$108,051,505	$108,051,505	$108,051,505

371.1 *Increase funds for the Transportation Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Hotel/Motel Excise Tax, Highway Impact Fees, and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transportation Trust Funds	$4,892,295	$4,892,295	$4,892,295	$4,892,295

371.2 *Increase funds for the Georgia Transit Trust Fund to reflect FY2024 collections of Hired Transport Fees pursuant to HB511 (2021 Session).*

Transit Trust Funds	$5,592,384	$5,592,384	$5,592,384	$5,592,384

371.3 *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Chatham area transit infrastructure.*

State General Funds	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)	($500,000)

371.1000 Transit **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Transit.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878	$52,318,878
Transit Trust Funds	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357	$38,005,357
Transportation Trust Funds	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521	$14,313,521
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306	$65,015,306
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000	$702,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184	$118,036,184

Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

372.1 *Evaluate the function of planning, as transit ridership remains below pre-pandemic levels and transit SPLOST adoption in the region is minimal, and report the findings to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

Transportation Trust Funds	$0	$0	$0	

372.1000 Payments to Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative funds for the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
Transportation Trust Funds	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331	$9,210,331

Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928	$27,853,928
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440	$48,345,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,199,368	$76,199,368	$76,199,368	$76,199,368

373.1 *Increase funds to meet Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bond debt requirements.*

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$8,360	$8,360	$8,360	$8,360
Transportation Trust Funds	$150	$150	$150	$150
Total Public Funds:	$8,510	$8,510	$8,510	$8,510

373.1000 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
Transportation Trust Funds	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078	$27,854,078
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800	$48,353,800
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878	$76,207,878

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:
a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues

actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126
State General Funds	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126	$28,461,126
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,136,863	$56,136,863	$56,136,863	$56,136,863
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$28,468,285	$32,144,535	$32,144,535	$33,144,535
State General Funds	$28,468,285	$32,144,535	$32,144,535	$33,144,535
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246	$24,210,246
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$56,144,022	$59,820,272	$59,820,272	$60,820,272

Departmental Administration (DVS) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
State General Funds	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634	$3,250,634

374.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($9,349)	($9,349)	($9,349)	($9,349)

374.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$488	$488	$488	$488

374.3 *Increase funds for research on treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and wraparound services to benefit Georgia veterans and their families.*

State General Funds				$1,000,000

374.1000 Departmental Administration (DVS) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$4,241,773
State General Funds	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$4,241,773
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$3,241,773	$4,241,773

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
State General Funds	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318	$1,056,318
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,384,214	$1,384,214	$1,384,214	$1,384,214

375.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$63,638	$0	$0	$0

375.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($5,572)	($5,572)	($5,572)	($5,572)

375.3 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$291	$291	$291	$291

375.1000 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,114,675	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
State General Funds	$1,114,675	$1,051,037	$1,051,037	$1,051,037
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896	$327,896
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,442,571	$1,378,933	$1,378,933	$1,378,933
Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes			**Continuation Budget**	
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353
State General Funds	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353	$14,375,353
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,969,268	$40,969,268	$40,969,268	$40,969,268
376.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*				
State General Funds	($842)	($842)	($842)	($842)
376.2 *Work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to identify ways the Milledgeville Sub-Acute Therapy Unit could be used to best serve Georgia veterans. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Recognize $2,000,000 provided in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) for the opening of the Sub-Acute Therapy Unit)*				
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
376.3 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*				
State General Funds		$63,638	$63,638	$63,638
376.4 *Increase funds to address rising costs of healthcare.*				
State General Funds		$1,556,250	$1,556,250	$1,556,250
376.5 *Increase funds for 40 additional beds and submit a plan to reach maximum occupancy to the Office of Planning and Budget, the House Budget and Research Office, and the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office by September 1, 2025.*				
State General Funds		$2,120,000	$2,120,000	$2,120,000

376.1000 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$14,374,511	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
State General Funds	$14,374,511	$18,114,399	$18,114,399	$18,114,399
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424	$23,128,424
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491	$3,465,491
Intergovernmental Transfers	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863	$574,863
Sales and Services	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628	$2,890,628
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$40,968,426	$44,708,314	$44,708,314	$44,708,314

Veterans Benefits **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
State General Funds	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821	$9,778,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,532,747	$10,532,747	$10,532,747	$10,532,747

377.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($43,824)	($43,824)	($43,824)	($43,824)

377.2 *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	$2,329	$2,329	$2,329	$2,329

377.1000 Veterans Benefits				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.				
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
State General Funds	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326	$9,737,326
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926	$753,926
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252	$10,491,252

Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
State General Funds	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490	$21,775,490
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,149,322	$22,149,322	$22,149,322	$22,149,322
	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
State General Funds	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780	$21,730,780
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832	$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612	$22,104,612

Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
State General Funds	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018	$15,155,018
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,463,371	$15,463,371	$15,463,371	$15,463,371

378.1 *Increase funds for the Teachers Retirement System to reflect an increase in the actuarially determined employer contribution from 20.78% to 21.91%.*

State General Funds	$152	$152	$152	$152

378.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($34,231)	($34,231)	($34,231)	($34,231)

378.1000 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
State General Funds	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939	$15,120,939
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
Sales and Services	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353

Sales and Services Not Itemized	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353	$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292	$15,429,292

Board Administration (SBWC) **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
State General Funds	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472	$6,620,472
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,685,951	$6,685,951	$6,685,951	$6,685,951

379.1 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs.*

State General Funds	($8,041)	($8,041)	($8,041)	($8,041)

379.2 *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment for TeamWorks billings to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	($2,590)	($2,590)	($2,590)	($2,590)

379.1000 Board Administration (SBWC) **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
State General Funds	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841	$6,609,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479	$65,479
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320	$6,675,320

Section 50: Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$669,480,228	$715,736,336

Lottery Proceeds			$31,000,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228	$715,736,336

Capital Projects Fund **Continuation Budget**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978	$866,598,978

380.1 *Reduce funds for one-time projects appropriated in the FY2025 budget (HB916, 2024 Session).*

State General Funds	($866,598,978)	($866,598,978)	($866,598,978)	($866,598,978)

380.2 *Increase funds for capital projects statewide. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$150,000,000	$75,000,000	$0	$0

380.3 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for school construction, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$14,902,958	$0	$14,902,958	$14,902,958

380.4 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$17,596,881	$0	$17,596,881	$17,596,881

380.5 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$146,010,984	$0	$146,010,984	$143,563,342

380.6 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase vocational and agriculture education equipment, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$7,345,070	$0	$7,345,070	$7,345,070

380.7 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase school buses, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase school buses, statewide)[Department of Education]*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$0	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

380.8 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment and associated demolition for renovation of the Billy C Black Building, Albany State University, Albany, Dougherty County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,900,000	$1,900,000	$1,900,000	$1,900,000

380.9 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for Nursing and Health Science Addition, College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Glynn County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000

380.10 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for Herty Hall Renovation, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000

380.11 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for the Eastman Campus Expansion, Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000	$1,700,000

380.12 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for Pafford Building Renovation, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000	$1,800,000

380.13 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation of the Harry Downs Building for Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding and recognize $8,000,000 appropriated in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session) to complete project funding)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

380.14 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the renovation of the Lakeview Nursing and Dental Hygiene building, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Floyd County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$9,700,000	$9,700,000	$9,700,000	$9,700,000

380.15 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for the replacement of Natural Sciences Laboratory facilities, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Sumter County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$16,100,000	$16,100,000	$16,100,000	$16,100,000

380.16 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the Science and Ag Hill Modernization Phase III - Poultry Science Building Renovation, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$23,000,000	$23,000,000	$23,000,000	$23,000,000

380.17 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, equipment, and associated demolition for the Space Science and Robotics Facility - Main Campus, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$12,200,000	$12,200,000	$12,200,000	$12,200,000

380.18 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the Skiles Critical Infrastructure Renewal and Upgrade, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	$20,000,000

380.19 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for the Science and Ag Hill Modernization, Phase IV Biological Sciences - North Wing), University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

380.20 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and associated demolition for the Water Tank Replacement, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,900,000	$2,900,000	$2,900,000	$2,900,000

380.21 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for the Building B - Roof Replacement, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000

380.22 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the HVAC and Envelope Renewal - Architecture East and West Buildings, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.23 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment for the Research Support Building - Kennesaw Campus, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Cobb County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

380.24 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase aviation equipment for Middle Georgia State University, Eastman, Dodge County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000	$3,600,000

380.25 *Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment and R&D infrastructure, Georgia Research Alliance, statewide. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.26 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Old Capital Building Paver Repairs Phase IV, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$290,000	$290,000	$290,000	$290,000

380.27 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Sibley Cone Library Boiler Replacement, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

380.28 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Cordell Event Center Roof Replacement, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. [Georgia Military College]*

State General Funds	$565,000	$565,000	$565,000	$565,000

380.29 *Increase funds for one-time funding for replacement of Transmitters and Radio Frequency (RF) Systems (Phase I), statewide. [Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission]*

State General Funds	$955,000	$955,000	$955,000	$955,000

380.30 *Increase funds for one-time funding for system-wide equipment refresh, statewide. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$13,435,000	$13,435,000	$13,435,000	$13,435,000

380.31 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction for renovation and expansion of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex at Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$23,370,000	$23,370,000	$23,370,000	$23,370,000

380.32 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for New Health Sciences Building at Coastal Pines Technical College, Jesup, Wayne County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$2,880,000	$2,880,000	$2,880,000	$2,880,000

380.33 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for expansion of Hugh M. Gillis Medical Building, Vidalia, Toombs County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000	$1,400,000

380.34 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for new transportation and logistics training center at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,200,000	$1,200,000	$1,200,000	$1,200,000

380.35 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for trade-industry buildings renovation at Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, Bibb County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,640,000	$1,640,000	$1,640,000	$1,640,000

380.36 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for industrial technologies renovation at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Floyd County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$1,505,000	$1,505,000	$1,505,000	$1,505,000

380.37 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase equipment for BLDG B Advanced Technology Renovation at Lanier Technical College, Cumming, Forsyth County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$930,000	$930,000	$930,000	$930,000

380.38 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Building B Simulated Training Hospital renovation and expansion at Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Covington, Newton County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$9,550,000	$9,550,000	$9,550,000	$9,550,000

380.39 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Automotive Building Expansion at Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$8,640,000	$8,640,000	$8,640,000	$8,640,000

380.40 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Building A Renovation Phase II, Lagrange, Troup County. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for Building A Renovation Phase II, West Georgia Technical College, Lagrange, Troup County)[Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$11,450,000	$11,450,000	$11,450,000	$11,450,000

380.41 *Increase funds for one-time funding to address Regional State Hospitals' significant capital needs according to the 2023 Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) campus survey partially funded in HB915 (2024 Session), statewide. [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities]*

State General Funds	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

380.42 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design, construction, and equipment to renovate the Georgia Hall kitchen and dining room and Roosevelt Hall auditorium and stage at Roosevelt Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Meriwether County. [Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency]*

State General Funds	$7,487,711	$7,487,711	$7,487,711	$7,487,711

380.43 *Increase funds for one-time funding to eliminate safety hazards and replace outdated electrical infrastructure and a damaged underground water line at Georgia Industries for the Blind, Bainbridge, Decatur County. [Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency]*

State General Funds	$1,725,626	$1,725,626	$1,725,626	$1,725,626

380.44 *Increase funds for one-time funding for improvements and renovations to district offices and public health laboratories, statewide. [Department of Public Health]*

State General Funds	$1,165,000	$1,165,000	$1,165,000	$1,165,000

380.45 *Increase funds for one-time funding to design and construct a new facility for the Columbus Day Reporting Center and Field Office, Columbus, Muscogee County. [Department of Community Supervision]*

State General Funds	$6,800,000	$6,800,000	$6,800,000	$6,800,000

380.46 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$6,200,000	$0	$6,200,000	$6,200,000

380.47 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County)[Department of Corrections]*

State General Funds	$15,500,000	$0	$15,500,000	$15,500,000

380.48 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs, maintenance and sustainment, statewide. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

380.49 *Increase funds for one-time funding for site improvements and renovations for six readiness centers, statewide. [Department of Defense]*

State General Funds	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000	$12,000,000

380.50 *Increase funds for one-time funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Medical Examiner Annex at Headquarters, Decatur, DeKalb County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$5,184,500	$5,184,500	$5,184,500	$5,184,500

380.51 *Increase funds for one-time funding for the design of the Region 10 Investigative Office and Crime Scene Garage, Conyers, Rockdale County. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000	$3,800,000

380.52 *Increase funds for one-time funding for seven vehicles for new positions, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$508,146	$508,146	$508,146	$508,146

380.53 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$2,765,000	$2,765,000	$2,765,000	$2,765,000

380.54 *Increase funds for one-time funding for minor repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Bureau of Investigation]*

State General Funds	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000	$1,100,000

380.55 *Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction funds for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for additional construction funds for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$3,500,000	$0	$3,500,000	$3,500,000

380.56 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction and additional design of a 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for design of a 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$82,695,500	$0	$3,630,500	$3,630,500

380.57 *Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide. (H:NO; Recognize funding in bond package)(S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$0	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.58 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 30 vehicles, statewide. (H and S:YES; Redirect unutilized funds from land acquisition (HB916, 2024 Session) to replace 30 vehicles, statewide)(CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 30 vehicles, statewide)[Department of Juvenile Justice]*

State General Funds	$1,172,750	$0	$0	$1,172,750

380.59 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$1,405,000	$1,405,000	$1,405,000	$1,405,000

380.60 *Increase funds for one-time funding to provide funds for maintenance, renovations, and repairs at Waycross Post 22, Ware County. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000	$250,000

380.61 *Increase funds for one-time funding for aviation maintenance, renovations, and repairs, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000	$600,000

380.62 *Increase funds for one-time funding for fencing and security upgrades, statewide. [Department of Public Safety]*

State General Funds	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.63 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction of a new Basic Law Enforcement Training building, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$15,921,103	$15,921,103	$15,921,103	$15,921,103

380.64 *Increase funds for one-time funding for elevator modernization of the main academic building, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$1,265,000	$1,265,000	$1,265,000	$1,265,000

380.65 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of an additional braking exercise to support the expanded basic program, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$783,200	$783,200	$783,200	$783,200

380.66 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of a new Department of Public Safety Training building and range, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$13,442,000	$13,442,000	$13,442,000	$13,442,000

380.67 *Increase funds for one-time funding for two vehicles for new positions, Forsyth, Monroe County. [Georgia Public Safety Training Center]*

State General Funds	$112,000	$112,000	$112,000	$112,000

380.68 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace scanners and copiers, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$891,000	$891,000	$891,000	$891,000

380.69 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace six vehicles and one semi-truck, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

380.70 *Increase funds for one-time funding to renovate the Rincon Customer Service Center, Rincon, Effingham County. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

380.71 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 10 self-service kiosks, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$431,000	$431,000	$0	$431,000

380.72 *Increase funds for one-time funding for generator and HVAC replacement, statewide. [Department of Driver Services]*

State General Funds	$542,000	$542,000	$542,000	$542,000

380.73 *Increase funds for one-time funding for maintenance, repairs, and renovations at facilities, statewide. [Department of Labor]*

State General Funds	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

380.74 *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 10 vehicles for the Prosecution Division, statewide. [Department of Law]*

State General Funds	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000

380.75 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction and equipment to complete the renovation of the Agriculture Building, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia Building Authority]*

State General Funds	$44,477,954	$44,477,954	$44,477,954	$44,477,954

380.76 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovations at Tifton Laboratory for recommissioning, Tifton, Tift County. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$1,033,250	$1,033,250	$1,033,250	$1,033,250

380.77 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace equipment for Consumer Protection program, statewide. [Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$844,738	$844,738	$844,738	$844,738

380.78 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds match, statewide. [Georgia Environmental Finance Authority]*

State General Funds	$24,900,000	$24,900,000	$24,900,000	$24,900,000

380.79 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,410,000	$1,410,000	$1,410,000	$1,410,000

380.80 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace equipment and vehicles, statewide. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000	$1,785,000

380.81 *Increase funds for one-time funding for completion of Liberty-Long Office, Ludowici, Long County. [State Forestry Commission]*

State General Funds	$814,000	$814,000	$814,000	$814,000

380.82 *Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$7,780,000	$12,780,000	$12,780,000	$12,780,000

380.83 *Increase funds for one-time funding for new construction of a consolidated Region 2 office, Gainesville, Hall County. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$13,600,000	$13,600,000	$13,600,000	$13,600,000

380.84 *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace Environmental Protection Division (EPD) vehicles and lab equipment, statewide. [Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds	$1,120,000	$1,120,000	$1,120,000	$1,120,000

380.85 *Increase funds for one-time funding to provide state matching funds to replace air handling units and roofing, repair flooring and drives, and install cameras at the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home and Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County. (H and S:Increase funds for one-time funding to provide state matching funds to complete elevator upgrades in Augusta and Milledgeville, and replace air handling units and roofing, repair flooring*

and drives, and install cameras at the Milledgeville Georgia War Veterans Home and Cemetery, Milledgeville, Baldwin County)[Department of Veterans Service]

State General Funds	$2,071,607	$2,071,607	$2,071,607	$2,071,607

380.86 *Utilize state matching funds ($3,155,000) appropriated in HB916 (2024 Session) for elevator upgrades and Milledgeville campus improvements to replace three of six elevators and apply for federal match to complete both projects, Augusta and Milledgeville, Richmond and Baldwin Counties. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)[Department of Veterans Service]*

State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0

380.87 *Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Dawson County. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Building, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County)[University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$15,500,000	$0	$31,000,000
Lottery Proceeds		$31,000,000	$0
Total Public Funds:	$15,500,000	$31,000,000	$31,000,000

380.88 *Increase funds for one-time funding to renovate the Education Center, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$5,000,000

380.89 *Increase funds for one-time funding to construct the Colonel Ralph Puckett Veterans Education Center Transition Resource (VECTR) Workforce Development Center at Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for equipment for the Colonel Ralph Puckett Veterans Education Center Transition Resource (VECTR) Workforce Development Center at Columbus Technical College, Columbus, Muscogee County)[Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$3,000,000

380.90 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Building at Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Columbia County. [Technical College System of Georgia]*

State General Funds	$2,100,000	$2,100,000	$2,100,000

380.91 *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations, statewide. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

380.92 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Technology Grants to Public Libraries. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

380.93 *Increase funds for one-time funding for addition of the Shurling Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library System, Macon, Bibb County. (CC:NO)[Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$900,000	$900,000	$0

380.94 *Increase funds for one-time funding for addition of the South Cobb Regional Library, Cobb County Library System, Mableton, Cobb County. (CC:NO)[Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$0

380.95 *Increase funds for one-time funding for renovation of the Doraville Library, DeKalb County Library System, Doraville, DeKalb County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$400,000	$400,000	$400,000

380.96 *Increase funds for one-time funding for addition of the Dalton-Whitfield County Library, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, Dalton, Whitfield County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

380.97 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of the East Side Branch, Athens Regional Library System, Athens, Clarke County. [Georgia Public Library Service, University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$2,000,000

380.98 *Increase funds for one-time funding for design and construction for new Regulatory Lab Building, Forest Park, Clayton County. (S and CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for design for new Regulatory Lab Building, Forest Park, Clayton County)[Department of Agriculture]*

State General Funds	$20,000,000	$4,000,000	$4,000,000

380.99 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Capitol Hill renovation, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Georgia Building Authority]*

State General Funds	$17,078,643	$0	$15,000,000

380.100 *Increase funds for one-time funding for Cooperative Extension Service Research and Education Center infrastructure and facility upgrades, statewide. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$5,000,000	$5,000,000

380.101 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of park entrance redesign at Tallulah Gorge State Park, Tallulah Falls, Rabun County. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for construction of park improvements at Tallulah Gorge State Park, Tallulah Falls, Rabun County)[Department of Natural Resources]*

State General Funds		$1,300,000	$1,300,000

380.102 *Increase funds for one-time funding for construction at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County. [University System of Georgia Board of Regents]*

State General Funds		$2,350,000	$2,350,000

380.1000 Capital Projects Fund **Appropriation (HB 68)**

The purpose of this appropriation is to finance capital projects, including facilities, property, and equipment for state entities and to provide funds for the defeasance of outstanding general obligation debt.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228	$715,736,336
State General Funds	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$669,480,228	$715,736,336

Lottery Proceeds			$31,000,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$866,598,978	$545,153,478	$700,480,228	$715,736,336

Section 51: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

	Section Total - Continuation			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046

	Section Total - Final			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,071,423,882	$1,109,936,944	$1,072,636,010	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$969,859,126	$1,008,372,188	$971,071,254	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,084,818,117	$1,123,331,179	$1,086,030,245	$1,080,488,925

General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811	$1,190,969,811
State General Funds	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094	$1,076,033,094
State Motor Fuel Funds	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717	$114,936,717
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046	$1,204,364,046

381.1 *Reduce funds for debt service to reflect the savings from retirement of state general obligation debt.*

State General Funds	($106,345,614)	($106,345,614)	($106,345,614)	($106,345,614)
State Motor Fuel Funds	($13,371,961)	($13,371,961)	($13,371,961)	($13,371,961)
Total Public Funds:	($119,717,575)	($119,717,575)	($119,717,575)	($119,717,575)

381.2 *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	$171,646	$8,546,062	$5,546,062	$4,742

381.3 *Recognize prepayment of debt service in the Amended FY2025 budget (HB67, 2025 Session).*

State General Funds		($2,081,144)	($4,162,288)	($4,162,288)

381.4 *Redirect $2,447,642 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2020 (HB31, Bond #355.101) for the State Board of Education for the purposes of financing educational facilities for county and independent school districts through the Capital Outlay Program – Regular to be used for the FY2026 Capital Outlay Program – Regular for local school construction, statewide. (CC:YES)*

State General Funds $0

381.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued				**Appropriation (HB 68)**
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$1,071,423,882	$1,077,717,154	$1,072,636,010	$1,067,094,690
State General Funds	$969,859,126	$976,152,398	$971,071,254	$965,529,934
State Motor Fuel Funds	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756	$101,564,756
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
Federal Funds Not Itemized	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235	$13,394,235
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$1,084,818,117	$1,091,111,389	$1,086,030,245	$1,080,488,925
General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New			**Continuation Budget**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$0	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Debt Service				
5 year at 6.25%				
State General Funds		$3,171,792	$0	$0
10 year at 6.5%				
State General Funds		$3,062,400	$0	$0
20 year at 6.5%				
State General Funds		$25,985,598	$0	$0
Total Amount				
State General Funds		$32,219,790	$0	$0
Total Principal Amount				
5 year at 6.25%				
State General Funds		$13,260,000	$0	$0
10 year at 6.5%				
State General Funds		$22,000,000	$0	$0

20 year at 6.5%			
State General Funds	$286,185,000	$0	$0
Total Amount			
State General Funds	$321,445,000	$0	$0

Education, Department of

382.101 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (H:Provide $145,795,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$13,238,186	$0	$0

Education, Department of

382.102 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. (H:Provide $14,900,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,352,920	$0	$0

Education, Department of

382.103 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide. (H:Provide $17,595,000 in 20-year bonds for the Capital Outlay Program - Additional Low Wealth for local school construction, statewide)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,597,626	$0	$0

Education, Department of

382.104 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Purchase career, technical, and agricultural education equipment, statewide. (H:Provide $8,260,000 in 5-year bonds to purchase career, technical, and agricultural education equipment, statewide)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,975,792	$0	$0

Education, Department of

382.105 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 10 years at 6.5%: Purchase school buses, statewide. (H:Provide $20,000,000 in 10-year bonds to purchase school buses, statewide)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$2,784,000	$0	$0

Education, Department of

382.106 *K - 12 Schools: $0 in principal for 10 years at 6.5%: Fund incentive to purchase alternative fuel school buses. (H:Provide $2,000,000 in 10-year bonds to incentivize the purchase of alternative fuel school buses)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	$278,400	$0	$0

Corrections, Department of

382.371 *GDC multi-projects: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund design and construction of long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County. (H:Provide $6,200,000 in 20-year bonds to design and construct a long term, acute care unit at Johnson State Prison, Wrightsville, Johnson County)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$562,960	$0	$0

Corrections, Department of

382.372 *GDC multi-projects: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County. (H:Provide $15,500,000 in 20-year bonds for additional construction at McRae State Prison, McRae-Helena, Telfair County)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,407,400	$0	$0

Juvenile Justice, Department of

382.411 *Muscogee Youth Development Campus: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund additional construction for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County. (H:Provide $3,500,000 in 20-year bonds for additional construction for a 56-bed facility expansion, Columbus, Muscogee County)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$317,800	$0	$0

Juvenile Justice, Department of

382.412 *Macon Youth Development Campus: $0 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund design and construction of an 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County. (H:Provide $82,695,000 in 20-year bonds to design and construct an 80-bed facility expansion, Macon, Bibb County)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds for design in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$7,508,706	$0	$0

Juvenile Justice, Department of

382.413 *DJJ Multi-Projects: $0 in principal for 5 years at 6.25%: Fund upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide. (H:Provide $5,000,000 in 5-year bonds for upgrades to safety and security systems at facilities, statewide)(S and CC:NO; Reflect funds in Capital Projects Fund program)*

State General Funds	$1,196,000	$0	$0

382.1000 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New			**Appropriation (HB 68)**	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	$0	$32,219,790	$0	$0
State General Funds	$0	$32,219,790	$0	$0
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	$0	$32,219,790	$0	$0

Section 52: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated

Reserved.

Section 53: Salary Adjustments

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

1.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment of four percent for correctional officers, education staff, chaplains, food service staff, fire services and facility maintenance staff of the Georgia Department of Corrections. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

2.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment of eight percent for behavioral health counselors at the Georgia Department of Corrections. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

3.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in the job titles and programs stated above to address employee retention needs in the Department of Human Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Law, and Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission. The amount for these items is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2025.

4.) To provide for a targeted salary adjustment for certain employees in classes of jobs in Court of Appeals, Judicial Council, Georgia State-wide Business Court, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council staff and assistant district attorneys, and Supreme Court. The amount for this Item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2026.

5.) Effective July 1, 2025, the salary for each justice of the Supreme Court shall be $189,112 and shall increase to $230,000 effective January 1, 2026.

6.) Effective July 1, 2025, the salary for each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be $187,990 and shall increase to $227,700 effective January 1, 2026.

7.) Effective July 1, 2025, the salary for each judge of the State-wide Business Court shall be $187,990 and shall increase to $218,500 effective January 1, 2026.

8.) Effective July 1, 2025, the state-paid salary for each superior court judge shall be $144,790 and shall increase to $201,060 effective January 1, 2026.

Section 54: Refunds
In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

Section 55: Leases
In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

Section 56: Budgetary Control and Interpretation
The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number (regardless of whether program or special project number has a number higher or lower than 1000 after the decimal) and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 51 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total IntraState Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. Sections 52, 53, 54 and 55 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

Section 57: Flex
Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Airport Aid," "Ports and Waterways," and "Rail" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 20 percent (20%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "HOPE Grant," "HOPE High School Equivalency Exam," "HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools," and "HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools" programs of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the four programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

Part II: Effective Date
This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Hatchett of the 155th moved that the House adopt the report of the Committee of Conference on HB 68.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 170, nays 5.

The motion prevailed.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 630. By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Reeves of the 99th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to remove the used car division and the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; to confer the powers and duties of such divisions to the board; to revise the membership of the board; to revise the powers and duties of the board; to revise and clarify provisions relating to applications for and requirements of licenses; to revise provisions relating to the change of location by licensees; to revise and provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to remove the used car division and
the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; to confer the powers and duties of such divisions to the board; to revise the membership of the board; to revise the powers and duties of the board; to revise and clarify provisions relating to applications for and requirements of licenses; to revise provisions relating to the change of location by licensees; to revise and provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, is amended in Code Section 43-47-2, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (3) and subparagraph (A) of paragraph (17) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2.1) 'Division director' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-1-1.

(3) 'Established place of business' means a salesroom or sales office in a building or on an open lot of a retail used car dealership or at which a permanent business of bartering, trading, offering, displaying, selling, buying, dismantling, or rebuilding wrecked or used motor vehicles or parts is carried on, or the place at which the books, records, and files necessary to conduct such business are kept. Each such place of business shall be furnished with a working telephone listed in the name of the licensee for use in

conducting the business, ~~and shall~~ be marked by an appropriate permanent sign as prescribed by the ~~appropriate division under this chapter~~ board, and meet or exceed any size requirements and standards prescribed by the board."

"(17)(A) 'Used motor vehicle dealer' or 'used car dealer' ~~'Used motor vehicle dealer,' 'used car dealer,' or 'licensee'~~ means any person who, for commission or with intent to make a profit or gain of money or other thing of value, sells, exchanges, rents with option to purchase, offers, or attempts to negotiate a sale or exchange of an interest in used motor vehicles or who is engaged wholly or in part in the business of selling used motor vehicles, whether or not such motor vehicles are owned by such person. A motor vehicle wholesaler and a motor vehicle broker shall be deemed to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used car dealer for the purposes of this chapter. Any independent motor vehicle leasing agency which sells or offers for sale used motor vehicles shall be deemed to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used car dealer for the purposes of this chapter. Any motor vehicle auction company selling or offering for sale used motor vehicles to independent motor vehicle dealers or to individual consumers shall be deemed to be a used motor vehicle dealer or used car dealer for the purposes of this chapter except as otherwise provided in division (x) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. Without limiting any of the foregoing, the sale of five or more used motor vehicles in any one calendar year shall be prima-facie evidence that a person is engaged in the business of selling used motor vehicles. A pawnbroker who disposes of all repossessed motor vehicles by selling or exchanging his or her interest in such motor vehicles only to licensees under this chapter shall not be considered a used motor vehicle dealer under this chapter as long as such pawnbroker does not otherwise engage in activities which would bring him or her under the licensing requirements of this chapter."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-3, relating to creation of board, composition, terms of office, vacancies, election of chairperson, and divisions, as follows:

"43-47-3.

(a) There is created a State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers. The board shall be ~~comprised of 14~~ composed of ten members:

(1) Three members shall be independent used car dealers, at least one of whom shall be an independent used car dealer that sells at least 100 used motor vehicles in the State of Georgia each calendar year and that primarily or exclusively sells motor vehicles online;

(2) One member ~~Three members~~ shall be appointed from the public at large and shall have no connection whatsoever with the sale of used cars or parts;

(3) The state revenue commissioner, or a designated agent, shall be a permanent ex officio member and shall be authorized to vote on all matters before the board;

~~(4) Reserved;~~

~~(5)~~(4) One member shall be a representative of the automobile auction industry;

~~(6) One member shall be an auto salvage pool operator;~~

~~(7)~~(5) ~~Two~~ Three members shall be used motor vehicle parts dealers ~~who are not rebuilders~~; and

~~(8) One member shall be a rebuilder;~~

~~(9) One member shall be a pawnbroker as defined in Code Section 44-12-130 who is in the business of pawning automobile titles and is licensed as a used car dealer; and~~

~~(10)~~(6) One member shall be a representative of the automobile insurance industry.

(b) The members of the board ~~referred to in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection (a) of this Code section~~ shall be appointed by the Governor and ~~shall take office on July 1, 1995, or as soon thereafter as appointed. The initial terms of those 13 appointed members shall expire as follows: three on June 30, 1996; three on June 30, 1997; three on June 30, 1998; and four on June 30, 1999. Thereafter, the appointed members of the board~~ shall serve terms of four years. All members shall be residents of this state. ~~No more than two of the appointed members shall be from the same congressional district. The terms of the two ex officio members~~ The term of the ex officio member shall be coextensive with ~~their~~ his or her term of office.

(b.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, all members serving on the board as of June 30, 2025, shall continue to serve as members of the board for the remainder of their terms of office but shall only be reappointed in accordance with the provisions of this Code section.

(c) Any vacancies on the board shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of the board shall annually elect one of their number to serve as chairperson for a term of two years. ~~The board chairperson shall not also serve contemporaneously as the chairperson of either division under this chapter. The first term as chairperson of the board shall be served by a member or members elected from either division under this chapter; thereafter, the chairperson for each succeeding term shall not be elected from the same division as that of the chairperson from the immediately preceding term.~~ In the event a chairperson of the board is unable to complete his or her term, ~~his or her~~ a successor for the remainder of the term shall be elected from the members of the board ~~same division as was the chairperson who is unable to complete the term. The chairperson of the board shall be an ex officio member of both divisions under this chapter, however, the chairperson of the board shall not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present in the division meeting for the division in which he or she is not a regular member~~.

~~(d)(1) The board shall be composed of two divisions, a used car division and a used parts division.~~

~~(2) The members of the used car division shall be the three independent used car dealers, two of the members from the public at large, the state revenue commissioner or a designated agent, the representative of the automobile auction industry, and the pawnbroker. All powers and duties relating to used car dealers which are not specifically reserved to the board shall be assigned to the used car division. The used~~

~~car division shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson of the division for a period of one year.~~

~~(3) The members of the used parts division shall be the third member from the public at large, the state revenue commissioner or a designated agent, the auto salvage pool operator, the two used motor vehicle parts dealers who are not rebuilders, the rebuilder, and the representative of the automobile insurance industry. All powers and duties relating to used parts dealers which are not specifically reserved to the board shall be assigned to the used parts division. The used parts division shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson of the division for a period of one year.~~

~~(4) The chairperson of the board shall determine which of the two members from the public at large will serve in the used car division and which shall serve in the used parts division.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-4, relating to division director as secretary of board, as follows:

"43-47-4.

The division director shall be the secretary of the board ~~and of the divisions~~. He or she shall issue licenses and certificates and perform such other duties as the board ~~or the divisions~~ may direct to carry out this chapter or as provided in Chapter 1 of this title."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-5, relating to reimbursement of board members, as follows:

"43-47-5.

The members of the board shall be reimbursed for their duties as board members ~~and as division members~~ as provided for in subsection (f) of Code Section 43-1-2."

SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-6, relating to general powers and duties of the board, as follows:

"43-47-6.

~~All powers and duties under this chapter not specifically reserved to the board shall be the powers and duties of the division.~~ The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To receive applications for registration of licensees ~~and to forward them to the appropriate division~~;

(2) To make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the administration and enforcement of this chapter and to protect the health, safety, and financial well-being of the public;

(3) To arrange for all new applicants to have a criminal background check, which background check shall be mandatory. The applicant's fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Georgia Crime Information Center which shall run a criminal background check

on the applicant and provide the results of the background check to the board. Additionally, the applicant's fingerprints will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check;

(4) To publish in print or electronically on or before September 1 of each year an alphabetical listing of all licensees pursuant to this chapter and to distribute copies of the same, if requested, to the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Revenue, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to all sheriffs in this state, and to all county and municipal police departments in this state;

(5) To establish a fee for a license for each principal place of business and a fee for a supplemental license for each place of business not immediately adjacent to the principal place of business. The board may establish separate schedules of fees for such licenses depending on whether the applicant begins to do business as a licensee prior to or after the issuance of any such license; ~~and~~

(6) To do all other things necessary and proper to carry out the powers and duties listed in this Code section; and

(7) To set the minimum size requirements and standards of an established place of business."

SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-7, relating to required license and records, as follows:

"43-47-7.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a used motor vehicle dealer in this state without first registering and obtaining a license from the ~~used car division~~ board as provided in this chapter.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a used motor vehicle parts dealer in this state without first registering and obtaining a license from the ~~used parts division~~ board as provided in this chapter.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any used car dealer or any used parts dealer willfully to fail to keep the records required to be kept by this chapter."

SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing Code Section 43-47-8, relating to license applications, prerequisites, license fees, renewal, training or test, supplemental license, bonds, insurance, suspension for conviction or false statement, and meetings, and by enacting a new Code Section 43-47-8 to read as follows:

"43-47-8.

(a) Any person desiring a license to be a used motor vehicle dealer or a used motor vehicle parts dealer in this state shall submit an application on a form and in such manner as may be prescribed by the board, which shall be accompanied by any applicable fees and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(1) Maintains an established place of business;

(2) Has, within the preceding 12 months, attended a board approved training and information seminar, which shall not exceed one day in length, or passed a board approved examination, either of which shall relate to the requirements of licensees provided in this chapter, including books and records to be kept, requirements of the Department of Revenue applicable to licensees, and such other topics as in the opinion of the board promote good business practices of licensees;

(3) Has applied for or obtained a certificate of registration, Department of Revenue Form ST-2;

(4) Has posted or has made provision for the posting of the bond required under subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(5) Maintains any liability and property damage insurance required under subsection (e) of this Code section.

(b) Applications for a used motor vehicle dealer license or a used motor vehicle parts dealer license shall be made under oath and shall state the applicant's full name; date and place of birth; date and place of any conviction or arrest for any crime, including the plea of nolo contendere or a plea entered pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment; and such additional information as the board may require to investigate the qualifications, character, competence, and integrity of the applicant. Each applicant shall submit with his or her application photographs or other renderings of his or her established place of business that show the complete facility, appropriate sign, and entire display area of the established place of business.

(c) Each applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer license or a used motor vehicle parts dealer license shall furnish to the board a full set of fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be conducted on the applicant so as to determine the applicant's suitability to be licensed under this chapter. The board shall submit the applicant's fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center. If no criminal record is identified at the state level, the Georgia Crime Information Center is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The Georgia Crime Information Center shall notify the board in writing of the results of such criminal background investigation, which shall be used by the board for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter, shall not be a public record, shall be privileged, and shall not be disclosed to any other person or agency. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background investigation.

(d)(1) Licensees shall be required, for each license or supplemental license issued in connection with an established place of business, to post a bond that is executed with a surety company duly authorized to do business in this state. Such bond shall be payable to the Governor for the use and benefit of any purchaser and vendees or successors in title of any used motor vehicle and shall be conditioned to pay all losses, damages, and expenses that may be sustained by such purchaser, his or her vendees, or successors in title that may be occasioned by reason of any misrepresentation, deceptive practice, or unfair practice or by reason of any breach of warranty as to such used vehicle. Such bond shall be in the amount of $35,000.00 for used car dealers and $10,000.00 for used

parts dealers and shall be filed, prior to or immediately upon the granting of a license under this chapter, with the division director by the licensee and shall be approved by the division director as to form and as to the solvency of the surety.

(2) No licensee shall cancel, or cause to be canceled, a bond issued pursuant to this subsection unless the board is informed in writing by a certified letter at least 30 days prior to the proposed cancellation.

(3) If a surety or licensee cancels a bond issued pursuant to this subsection and the licensee fails to submit, within ten days of the effective date of the cancellation, a new bond, the board may revoke his or her license.

(e)(1) Except for any person licensed under Chapter 6 of this title, who shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection, licensees shall maintain, for each license or supplemental license issued in connection with an established place of business, public liability and property damage insurance with liability limits of not less than $50,000.00 per person and $100,000.00 per accident, personal insurance liability coverage, and $25,000.00 property damage liability coverage.

(2) No licensee shall cancel or cause to be canceled an insurance policy issued pursuant to this subsection unless the board is so informed in writing by certified mail at least 30 days prior to the proposed cancellation.

(3) If an insurance company or licensee cancels an insurance policy required under this subsection and the licensee fails to submit, within ten days of the effective date of such cancellation, a new insurance policy, the board may revoke his or her license.

(f)(1) Each license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be in connection with a single established place of business, and licensees shall be required to obtain a supplemental license for each additional established place of business that is operated or proposed to be operated by the licensee that is not contiguous to an established place of business for which a license or supplemental license has been issued; provided, however, that a supplemental license shall not be required for any temporary site of a licensee.

(2) A licensee applying for a supplemental license shall submit an application on a form and in such a manner as may be prescribed by the board accompanied by any applicable fees. Such application shall include:

(A) The licensee's license number;

(B) Photographs or other renderings of the licensee's additional established place of business for which a supplemental license is sought that shows the complete facility, appropriate sign, and entire display area of the additional established place of business;

(C) Evidence that the licensee has posted, or has made provision for the posting, of the bond required under subsection (d) of this Code section for such additional established place of business; and

(D) Evidence that the licensee maintains any liability and property damage insurance required under subsection (e) of this Code section for such additional established place of business.

(g) All licensees issued under this chapter shall be renewable biennially. The board may establish continuing education requirements for license renewals."

SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-8.2, relating to place of business, temporary sites, and penalties, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(5) The fee for each application for a temporary site permit shall be ~~$100.00~~ established by the board."

SECTION 9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-9, relating to contents of licenses, display of licenses, and endorsement of change of business location on licenses, as follows:

"43-47-9.

(a) The licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall specify the location of each place of business or branch or other location occupied or to be occupied by the licensee in conducting his or her business; and the license or supplemental license issued therefor shall be conspicuously displayed on each of such premises. ~~In the event any such location is changed, the appropriate division shall endorse the change of location on the license without charge.~~

(b) If such location, as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, of a licensee is changed, the licensee shall, at least 30 days prior to relocating to a new location, submit a change of location application, together with any additional fees as established by the board, to the division director. Such application shall be submitted in a form and manner as prescribed by the division director and shall include the licensee's license number and photographs of the new location in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 43-47-8. If the division director determines that the new location meets the requirements of this chapter and of the rules and regulations of the board, the division director shall approve the application and issue a new license that specifies the new location."

SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-10, relating to investigation of licensees by board, suspension or revocation of license, and other sanctions, as follows:

"43-47-10.

The board ~~or each division~~ may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, investigate the actions of any licensee or anyone who shall assume to act in such capacity. The board ~~Each division~~ shall have power, in addition to the other powers authorized by this chapter, to revoke or to suspend a license for a specified time, to be determined in its discretion, or to invoke such other lesser sanctions, including but not limited to the imposition of fines and penalty fees, which the board is hereby authorized to create by rule, where:

(1) The licensee is found by a majority of the members of the board to have committed any one or more of the following:

(A) Material misstatement in an application for a license;

(B) Willful and intentional failure to comply with any provisions of this chapter or any lawful rule or regulation issued by the board under this chapter;
(C) Making any substantial misrepresentation;
(D) Making any false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce;
(E) Pursuing a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation or the making of false promises through agents, salespersons, advertising, or otherwise;
(F) Failure to account for or to remit any moneys coming into his or her possession which belong to others;
(G) Having demonstrated unworthiness or incompetency to act as a licensee in such manner as to safeguard the interest of the public;
(H) Fraud or fraudulent practice, unfair and deceptive acts or practices, misleading acts or practices, or untrustworthiness or incompetency to act as a licensee, including, but not limited to, the failure to provide the appropriate odometer disclosure forms required by law or knowingly selling or offering for sale any used car on which the odometer has been tampered with to reflect lower than the actual mileage the car has been driven;
(I) The intentional use of any false, fraudulent, or forged statement or document or the use of any fraudulent, deceitful, dishonest, or immoral practice in connection with any of the licensing requirements as provided for in this chapter;
(J) The commission of any crime involving violence, a used motor vehicle, illegal drugs, tax evasion, failure to pay taxes, or any crime involving the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a dangerous weapon; the conviction of, plea of guilty to, or plea of nolo contendere to a crime involving violence, a used motor vehicle, illegal drugs, tax evasion, failure to pay taxes, or any crime involving the illegal use, carrying, or possession of a dangerous weapon shall be conclusive evidence of the commission of such crime;
(K) Use of untruthful or improbable statements or flamboyant or extravagant claims concerning such licensee's excellence or abilities;
(L) The performance of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, mislead, unfairly treat, or harm the public;
(M) The use of any false or fraudulent statement in any document in connection with the business as a licensee;
(N) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to (i) the failure to maintain the certificate of registration required by Code Section 43-47-8 and (ii) the failure to keep records required by this chapter;
(O) Any other conduct, whether of the same or a different character than heretofore specified, which constitutes dishonest dealing;
(P)(i) Any of the following activities by an automobile auction:
(I) Allowing a motor vehicle to be sold through an auction where the seller's name does not appear on the face of the title;

(II) Failing to refund all of the purchase price to the buyer when the title and tag receipt are not assigned to and processed for the buyer within 21 days of the purchase;

(III) Failing to make available to the board, for investigative purposes, auction records of a seller, for the purpose of determining if a seller sold more than five motor vehicles in a calendar year; provided, however, that the board shall give the auction reasonable notice during normal working hours;

(IV) Failing to disclose in a conspicuous manner on the bill of sale that a buyer is entitled to a refund of all of the purchase price when the title and tag receipt are not assigned and processed within 21 days of the purchase;

(V) Failing to include on the bill of sale any warranty disclaimer; or

(VI) Accepting or delivering a certificate of title signed in blank.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply where:

(I) The sale of the motor vehicle is not open to the general public;

(II) Either the seller or purchaser of the vehicle is a licensed used car dealer;

(III) The motor vehicle is sold as a repossessed or abandoned vehicle; or

(IV) The motor vehicle is sold on behalf of any government agency or by court order.

(iii) A violation of this subparagraph shall also be grounds for suspension or censure of a license under Code Section 43-6-18, and any auction violating this subparagraph may be required by the board to surrender its master tag;

(Q) Acting to obtain or holding a license on behalf of another person who was previously denied a license or had a license suspended or revoked under this chapter; in making determinations under this subparagraph, the ~~division~~ board may look at any competent evidence, including, but not limited to, who actually directs the activities at the business and who actually receives the proceeds from the business;

(R) Having purchased, concealed, possessed, or otherwise acquired or disposed of a vehicle, knowing the same to be stolen;

(S) Having failed to meet and maintain the requirements for issuance of a license as provided for in this chapter;

(T) Having failed to pay within 30 days after written demand from the board any fees or penalties due on vehicles acquired for dismantling or rebuilding; ~~or~~

(U) Having willfully failed to keep or maintain the records required to be kept by this chapter; or

(V) Having vacated the location of its place of business for thirty days or more without having submitted a change of location application pursuant to Code Section 43-47-9; or

(2) A majority of the members of the ~~division~~ board find that the licensee failed to establish, maintain, or monitor procedural safeguards to ensure that the following activities do not occur at the business, regardless of whether the licensee had actual knowledge of any such activity or activities or regardless of whether there was an intent on the part of any person to engage in any such activity or activities:

(A) Unfair and deceptive acts or practices as defined in Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Fair Business Practices Act of 1975';
(B) Any of those activities described in paragraphs (1) through (6) of Code Section 40-3-90; or
(C) Failure to obtain a certificate of title for a purchaser."

SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-12, relating to maintenance of records by licensees and possession of vehicle or parts as evidence of purchase for resale, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) Any other records which the ~~appropriate division~~ board may reasonably require to protect the public, as relating to the licensee's method of operation and personnel employed."

SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-14, relating to fines for violation of chapter, as follows:

"43-47-14.

The ~~Each division or the~~ board may impose a fine not to exceed $500.00 for each violation of any provision of this chapter. Such fines shall be listed in a schedule contained in the rules and regulations of the board. The licensee shall pay the fine within 30 days after receiving written notification from either the ~~appropriate division~~ board or a representative of the ~~division~~ board unless the licensee requests in writing a hearing before the ~~division~~ board. Such request for a hearing must be received by the ~~division~~ board within 30 days after receipt of the written notification from the ~~division~~ board. Failure either to pay the fine or request a hearing shall result in immediate suspension of the license pending a hearing by the board to determine whether revocation or other disciplinary action should be imposed on the licensee."

SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-17, relating to consent to inspection as condition of licensure, as follows:

"43-47-17.

Every person required to be licensed under this chapter shall, as a condition of licensure, be deemed to have granted authority and permission to the board~~, to either division,~~ or to any peace officer to inspect any record or document and any motor vehicle or motor vehicle part or accessory at or on the premises of his or her principal place of business, or any additional place of business, at any reasonable time during the day or night during reasonable business hours."

SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-47-21, relating to civil penalty, civil action, right of private action, and persons already licensed to make changes at time of renewal of license, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The penalty provided in subsection (a) of this Code section and any restitution due to specifically named consumers for violations of this chapter shall be recoverable by a civil action brought by ~~the division,~~ the board, the Attorney General, or any district attorney, solicitor-general, or municipal or county attorney in any superior or state court having proper jurisdiction. The proceeds of any civil penalty shall be remitted to the board by the clerk of the court in which such case is filed; provided, however, that in an action brought on behalf of a county or municipality one-half of the proceeds of such civil penalty shall be paid into the treasury of such county or municipality. The court shall order any restitution recovered on behalf of any consumer to be paid over directly to the consumer by the defendant."

SECTION 15.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Wiedower of the 121st moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 630.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	E McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 173, nays 1.

The motion prevailed.

HB 371. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Townsend of the 179th, Greene of the 154th, Dubnik of the 29th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds generally under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for an increase of the state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding from $300 million to $375 million annually; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 10 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for an increase of the state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding from $300 million to $375 million annually; to require that for each new elementary school constructed on or after July 1, 2027, which includes a playground, such playground shall meet certain standards; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 10 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended in Code Section 20-2-260, relating to capital outlay funds generally, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (g) as follows:

"(g)(1) In order to determine a reasonable total funding level for the purposes stated in subsection (e) of this Code section and to establish a fair and equitable distribution of funds to local school systems, the State Board of Education shall annually determine a level of authorization. Starting with fiscal year ~~2014~~ 2027 applications for funds and for each fiscal year thereafter, the new authorization level may equal zero but shall not exceed ~~$300~~ $375 million, adjusted annually to reflect the changes in the current annual construction cost data maintained by the Department of Education pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (c) of this Code section. For purposes of deliberations with the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the amount of state funds to be appropriated, calculations shall be made for at least three levels below the ~~$300~~ $375 million maximum authorization, adjusted as specified in this paragraph."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 20-2-261, relating to common minimum facility requirements, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The State Board of Education shall establish common minimum facility requirements which each public school facility ~~must~~ shall meet in order to be certified for use in any component of the educational or recreational program of ~~that~~ such school. Such minimum requirements shall:

(1) Include such ~~include those~~ provisions of law or state board policy on matters that relate to:

(A) Fire ~~fire~~ and physical safety;

(B) Sanitation ~~sanitation~~ and health, including temperature and ventilation;

(C) Minimum ~~minimum~~ space, size, and configuration for the various components of the instructional program; and

(D) Construction ~~construction~~ stability, quality, and suitability for intended uses;~~.~~ ~~Such minimum requirements shall not~~

(2) Not prohibit wood construction that is otherwise in compliance with state minimum standard codes as they existed on January 1, 2014~~. As used in this subsection, the term 'state minimum standard codes' shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (9) of Code Section 8-2-20~~; and

(3) Provide that for each new elementary school constructed on or after July 1, 2027, which includes a playground, such playground shall meet the following design standards:

(A) Provides a sensory-diverse environment that enables children of all abilities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally;

(B) Provides an engaging play space with age and ability-appropriate levels of challenge and offers opportunities for children of all abilities to succeed, regardless of physical and intellectual attributes;

(C) Enables all students to benefit from state mandated recess time for elementary students;

(D) Capable for use as an outdoor classroom that is open to all students; and

(E) Meets the following minimum guidelines:

(i) Playground is accessible via a sidewalk or pathway from the school;
(ii) Playground is a minimum of 10,000 square feet in area;
(iii) Fencing surrounds and encloses the entire playground area;
(iv) A minimum of 20 percent of the total playground area shall be shaded; provided, however, that such shaded area may comprise more than one area so long as the total shaded area meets or exceeds 20 percent of the total playground area; and, provided, further, that such shading may be provided by natural means, such as existing mature trees, or man-made means, such as sun canopies;
(v) Unitary surfacing shall be used throughout at least 80 percent of the playground area. Examples of unitary surfacing include, but are not limited to, turf, bonded rubber, and poured in place rubber; and
(vi) Multiple components that are installed on a portion of the playground with the unitary surfacing and are accessible for all users that address the physical, sensory, cognitive, social, emotional, imaginative, and communication needs of those who will visit the playground, such as:
(I) Communication boards;
(II) Learning American Sign Language (ASL) alphabet panels;
(III) Learning Braille alphabet panels;
(IV) Roller slides;
(V) Pieces of equipment that make music, such as chimes, drums, and bells;
(VI) Adaptive or accessible swings;
(VII) Play pieces that are accessible to a child remaining in a wheelchair that allows such child to play with other children;
(VIII) Sensory panels;
(IX) Wheelchair accessible raised structures; and
(X) Wheelchair accessible slides."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Corbett of the 174th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 371.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 168, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

HB 370. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 47th, Williamson of the 112th, Efstration of the 104th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax bill form, so as to require the property tax bill for any school district that opts out of the state-wide base year homestead exemption to state the total amount of the school district's reserve funds; to require a statement on the property tax bill regarding certain political subdivisions that do not have in effect a base year homestead exemption; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for certain employers that offer individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements to employees; to provide for terms, conditions, and limitations; to provide for preapproval; to provide for aggregate annual limits; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for a sunset; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-40.10, which is reserved, as follows:

"48-7-40.10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Covered employee' means an employee who is covered by an individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement provided by a qualified taxpayer.

(2) 'Individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement' means a health reimbursement arrangement established pursuant to 45 C.F.R. Section 146.123.

(3) 'Qualified taxpayer' means any taxpayer with fewer than 50 employees that offers an individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement.

(b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, a qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed under this article for contributions to an individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement for employees who are residents of this state, provided that:

(1) The qualified taxpayer contributed at least $200.00 per month to an individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement for each covered employee; and

(2) The contribution made by the qualified taxpayer for each employee for which the qualified taxpayer is seeking a credit pursuant to this Code section is equal to or greater than the total amount of contributions to any employer sponsored health benefit plan made by the qualified taxpayer for such employee in the previous taxable year.

(c)(1) The amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this Code section shall not exceed an amount equal to:

(A) In the first three years a credit is claimed pursuant to this Code section, $600.00 per covered employee;

(B) In the fourth year a credit is claimed pursuant to this Code section, $400.00 per covered employee; and

(C) In the fifth year a credit is claimed pursuant to this Code section, $200.00 per covered employee.

(2) No qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit pursuant to this Code section for more than five total years.

(d) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section exceed $5 million per year.

(e)(1) To be allowed a tax credit pursuant to this Code section, a taxpayer shall submit an application for preapproval no later than October 1 of the year preceding the year in which the credit pursuant to this Code section would be allowed.

(2) The department shall require preapproval applications to contain such information as is necessary to substantiate a taxpayer's eligibility for tax credits allowed pursuant to this Code section.

(3) The department shall review completed preapproval applications in the order in which such applications were received; provided, however, that the department shall prioritize the review of completed preapproval applications from qualified taxpayers that have already claimed a credit pursuant to this Code section before any other preapproval applications.

(4) The department shall approve properly completed and timely submitted preapproval applications and shall issue preapproval certificates to approved taxpayers by November 1 of each year, certifying the amount of credits each such taxpayer is eligible to claim if the taxpayer meets the conditions of this Code section.

(f) If the qualified taxpayer allowed a tax credit pursuant to this Code section is a pass-through entity and has no income tax liability pursuant to this article, such tax credit may be claimed by its members, shareholders, or partners based on the percentage of such qualified taxpayer's distributive income to which the member, shareholder, or partner is entitled.

(g) In no event shall the total amount of a tax credit allowed to any qualified taxpayer pursuant to this Code section exceed such taxpayer's income tax liability. No unused tax credit shall be allowed the qualified taxpayer against succeeding years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the qualified taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(h) The department shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section.

(i) This Code section shall stand repealed and reserved on December 31, 2028. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Gaines of the 120th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 370 (LC 50 1260S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to enact the "Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act"; to provide for definitions; to require the establishment and maintenance of a directory of nicotine vapor products authorized for sale in this state; to prohibit the sale of any vapor product containing nicotine that is not listed in the directory; to provide for compliance checks and enforcement; to provide for seizure and destruction of contraband; to provide for civil penalties and enforcement; to provide procedures for the revocation and suspension of licenses for violations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for rules and regulations; to require an annual report to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness upon appropriation of funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by designating Code Sections 48-11-1 through 48-11-30 as Article 1 of Chapter 11 and enacting a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

48-11-40.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act.'

48-11-41.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Directory' means the directory of nicotine vapor products the commissioner is required to develop and maintain as provided in this article.

(2) 'FDA' means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(3) 'Foreign business entity' means an entity formed under a law other than the law of this state.

(4) 'Licensee' means any vapor product dealer, vapor product distributor, vapor product importer, or vapor product manufacturer licensed under Article 1 of this chapter.

(5) 'Nicotine vapor product' means any consumable vapor product that contains any amount of nicotine and any vapor device developed or intended to deliver any consumable vapor product that contains nicotine.

(6) 'Timely filed premarket tobacco product application' means an application pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for a nicotine vapor product marketed in the United States as

of August 8, 2016, that was submitted to the FDA on or before September 9, 2020, and accepted for filing.

48-11-42.

(a)(1) The commissioner shall develop a process by which vapor product manufacturers can submit the certification required under subsection (b) of this Code section and any other information required under this article to be used to create the directory listing required under Code Section 48-11-43 and for such other purposes as provided in this article. Such process may include a portal or software application accessible through an internet website. The commissioner may allow a vapor product manufacturer to file a single certification for all of its nicotine vapor products or require a separate certification for each nicotine vapor product.

(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner shall be authorized to disclose the certifications and any other information received pursuant to this chapter, Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10, and Title 16 with federal, state, or local courts or agencies for purposes of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10, and Title 16, or the corresponding laws of other states.

(b) Within 12 months of the effective date of this article, and annually thereafter, every vapor product manufacturer that sells nicotine vapor products in this state or sells nicotine vapor products to a licensee shall execute and deliver a certification to the commissioner in a format prescribed by the commissioner through rules and regulations. In such certification, the vapor product manufacturer shall attest, under penalty of perjury, as to each nicotine vapor product:

(1) That the vapor product manufacturer in offering such nicotine vapor product for sale in this state or in selling such nicotine vapor product to a licensee for the purpose of selling in it in this state is compliant with federal law and this chapter;

(2) That the nicotine vapor product does not contain any substance or exceed the quantity of any substance that is illegal to be sold in this state pursuant to federal law or the laws of this state;

(3)(A) That the vapor product manufacturer has submitted a timely filed premarket tobacco product application for the nicotine vapor product pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j to the FDA, and the application either remains under review by the FDA or has received a marketing denial order that has been and remains stayed by the FDA or court order, rescinded by the FDA, or vacated by a court; or

(B) That the vapor product manufacturer has received a marketing granted order under 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for the nicotine vapor product from the FDA; and

(4) If the nicotine vapor product has undergone a change to its name, brand style, or packaging since the vapor product manufacturer submitted a timely filed premarket tobacco product application for such product or since the vapor product manufacturer has received a marketing granted order from the FDA under 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for such product, that the vapor product manufacturer is not required, under applicable federal law or regulation, to submit an additional or supplemental application to or obtain additional approval from the FDA or any other federal agency for such product

to continue to be marketed in the United States with such change in its name, brand style, or packaging.

(c) The certification under subsection (b) of this Code section shall require each vapor product manufacturer to set forth:

(1) The name under which the vapor product manufacturer transacts or intends to transact business;

(2) The license identification information for any license issued to the vapor product manufacturer by the commissioner under Article 1 of this chapter;

(3) The address of the location of the vapor product manufacturer's principal place of business;

(4) The vapor product manufacturer's email address;

(5) The brand name, category or type, product name, flavor, and description of each of such vapor product manufacturer's nicotine vapor product that it seeks to have made part of the directory; and

(6) Such other information as may be required by the commissioner pursuant to rules and regulations.

(d) In addition to the certification required under subsection (b) of this Code section, each vapor product manufacturer shall submit to the commissioner for each nicotine vapor product a copy of:

(1)(A) The cover page of the marketing granted order issued pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j;

(B) A copy of the acceptance letter issued by the FDA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j for a timely filed premarket tobacco product application; or

(C) A document issued by the FDA or by a court confirming that the premarket tobacco product application has received a denial order that is not yet in effect; and

(2) A payment of $1,000.00 for each nicotine vapor product the first time the vapor product manufacturer submits a certification for that nicotine vapor product and a payment of $250.00 annually thereafter for each such nicotine vapor product.

(e) The information submitted by the vapor product manufacturer pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be considered confidential commercial or financial information for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50. The vapor product manufacturer may redact certain confidential commercial or financial information provided under paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, subject to approval by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not disclose such information except as required or authorized by law.

(f) Any vapor product manufacturer that submits a certification pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall notify the commissioner within 30 days after any material change to such certification as to any nicotine vapor product, including, but not limited to:

(1) Issuance or denial of a marketing authorization or other order by the FDA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j;

(2) Any other order by the FDA or a court or any action required by the FDA concerning the content or quality of the nicotine used in a nicotine vapor product

requiring a vapor product manufacturer to remove such nicotine vapor product from the market either temporarily or permanently;

(3) Any notice of action taken by the FDA affecting the ability of the nicotine vapor product to be introduced or delivered into interstate commerce for commercial distribution in the United States; or

(4) Any other change deemed material by the commissioner pursuant to the rules and regulations.

(g) In the event that amendments to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j or subsequent regulations or other official federal guidance issued pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j change compliance requirements or standards for a nicotine vapor product to become federally compliant, each vapor product manufacturer of a nicotine vapor product that is sold for retail sale in this state shall submit documentation to the commissioner substantiating compliance with such new federal requirements or standards within 30 days of when compliance with such new federal requirement or standards is mandated. Failure of a vapor product manufacturer to substantiate compliance with such new federal requirements or standards shall be grounds for removal of the manufacturer and its nicotine vapor products from the directory established pursuant to Code Section 48-11-43.

(h) The commissioner may by rules and regulations establish a procedure to allow vapor product manufacturers to renew certifications without having to resubmit all the information required by this Code section, if there has not been any change as to such information.

48-11-43.

(a) The commissioner shall develop and maintain a directory listing all the nicotine vapor products for which a certification has been submitted that complies with this article. Such directory listing shall include information as to the vapor product manufacturer that submitted the certification and may include the status of any marketing authorization, order, or other action of the FDA or any court provided under subsection (b) of Code Section 48-11-42. The commissioner shall make the directory available on the department's public website within 14 months of the effective date of this article. The commissioner on at least a monthly basis shall update the directory to correct mistakes, ensure accuracy, and add or remove nicotine vapor products as may be necessary. The commissioner shall establish by rules and regulations a process to provide any vapor product manufacturer that submits a certification pursuant to Code Section 48-11-42 and all licensees notice of the initial publication of the directory and changes made to the directory in the prior month.

(b)(1) The commissioner shall provide a vapor product manufacturer with notice of any deficiencies in the submitted certification and an opportunity to cure such deficiencies before removing a nicotine vapor product of such vapor product manufacturer from the directory.

(2) The commissioner shall not remove from the directory a nicotine vapor product of such vapor product manufacturer until at least 15 days after the vapor product

manufacturer has been given notice of such intended action. Notice shall be sufficient and deemed immediately received by a vapor product manufacturer if the notice is sent either electronically or by facsimile to an email address or facsimile number provided by the vapor product manufacturer in its most recent certification form for such nicotine vapor product.

(3) The vapor product manufacturer shall have 15 days from the date of service of the notice of the commissioner's intended action provided pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection to cure any deficiencies or otherwise establish to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such nicotine vapor product of such vapor product manufacturer should be included in the directory.

(4) A determination by the commissioner not to include in or to remove from the directory a nicotine vapor product shall be subject to judicial review in the same manner as is provided by law for judicial review of contested cases under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

48-11-44.

(a) Beginning on the date that the commissioner first makes the directory available on the department's public website, nicotine vapor products not included in the directory shall not be sold or purchased in this state except as provided in this Code section.

(b)(1) Each vapor product dealer shall have six months from the date that the commissioner first makes the directory available on the department's public website to sell nicotine vapor products that were in its inventory and not included in the directory or to remove those nicotine vapor products from its inventory and return those nicotine vapor products to the vapor product manufacturer or vapor product distributor from whom it was acquired for a full refund.

(2) Each vapor product distributor shall have six months from the date that the commissioner first makes the directory available on the department's public website to remove those nicotine vapor products intended for sale or purchase in this state from its inventory and return those nicotine vapor products to the vapor product manufacturer from whom it was acquired for a full refund.

(3) After six months following publication of the directory, nicotine vapor products not listed in the directory and intended for sale or purchase in this state shall be subject to seizure, forfeiture, storage, and destruction consistent with the provisions of Code Section 48-11-48 and shall not be sold or purchased in this state except as otherwise provided in this article.

(c)(1) If a nicotine vapor product is removed from the directory, each vapor product dealer and vapor product distributor shall have 30 days from the date notice is received that such nicotine vapor product has been removed from the directory to sell such nicotine vapor product or remove such nicotine vapor product from its inventory and return such nicotine vapor product to the vapor product manufacturer from whom it was acquired for a full refund. Each such nicotine vapor product manufacturer shall provide to the commissioner information regarding the return of such nicotine vapor product within 21 days after receipt.

(2) After 30 days following removal of a nicotine vapor product from the directory, it shall be unlawful to purchase or sell such nicotine vapor product identified in the notice of removal in this state and such nicotine vapor product shall be subject to seizure consistent with the provisions of Code Section 48-11-48. Such prohibition on the purchase and sale of such nicotine vapor products shall not prohibit the vapor product manufacturer or vapor product distributor from providing a refund pursuant to this Code section.

48-11-45.

Each vapor product dealer and vapor product distributor that sells or distributes vapor products in this state shall be subject to compliance checks by the department for purposes of enforcing this article. Unannounced follow-up compliance checks conducted on behalf of the department of all noncompliant vapor product dealers and vapor product distributors shall be conducted within 30 days after any violation of this Code section. The commissioner on an annual basis shall make available on the department's public website the results of all compliance checks.

48-11-46.

(a) In addition to any other provision of law, a vapor product dealer or a vapor product distributor that has a nicotine vapor product that is not included in the directory and is available for sale or is offered for sale in this state in violation of this article shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows:

(1) A violation of a total quantity of 20 nicotine vapor product units or less shall be punishable:

(A) For a first violation, no penalty if the nicotine vapor products are removed as provided in this chapter;

(B) For a second violation within a 12 month period, by a fine of ten times the retail value of the units of nicotine vapor products involved;

(C) For a third violation within an 18 month period, by a fine of 25 times the retail value of the units of nicotine vapor products involved; and

(D) For a fourth violation within a 24 month period, by a fine of 25 times the retail value of the units of nicotine vapor products involved and revocation of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6;

(2) A violation of a total quantity of more than 20 nicotine vapor product units shall be punishable:

(A) For a first violation, no penalty if the nicotine vapor products are removed as provided in this chapter;

(B) For a second violation within a 12 month period, by a fine of $10,000.00 or 50 times the retail value for each unit of nicotine vapor product involved, whichever is greater;

(C) For a third violation within an 18 month period, by a fine of $20,000.00 or 50 times the retail value for each unit of nicotine vapor product involved, whichever is

greater, and a 60 day suspension of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6; and

(D) For a fourth violation within a 24 month period, by a fine of $30,000.00 or 50 times the retail value for each unit of nicotine vapor product involved, whichever is greater, and revocation of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6; and

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a fourth violation of any quantity of units of nicotine vapor products shall result in a revocation of the license of the vapor product dealer or the vapor product distributor, as applicable, by the department pursuant to Code Section 48-11-6.

For purposes of this subsection, each unit of a nicotine vapor product that may be sold individually shall be counted separately to determine the quantity of nicotine vapor products.

(b) A vapor product manufacturer whose nicotine vapor products are not listed in the directory and that causes the nicotine vapor products that are not listed to be sold in this state, whether directly or through a vapor product importer, vapor product distributor, vapor product dealer, or any other person, shall be subject to a civil penalty of $10,000.00 per day for each individual nicotine vapor product offered for sale in violation of this chapter until the offending nicotine vapor product is either removed from the market or properly listed on the directory. In addition, any vapor product manufacturer that falsely represents any information on the certification or that is required under this chapter to be provided to the commissioner or the department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for each false representation.

(c) A repeated violation of this Code section shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under Part 1 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, the 'Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.'

48-11-47.

In an action for any violation brought under this chapter, the commissioner may recover reasonable expenses incurred in investigating and preparing the case and attorneys' fees if successful in the initial action, unless such action is successfully appealed and reversed.

48-11-48.

(a) Any nicotine vapor products offered for sale or sold in violation of this article are declared to be contraband goods and shall be seized by the commissioner, the commissioner's agents or employees, or any law enforcement officer of this state if directed by the commissioner to do so.

(b) Upon seizure, the person from whom the contraband property was seized, if known, shall be provided with a receipt identifying the contraband property seized and indicating from whom the contraband property was seized and the place of seizure. Such contraband shall be stored pending a hearing and appeal provided for in subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section and thereafter destroyed, if authorized.

(c) A copy of the receipt shall be:
(1) Filed with the department and shall be a public record open to public inspection; and
(2) Posted at the courthouse of the county in which the contraband was seized.
(d) Any person desiring to make claim to the contraband property shall file a claim with the commissioner within ten days from the day of seizure. The commissioner, within 30 days of receipt of any such claim, shall afford the claimant a hearing in which to show entitlement to the seized items. The burden of proof at such hearing shall be upon the claimant to establish a claim as to the items seized and to show compliance with or justification for noncompliance with this article. The commissioner shall enter a written order granting or denying the claim within 30 days from the date of the hearing.
(e) An appeal from the commissioner's order may be taken to the Superior Court of Fulton County by filing with the commissioner, within 15 days from the date of the decision, a copy of the petition for review filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County. The proceedings on the petition for review shall be governed by Chapter 3 of Title 5 except as provided otherwise in this Code section. The appeal shall be based upon the record made before the commissioner. The commissioner shall transmit the record and appropriate documents to the superior court within 30 days after the date the petition for review is received. The superior court shall review the record for errors of law, violation of constitutional or statutory provisions, violation of the statutory authority of the agency, lawfulness of the procedure, lack of any evidence to support the commissioner's decision, and arbitrariness and abuse of discretion. However, the court shall not substitute its judgment as to the weight of evidence on questions of fact.
(f) The cost of such seizure, forfeiture, storage, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the nicotine vapor products determined to be contraband are confiscated.

48-11-49.
(a) Any nonresident vapor product manufacturer that has not registered to do business in this state as a foreign business entity shall, as a condition precedent to being included in the directory, appoint and continually engage without interruption the services of an agent in this state to act as agent for the service of process on whom all process, and any action or proceeding against it concerning or arising out of the enforcement of this article, may be served in any manner authorized by law. Such service shall constitute legal and valid service of process on the vapor product manufacturer. The vapor product manufacturer shall provide the name, address, telephone number, and proof of the appointment and availability of such agent to the commissioner.
(b) The vapor product manufacturer shall provide notice to the commissioner 30 days prior to termination of the authority of an agent and shall further provide proof to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the appointment of a new agent no less than five days prior to the termination of an existing agent appointment. In the event an agent terminates an agency appointment, the vapor product manufacturer shall notify the commissioner of

the termination within five days and shall include proof to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the appointment of a new agent.

(c) Any vapor product manufacturer whose nicotine vapor products are offered for sale or sold in this state that has not appointed and engaged the services of an agent as required by this Code section shall be deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as its agent for service of process. The appointment of the Secretary of State as agent shall not satisfy the condition precedent required in subsection (a) of this Code section to be included or retained in the directory.

48-11-50.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as limiting the commissioner in the exercise of his or her authority, as provided under Article 1 of this chapter, to suspend or refuse to renew a license for violations of Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10, Title 16, Title 48, or any other provisions of law and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

48-11-51.

Starting on January 31 of the first year after the year in which this article becomes effective, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall provide a report to the General Assembly regarding the status of the directory, the nicotine vapor products included in the directory, revenue, and expenditures related to administration of this article, and enforcement activities undertaken pursuant to this article."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of this Act in an appropriations Act making specific reference to this Act and shall become effective when funds so appropriated become available for expenditure.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Gaines of the 120th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 370.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	N Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper

Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	N Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	N Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	N Kelley	N Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	E Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 141, nays 31.

The motion prevailed.

HB 491. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Rhodes of the 124th, Howard of the 71st, Mathis of the 133rd, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 and Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting and noncommercial fishing, respectively, so as to remove an exception for the use of air guns to hunt wildlife; to revise provisions concerning the taking of catfish by bow and arrow; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 491 (LC 44 3109S) by inserting before* "to provide for related matters;" *on line 4 the following:*

to extend the firearms, archery, and primitive weapons hunting seasons for deer;

By inserting between lines 20 and 21 the following:

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"27-3-51.

Beginning on July 1, 2025, firearms, archery, and primitive weapons hunting seasons for deer shall be extended as follows:

(1) Firearms: 14 additional days, at such dates as determined by the department;

(2) Archery: seven additional days, at such dates as determined by the department; and

(3) Primitive weapons: nine additional days, at such dates as determined by the department."

By renumbering Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Chastain of the 7th offers the following amendment:

Amend Sen Floor Amendment 1 to HB 491 (AM 60 0007) by striking lines 1 through 14.

Representative Chastain of the 7th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment, as amended by the House, to HB 491.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
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Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 10. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Watson of the 11th, Summers of the 13th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information; to provide for a state-wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information restricted from public disclosure; to require state and local governments to restrict from public disclosure personally identifiable information when requested by a protected person; to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for superior court judicial officers in certain judicial circuits; to provide for the appointment, qualifications, terms, duties, and employment status of such judicial officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Article 8 of Chapter 5, relating to protection of personally identifiable data of judges and spouses, as follows:

"ARTICLE 8

15-5-110.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Personally identifiable information' means any ~~phone number or address affirmatively identified by a protected person for inclusion in the data base established and maintained pursuant to Code Section 15-5-111~~ personal phone number, home address, or property or tax records of a protected person.

(2) 'Protected person' means any current or former:

(A) Judge ~~Elected or appointed judge~~ or justice of this state and his or her spouse;

(B) Judge ~~Elected or appointed judge~~ of any county or municipality of this state and his or her spouse; and

(C) Judge ~~Appointed judge~~ or justice of the United States and his or her spouse.

~~(3) 'Public posting or display' means to communicate information or otherwise make information available to the general public.~~

~~(4)~~(3) 'Publicly available content' means any written or electronic document or record that provides information or that serves as a document or record maintained, controlled, or in the possession of a state or local government entity that may be obtained by any person from the ~~internet~~ state or local government entity's public website or from such state or local government agency upon request whether free of charge or for a fee.

~~(5)~~(4) 'State or local government entity' means any:

(A) Agency of the executive branch of this state; or

(B) Any ~~local governing authority of a~~ county or municipality of this state, including, but not limited to, any county or municipal court clerk's office, board of elections, board of tax assessors, or board of ethics.

15-5-111.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall:

(1) Establish a method for obtaining information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts as necessary for purposes of this article;

(2) Develop a form for a protected person to use when requesting the restriction from public disclosure of personally identifiable information pursuant to this article. Such form may include a process for verification of the election or appointment of such person as a judge or justice of this state or the United States or verification of such person's status as the spouse of a person serving as a judge or justice of this state or the United States ~~Establish and maintain a data base of protected persons and personally identifiable information~~;

(3) Make the form provided for in paragraph (2) of this Code section available to protected persons on its public website ~~Develop and manage a process to regularly identify each state or local government entity that possesses personally identifiable information~~; and

~~(4) Establish a procedure for protected persons to submit phone numbers and addresses for inclusion in a data base as personally identifiable information to be restricted from publicly available content and public posting or display; and~~

~~(5)~~(4) Coordinate ~~statewide~~ state-wide training and information sharing related to security procedure and practices relative to the judicial branch of government.

15-5-112.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity shall restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information that specifically identifies a protected person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall include, but shall not be limited to, records or filings in the office of the Secretary of State and the State Ethics Commission. ~~Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has been elected or appointed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that directs such entity to restrict access to such personally identifiable information pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section.~~

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or local government entity that possesses records, filings, or other publicly available content that does not specifically identify a person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof but that includes personally identifiable information of such a protected person shall, upon request of the protected person, restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information. A protected person may request that his or her personally identifiable information be restricted from public disclosure pursuant to this subsection by submitting a request in writing to the state or local government entity on the form provided for in Code Section 15-5-111. A state or local government entity receiving such request shall restrict from public disclosure the personally identifiable information within 30 days of receiving a valid request. ~~Within 30 days of receipt of written notice that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality of this state has resigned, retired, or been removed, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide written notice to each state or local government entity determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts to possess personally identifiable information that informs such entity that the restriction required pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section is no longer applicable.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, within 30 days of receipt of written notice from the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, a state or local government entity that has received~~

~~such notice shall restrict personally identifiable information from publicly available content and public posting or display unless such entity has:~~

~~(1) Obtained written consent from the protected person that his or her phone number and address may be made available to the general public; or~~

~~(2) Received notice pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section that a judge or justice of the United States, this state, or any county or municipality thereof has resigned, retired, or been removed.~~

~~(d)~~(c) Any protected person may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any officer or employee of the state or local government entity in his or her individual capacity for failure to comply with subsection ~~(c)~~ (a) or (b) of this Code section. Any relief granted by such action shall be limited to injunctive relief."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 1 of Chapter 6, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, to read as follows:

"15-6-37.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any judicial circuit of this state with 15 or more judges of the superior court, as provided for in Code Section 15-6-2, the governing authorities of the counties that make up such circuit are authorized to provide funding for up to five judicial officers to serve in the superior courts of such circuit.

(b) In the event that a county or counties provide funding for judicial officers as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, the chief judge of the circuit, after consulting with a majority of the superior court judges in such circuit, may appoint qualified individuals as judicial officers in the superior courts of such circuit. Judicial officers shall have all of the qualifications provided for in Code Section 15-6-4 for superior court judges; provided, however, that such judicial officers shall not be elected.

(c) Judicial officers appointed pursuant to this Code section shall have all powers and duties of a judge of the superior court; provided, however, that judicial officers shall not preside over any case or matter related to a serious violent felony as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, and provided, further, that the chief judge of a circuit, after consulting with a majority of the superior court judges in such circuit, may place such additional limitations on the use of such judicial officers in the circuit.

(d) Judicial officers appointed pursuant to this Code section shall be appointed to terms not to exceed two years; provided, however, that a judicial officer may be reappointed to succeed himself or herself.

(e) Judicial officers appointed pursuant to this Code section shall be employees of the county or counties that make up the judicial circuit in which they are appointed. Such judicial officers shall not be considered state employees for any reason, and the counties that make up such circuit shall be responsible for the compensation, benefits, travel, and other expenses for such judicial officers."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as provide for superior court judicial officers in certain judicial circuits; to provide for the appointment, qualifications, terms, duties, and employment status of such judicial officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by adding a new Code section to Article 1 of Chapter 6, relating to general provisions regarding superior courts, to read as follows:

"15-6-37.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any judicial circuit of this state with 15 or more judges of the superior court, as provided for in Code Section 15-6-2, the governing authorities of the counties that make up such circuit are authorized to provide funding for up to five judicial officers to serve in the superior courts of such circuit.

(b) In the event that a county or counties provide funding for judicial officers as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section, the chief judge of the circuit, after consulting with a majority of the superior court judges in such circuit, may appoint qualified individuals as judicial officers in the superior courts of such circuit. Judicial officers shall have all of the qualifications provided for in Code Section 15-6-4 for superior court judges; provided, however, that such judicial officers shall not be elected.

(c) Judicial officers appointed pursuant to this Code section shall have all powers and duties of a judge of the superior court; provided, however, that judicial officers shall not preside over any case or matter related to a serious violent felony as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, and provided, further, that the chief judge of a circuit, after consulting with a majority of the superior court judges in such circuit, may place such additional limitations on the use of such judicial officers in the circuit.

(d) Judicial officers appointed pursuant to this Code section shall be appointed to terms not to exceed two years; provided, however, that a judicial officer may be reappointed to succeed himself or herself.

(e) Judicial officers appointed pursuant to this Code section shall be employees of the county or counties that make up the judicial circuit in which they are appointed. Such judicial officers shall not be considered state employees for any reason, and the counties that make up such circuit shall be responsible for the compensation, benefits, travel, and other expenses for such judicial officers."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	E Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	N Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 161, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

HR 347. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Jasperse of the 11th, Glaize of the 67th, Douglas of the 78th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A RESOLUTION urging all Georgia high schools to establish flag football programs for girls; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 172, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 101. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to require testing for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in the newborn screening system; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to require certain health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to provide for reporting; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in Chapter 24, relating to insurance generally, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.34.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Cost-sharing requirement' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-24-59.32.

(2) 'Covered person' means an individual covered under a health benefit policy.

(3) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by an insurer that provides major medical benefits. Such term shall not include any plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 and shall not apply to the provision of healthcare services pursuant to a contract entered into by an insurer and the Department of Community Health for recipients of Medicaid. Such term shall not include self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as codified and amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.

(4) 'Health insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health benefit policies under this title.

(5) 'Medically necessary' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 33-46-4 and shall be in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines.

(6) 'Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines' means evidence based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Such guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care.

(7) 'Orthotic device' or 'orthosis' means a custom fabricated or custom fitted device that is designed, fabricated, modified, or fitted to correct, support, or compensate for a neuromusculoskeletal disorder or acquired condition for the purpose of stabilizing, stretching, or immobilizing a body part, improving alignment, preventing deformities, protecting against injury, or assisting with motion or function, and is worn on the outside of the body to help with such structural or functional problems. Such term does not include fabric or elastic supports, corsets, arch supports, low-temperature plastic splints, trusses, elastic hoses, canes, crutches, soft cervical collars, dental appliances, or other similar devices that are carried in stock and sold as over-the-counter items by a drug store, department store, corset shop, or surgical supply facility.

(8) 'Prosthetic device' or 'prosthesis' means a custom designed, fabricated, fitted, modified, or fitted and modified device to replace an absent external body part for purposes of restoring physiological function or cosmesis or both. Such term does not include artificial eyes or ears; dental appliances; cosmetic devices such as artificial breasts, eyelashes, or wigs; or other devices that do not have a significant impact on mobility or the musculoskeletal functions of the body.

(b) All health benefit policies renewed or issued on or after January 1, 2026, shall include coverage for orthotic devices and prosthetic devices that are medically necessary for:

(1) Activities of daily living;

(2) Essential job related activities;

(3) Personal hygiene related activities, including, but not limited to, showering, bathing, and toileting; or

(4) Physical activities, including, but not limited to, running, biking, swimming, and strength training, so as to maximize the covered person's whole body health and both upper and lower limb function.

(c) The coverage provided for in this Code section shall include no more than three orthotic devices or prosthetic devices per affected limb per covered person during any three-year period. Such coverage shall include:

(1) All materials and components for the use of the orthotic device or prosthetic device, including:

(A) The orthosis or prosthesis;

(B) Structural components such as the socket;

(C) Suspension mechanisms such as the pin, lock, suction, and elevated vacuum;

(D) Hip joint, knee joint, foot, alignable parts, and terminal device;
(E) Connective components such as pads, bands, and cushions; and
(F) Consumable items such as socks, sleeves, and liners;
(2) Formulation of the device's design, fabrication, measurements and fittings;
(3) Education and training on using and maintaining such device; and
(4) The repair of such device and its components.
(d)(1) The replacement of an orthotic device or prosthetic device and its materials and components when such device is less than three years old shall be medically necessary if there is adequate documentation of a change in the physiological condition of the covered person, an irreparable change in the condition of the device or any of its components, or the condition of the device or a component of the device requires repairs and the cost of such repairs would be more than 60 percent of the cost of the device.
(2) A socket replacement shall be medically necessary if there is adequate documentation of a physiological need, including, but not limited to, a change in the residual limb, a functional need change, irreparable damage, or wear and tear due to excessive weight of a covered person or physical demands of an active covered person.
(e) A health insurer shall not be required to replace or repair an orthotic device or prosthetic device due to misuse, malicious damage, gross neglect, loss, or theft.
(f) The coverage provided for in this Code section:
(1) Shall be considered as habilitative or rehabilitative benefits for purposes of any state or federal requirements for coverage of essential health benefits;
(2) Shall be comparable to coverage for other medical and surgical benefits under the health benefit policy, including restorative internal devices;
(3) May be subject to the same cost-sharing requirements that apply to other medical devices and services covered by the health benefit policy; provided, however, that such requirements shall not be solely applicable to such coverage; and
(4) May be limited, or the cost-sharing requirements for such coverage may be altered for out-of-network providers; provided, however, that any limitations shall not be more restrictive than the restrictions and requirements applicable to the out-of-network coverage for the policy's medical or surgical coverage.
(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit a health insurer from issuing or renewing a health benefit policy which provides benefits greater than the minimum benefits required under this Code section or from issuing or renewing a policy which provides benefits which are generally more favorable to the covered person than those required under this Code section.
(h) By July 1, 2032, the Commissioner shall submit a report to the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee regarding the implementation of the coverage required under this Code section. All health insurers issuing or renewing health benefit policies subject to the provisions of this Code section shall provide the department with all data requested by the department for inclusion in such report, including, but limited to, the total number of claims submitted, the total number of claims paid, and the total amount of claims paid for the coverage provided for by this Code section for policy years from 2026 to 2030.

(i) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
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Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	E Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
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Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	E Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	E Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 2.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 204. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 44th, James of the 28th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-70.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trial upon accusations in certain felony and misdemeanor cases and trial upon plea of guilty or nolo contendere, so as to allow for offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16 and 17 of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses and criminal procedure, respectively, so as to revise certain criminal provisions relating to the authorization of certain public officers and public entities; to revise standards for bringing an action against the government for an unauthorized act relating to regulation of weapons; to provide for definitions; to allow for offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Brady Law regulations, is amended by revising Code Section 16-11-173, relating to legislative findings, preemption of local regulation and lawsuits, and exceptions, as follows:

"16-11-173.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Lawful weapons carrier' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-125.1.

(2) 'Weapon' means any device designed or intended to be used, or capable of being used, for offense or defense, including, but not limited to, firearms, bladed devices, clubs, electric stun devices, and defense sprays.

(b)(1) It is declared by the General Assembly that the regulation of firearms and other weapons is properly an issue of general, state-wide concern.

(2) The General Assembly further declares that the lawful design, marketing, manufacture, and sale of firearms and ammunition and other weapons to the public is not unreasonably dangerous activity and does not constitute a nuisance per se.

~~(b)~~(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection (c) of~~ this Code section, no county or municipal corporation, by zoning, by ordinance or resolution, or by any other means, nor any agency, board, department, commission, political subdivision, school district, or authority of this state, other than the General Assembly, by rule or regulation or by any other means shall regulate in any manner:

(A) Gun shows;

(B) The possession, ownership, transport, carrying, transfer, sale, purchase, licensing, storage, or registration of firearms or other weapons or components of firearms or other weapons;

(C) Firearms dealers or dealers of other weapons; or

(D) Dealers in components of firearms or other weapons.

(2) The authority to bring suit and right to recover against any weapons, firearms, or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer by or on behalf of any governmental unit created by or pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly or the Constitution, or any department, agency, or authority thereof, for damages, abatement, or injunctive relief resulting from or relating to the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, or sale of weapons, firearms, or ammunition to the public shall be reserved exclusively to the state. This paragraph shall not prohibit a political subdivision or local government authority from bringing an action against a weapons, firearms, or ammunition manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or express warranty as to weapons, firearms, or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision or local government authority.

~~(c)~~(d)(1) A county or municipal corporation may regulate the transport, carrying, ~~or~~ possession, or storage of firearms by employees of the local unit of government, or by unpaid volunteers of such local unit of government, in the course of their employment or volunteer functions with such local unit of government; provided, however, that the sheriff or chief of police shall be solely responsible for regulating and determining the possession, carrying, ~~and~~ transportation, and storage of firearms and other weapons by employees under his or her respective supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

(2) The commanding officer of any law enforcement agency shall regulate and determine the possession, carrying, ~~and~~ transportation, and storage of firearms and other weapons by employees under his or her supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

(3) The district attorney, and the solicitor-general in counties where there is a state court, shall regulate and determine the possession, carrying, ~~and~~ transportation, and storage of firearms and other weapons by county employees under his or her supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

~~(d)~~(e) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by ordinance or resolution, from requiring the ownership of guns by heads of households within the political subdivision.

~~(e)~~(f) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by ordinance or resolution, from reasonably limiting or prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of the municipal corporation or county.

~~(f) As used in this Code section, the term 'weapon' means any device designed or intended to be used, or capable of being used, for offense or defense, including but not limited to firearms, bladed devices, clubs, electric stun devices, and defense sprays.~~

(g) ~~Any person aggrieved as a result of a violation of this Code section may bring an action against the person who caused such aggrievement. The aggrieved person shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of litigation and may recover or obtain against the person who caused such damages any of the following:~~

~~(1) Actual damages or $100.00, whichever is greater;~~

~~(2) Equitable relief, including, but not limited to, an injunction or restitution of money and property; and~~

~~(3) Any other relief which the court deems proper.~~ Any individual who is a lawful weapons carrier who is or has been subject to a rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution in violation of this Code section shall have standing to bring:

(1) An action against a public entity or public officer in his or her official capacity to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief. A prevailing plaintiff in such action shall be entitled to recover his or her costs in such action, including reasonable attorney's fees; or

(2) A civil action when such individual suffers personal, property, or economic damage and recover actual damages not to exceed $25,000.00, plus the expenses of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees.

(h) Any action brought pursuant to this Code section shall be brought within one year of the enforcement of a rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that violates this Code section in the superior court of the county in which the violation occurred."

SECTION 2.

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 17-7-70.1, relating to trial upon accusations in certain felony and misdemeanor cases and trial upon plea of guilty or nolo contendere, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Serious violent felony' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-10-6.1.

(2) 'Sexual felony' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-5-21.

~~(1) In felony cases involving violations of the following:~~

~~(A) Code Sections 16-8-2, 16-8-14, 16-8-18, 16-9-1, 16-9-20, 16-9-31, 16-9-33, 16-9-37, 16-10-52, and 40-5-58;~~

~~(B) Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16, relating to theft;~~

~~(C) Chapter 9 of Title 16, relating to forgery and fraudulent practices;~~
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~~(F) Code Section 16-13-30, relating to the purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana,~~
~~in which defendants have either been bound over to the superior court based on a finding of probable cause pursuant to a commitment hearing under Article 2 of this chapter or have expressly or by operation of law waived a commitment hearing, the district attorney shall have authority to prefer accusations, and the defendants shall be tried on such accusations according to the same rules of substantive and procedural laws relating to defendants who have been indicted by a grand jury.~~
~~(2) All laws relating to rights and responsibilities attendant to indicted cases shall be applicable to cases brought by accusations signed by the district attorney.~~
~~(3) The accusation need not be supported by an affidavit except in those cases in which the defendant has not been previously arrested in conjunction with the transaction charged in the accusation or when the accusation is to be used as the basis for the issuance of an arrest warrant.~~
(a.1)(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the district attorney shall have the authority to prefer accusations, and the accused shall be tried on such accusations according to the same rules of substantive and procedural laws relating to defendants who have been indicted by a grand jury for any felony other than a serious violent felony, a sexual felony, or violations of Code Section 16-11-173, 16-14-4, or 16-15-4, in which the accused has:
(A) Been bound over to the superior court based on a finding of probable cause pursuant to a commitment hearing under Article 2 of this chapter;
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SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Park of the 107th moved that SB 204 be placed upon the table.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	N Cooper	N Hawkins	N Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	N Corbett	Y Heffner	N Mathis	N Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
N Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	N McCollum	Sanchez
Y Au	N Crowe	N Hilton	N McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	N Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
N Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	N Meeks	N Scoggins
N Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	N DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	N Seabaugh
N Barrett	N Dempsey	N Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
N Barton	N Dickey	N Horner	Y Moore	Silcox
Y Bazemore	N Donatucci	N Howard, J	Y Myles	N Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	N Huddleston	N New	N Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	N Newton	N Smith, V
Y Berry	N Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	N Stephens
N Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Bonner	N Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	N Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	N O'Steen	N Taylor, D
N Burchett	N Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	N Jenkins	Y Paris	N Thomas
N Byrd	N Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	N Townsend
N Cameron	Y Flournoy	N Jones, J	N Parrish	Y Tran
N Camp	N Ford	Y Jones, S	N Parsons	N Wade
N Campbell, J	N Franklin	N Jones, T	N Persinger	N Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	N Petrea	N Werkheiser
N Cannon, C	N Gaines	N Kelley	N Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	N Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Wiedower
N Carpenter	Y Gilliard	N LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
N Carson	Y Glaize	N Leverett	E Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	N Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	N Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
N Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	N Rice	N Williams, N
N Cheokas	N Gullett	N Lumsden	N Richardson	N Williamson
N Clark, D	N Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Hagan	E Martin	N Ridley, Jor	N Yearta
N Clifton	N Hatchett	N Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 75, nays 95.

The motion was lost.

The Committee substitute, having previously been read, was withdrawn.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

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AN ACT

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(B) The possession, ownership, transport, carrying, transfer, sale, purchase, licensing, storage, or registration of firearms or other weapons or components of firearms or other weapons;

(C) Firearms dealers or dealers of other weapons; or

(D) Dealers in components of firearms or other weapons.

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(2) The commanding officer of any law enforcement agency shall regulate and determine the possession, carrying, ~~and~~ transportation, and storage of firearms and other weapons by employees under his or her supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

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~~(1) Actual damages or $100.00, whichever is greater;~~

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(g) Any individual who is a lawful weapons carrier who is or has been subject to or aggrieved by an act, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution in violation of this Code section shall have standing to bring:

(1) An action in mandamus or other legal proceeding against a public entity or public officer in his or her official capacity to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief. A prevailing plaintiff in such action shall be entitled to recover his or her costs in such action, including reasonable attorney's fees; or

(2) A civil action when such individual suffers personal, property, or economic damage and recover the greater of:

(A) Actual damages or $25,000.00, whichever is greater, plus the expenses of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees; or

(B) Liquidated damages of three times the expenses of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees.

(h) Any action brought pursuant to this Code section shall be brought within one year of the enforcement of a rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution that violates this Code section in the superior court of the county in which the violation occurred."

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~~in which defendants have either been bound over to the superior court based on a finding of probable cause pursuant to a commitment hearing under Article 2 of this chapter or have expressly or by operation of law waived a commitment hearing, the district attorney shall have authority to prefer accusations, and the defendants shall be tried on such accusations according to the same rules of substantive and procedural laws relating to defendants who have been indicted by a grand jury.~~

~~(2) All laws relating to rights and responsibilities attendant to indicted cases shall be applicable to cases brought by accusations signed by the district attorney.~~

~~(3) The accusation need not be supported by an affidavit except in those cases in which the defendant has not been previously arrested in conjunction with the transaction charged in the accusation or when the accusation is to be used as the basis for the issuance of an arrest warrant.~~

(a.1)(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the district attorney shall have the authority to prefer accusations, and the accused shall be tried on such accusations according to the same rules of substantive and procedural laws relating to defendants who have been indicted by a grand jury for any felony other than a serious violent felony, a sexual felony, or violations of Code Section 16-11-173, 16-14-4, or 16-15-4, in which the accused has:

(A) Been bound over to the superior court based on a finding of probable cause pursuant to a commitment hearing under Article 2 of this chapter;

(B) Expressly or by operation of law waived a commitment hearing; or

(C) Been released on bond pending a commitment hearing.

(2) All laws relating to the rights and responsibilities attendant to indicted cases shall be applicable to cases charged by accusation signed by the district attorney.

(3) The accusation need not be supported by affidavit except in cases where the defendant has not been previously arrested in conjunction with the actions alleged in the accusation or when the accusation is to be used as the basis for the issuance of an arrest warrant."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	E Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 99, nays 74.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following bill of the House:

HB 68. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Efstration of the 104th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 225. By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Stephens of the 164th, Lumsden of the 12th, Yearta of the 152nd, McClain of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, so as to repeal all laws relative to enforcement of speeding violations in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for conforming changes; to prohibit a local governing body or law enforcement agency from entering into or renewing a contract that provides for enforcement of laws relative to speeding violations in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 651. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 172. By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Frye of the 122nd and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Ballard of the 147th, Jones of the 143rd and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bonds and recognizances in criminal proceedings, so as to require the inclusion of certain contact information on such bonds and recognizances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 235. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Powell of the 33rd, Jones of the 25th, Newton of the 127th, Heffner of the 130th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require employers of school employees to provide leaves of absence for the donation of bone marrow and organs; to provide for standards and conditions for granting such leaves of absence; to provide for a penalty for noncompliance; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 179. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided by such student's previous school to the receiving school within five days; to reduce the number of days by which a parent or guardian of a transferring student shall receive copies of such records; to provide for evidence based youth violence prevention training programs; to provide for student violence prevention clubs; to provide for local policies for anonymous reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that, beginning in the 2031-2032 school year, a computer science course shall be a high school graduation requirement; to provide for certain computer science courses to be substituted for units of credit graduation requirements in certain other subject areas; to provide for such exception; to revise legislative findings; to increase the allowable charge per student per semester for each Georgia Virtual School course from $250.00 to $350.00; to include certain online schools in the definition of "private school"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-149.3, relating to requirements for computer science education, as follows:

"20-2-149.3.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Education in computer science is a critical need for the students of Georgia ~~for the twenty-first century~~; and

(2) ~~Less than 0.5 percent of high school graduates have taken a computer science course;~~

~~(3) There are thousands of unfulfilled computer science jobs in the state; and~~

~~(4)~~ The ~~logical~~ critical thinking skills taught by computer science are ~~now very~~ valuable in many noncomputer science jobs, as technology has become embedded in most professions.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Computer science' means the study of computers, algorithmic processes, coding, computer science ethics, artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, and ~~logical~~ critical thinking, including computer principles, their hardware and software designs, their implementation, and their impact on society.

(2) 'Computer science courses and content' means high school courses that teach computer science as stand-alone implementations and middle school courses that provide instruction in computer science in stand-alone implementations or by being embedded in other subjects and focus on how to create and understand technology, rather than by simply using technology.

(3) 'High-quality professional learning' means professional development activities that:

(A) Clarify the conceptual foundations of computer science;

(B) Teach research based practices, including hands-on and inquiry based learning; and

(C) Are intended for teachers with or without prior exposure to computer science.

(4) 'High-quality professional learning providers' means institutions of higher education in this state, local school systems, nonprofit organizations, or private entities that have successfully designed, implemented, and scaled high-quality professional learning for teachers and are approved or recommended by the State Board of Education in coordination with the Department of Education.

(5) 'Offer' means providing a course taught by a computer science teacher:

(A) Who is onsite at the physical location of the school; or

(B) Who is not onsite at the physical location of the school but conducts the course through virtual means with a proctor onsite at the physical location of the school.

(c)(1) Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year:

(A) Each local school system shall provide that at least one high school in its school system offer a course in computer science;

(B) Each local school system shall provide that all middle schools in its school system offer instruction in exploratory computer science;

(C) Each state charter school that serves high school students shall offer a course in computer science;

(D) Each state charter school that serves middle school students shall offer instruction in exploratory computer science;

(E) Each local school system may provide that all elementary schools in its school system offer instruction in exploratory computer science; and

(F) Each state charter school that serves elementary school students may offer instruction in exploratory computer science.

(2) Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, each local school system shall provide that at least 50 percent of the high schools in its school system offer a course in computer science.

(3) Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, each local school system shall provide that all high schools in its school system offer a course in computer science.

(4)(A) Beginning in the 2031-2032 school year, each local board of education shall require all students who will graduate in 2037 or later, as a condition of graduation from high school, to complete a course in computer science or a career, technical, and agricultural education (CTAE) course embedded with computer science which meets the requirements provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) The course required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be earned by students in any of grades eight through 12 and shall:

(i) Meet or exceed the content standards and any other requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education for such courses;

(ii) Be made available in a traditional classroom setting, a blended learning environment, or an online or other technology based format that is tailored to meet the needs of each participating student; and

(iii) Not increase the number of credits required for graduation.

(C)(i) Except as provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph, a full-credit computer science course that meets the requirements provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be eligible to satisfy the course required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and one unit of credit graduation requirement for one of the following:

(I) One unit of math credit; provided, however, that such unit of credit shall not be a substitute for Algebra: Concepts and Connections or its equivalent, Geometry: Concepts and Connections or its equivalent, or Advanced Algebra: Concepts and Connections or its equivalent;

(II) One unit of science credit; provided, however, that such unit of credit shall not be a substitute for Biology or an equivalent, Physical Science, Physics, Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, or an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course;

(III) One unit of CTAE credit;

(IV) One unit of Modern Language or Latin credit;

(V) One unit of Fine Arts credit; or

(VI) One unit of elective credit.

(ii) A student may be permitted to earn more than one unit of credit graduation requirement by completing more than one computer science course that implements a minimum course of instruction based on content standards prescribed by the State Board of Education and which is separate and distinct from such other computer science course completed by such student, and such student may be permitted to use multiple units of credit to offset other graduation requirements as provided in this subparagraph; provided, however, that a student shall not be permitted to offset more than one unit of math credit and one unit of science credit; and, provided, further, that there shall be no limit to the number of offsets permitted for units of CTAE or elective credits.

(D)(i) Except as provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph, a full-credit CTAE course embedded with computer science that meets the requirements provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be eligible to satisfy the full-credit course required in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and one unit of credit graduation requirement for one of the following:

(I) One unit of CTAE credit; or

(II) One unit of elective credit.

(ii) A student may be permitted to earn more than one unit of credit graduation requirement by completing more than one CTAE course embedded with computer science that implements a minimum course of instruction based on content standards prescribed by the State Board of Education and which is separate and distinct from such other computer science course completed by such student, and such student may be permitted to use multiple units of credit to offset other graduation requirements as provided in this subparagraph.

(E) The Department of Education shall establish, and the State Board of Education shall approve, the minimum criteria by which a CTAE course embedded with computer science may be approved.

(d) The Department of Education shall ensure that the Georgia Virtual School operated pursuant to Code Section 20-2-319.1 has sufficient capacity to enable schools to utilize computer science courses to meet the needs of such schools as a result of this Code section.

(e)(1) Subject to appropriations, grants shall be provided to eligible entities to deliver professional development programs for teachers providing instruction in computer science courses and content.

(2) Eligible entities shall include local school systems, consortia of local school systems, local charter schools, state charter schools, and high-quality professional learning providers working in partnership with local school systems.

(3) Criteria for grant awards to eligible entities pursuant to this subsection shall include:

(A) The number of teachers in a local school system that require training and the number of teachers in a local school system that have already received training; and

(B) The willingness of local school systems to make available their teachers who have received training in computer science courses and content to provide computer science instruction in another local school system or systems.

(4) The Department of Education shall submit a report on December 1 of each year to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and the chairperson of the House Committee on Education. Such report shall include the number of teachers trained, the number of schools offering training, the number of students served and the demographics of such students, and a list of the eligible entities that provided the training."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-319.1, relating to the Georgia Virtual School, by revising paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(2) The local school system shall pay to the department costs for tuition, materials, and fees directly related to the approved course taken by a student in its school system through the Georgia Virtual School; provided, however, that in no event shall the amount of tuition charged to and paid by the local school system on behalf of such student exceed ~~$250.00~~ $350.00 per student per semester course; and provided, further, that, if a student participates in courses through the Georgia Virtual School that are in excess of the maximum number of courses a student may be enrolled in during a school day, such student shall be subject to the cost of tuition not to exceed ~~$250.00~~ $350.00 per student per semester course.

(3) Students in home study programs and private schools in this state may enroll in courses through the Georgia Virtual School at no cost, if appropriations are provided for such purpose in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection. If appropriations are not provided or if appropriations are provided but have been expended for such purpose, students in home study programs and private schools in this state may enroll in courses through the Georgia Virtual School based on availability of slots; provided, however, that such students shall be subject to the cost of tuition not to exceed ~~$250.00~~ $350.00 per student per semester course."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-690, relating to educational entities, requirements for private schools and home study programs, and learning pod protection, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(3) The institution provides instruction each 12 months for the equivalent of 180 school days of education with each school day consisting of at least four and one-half school hours; provided, however, that a nonpublic institution which meets the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of this subsection and which solely provides virtual instruction shall be deemed a private school notwithstanding whether such institution provides instruction each 12 months for the equivalent of 180 school days of education with each school day consisting of at least four and one-half school hours;"

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
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Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 169, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 40th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 12 Inspection of Public Records; documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; revise provisions (Substitute)
(GAff-Anderson-10th) Ginn-47th

SB 218 Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Gullett-19th) Robertson-29th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2429S)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 218. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to provide for exemptions for current and retired members, staff, and other

employees of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "NO FAKES Act of 2025"; to protect intellectual property rights in the voice and visual likeness of individuals; to provide for the characteristics of a right to use the voice or visual likeness in a digital replica; to provide for licensing and transferability of a right; to require the Secretary of State to maintain a directory of certain post-mortem digital replication rights and a directory of designated agents; to authorize the Secretary of State to make interpretations and resolve ambiguities in carrying out provisions of this article; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for civil liability for the unauthorized use of a digital replica; to provide for penalties; to bar liability arising from retroactive application of this Act; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to provide for appeals from the decisions of hearing panels of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to revise the date before which certain complaints of misconduct shall be barred; to provide for executive director designation; to provide generally for constitutionally or statutorily created organizations funded through the judicial branch of state government expressly authorized by law to conduct investigations to provide for special commission investigators; to provide for limited powers of arrest for such special commission investigators; to provide for subpoenas; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to provide for exemptions for current and retired members, staff, and other employees of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Nurture Originals, Foster Art, and Keep Entertainment Safe Act of 2025" or the "NO FAKES Act of 2025."

SECTION 1-2.

Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, is amended by enacting a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 37

10-1-950.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Digital replica' means a newly created, computer generated, highly realistic electronic representation that is readily identifiable as the voice or visual likeness of an individual that:

(A) Is embodied in a sound recording, image, audiovisual work, including an audiovisual work that does not have any accompanying sounds, or transmission:

(i) In which the actual individual did not actually perform or appear; or

(ii) That is a version of a sound recording, image, or audiovisual work, in which the actual individual did perform or appear, where the fundamental character of the performance or appearance has been materially altered; and

(B) Does not include the electronic reproduction, use of a sample of one sound recording or audiovisual work into another, remixing, mastering, or digital remastering of a sound recording or audiovisual work authorized by the copyright holder.

(2) 'Individual' means a human being, living or dead.

(3) 'Online service' means:

(A)(i) Any public website, online application, mobile application, or virtual reality environment that predominantly provides a community forum for user generated content, such as sharing videos, images, games, audio files, or other material; or

(ii) A digital music provider, as defined in 17 U.S.C. Section 115(e); and

(B) May include a social media service, social network, or application store; provided, however, that such term does not include a service by wire or radio that provides the capability to transmit data to and receive data from all, or substantially all, internet endpoints, including any capabilities that are incidental to enabling the operation of the communications service of a provider of online services or network access, or the operator of facilities for such service.

(4) 'Production' means the creation of a digital replica.

(5) 'Right holder' means the individual whose voice or visual likeness is at issue with respect to a digital replica and any other person that has acquired, through a license, inheritance, or otherwise, the right to authorize the use of such voice or visual likeness in a digital replica.

(6) 'Sound recording artist' means an individual who creates or performs in sound recordings for economic gain or for the livelihood of the individual.

10-1-951.

(a) Subject to the other provisions of this Code section, each individual or right holder shall have the right to authorize the use of the voice or visual likeness of such individual in a digital replica.

(b) The right described in subsection (a) of this Code section shall have the following characteristics:

(1) The right is:

(A) A property right;

(B) Not assignable during the life of the individual; and

(C) Licensable, in whole or in part, exclusively or nonexclusively, by the right holder;

(2) The right shall not expire upon the death of the individual, without regard to whether such right is commercially exploited by the individual during the individual's lifetime;

(3) Upon the death of the individual:

(A) The right is transferable, licensable, in whole or in part, by the executors, heirs, assigns, licensees, or devisees of the individual; and

(B) Ownership of the right may be:

(i) Transferred, in whole or in part, by any means of conveyance or by operation of law; and

(ii) Bequeathed by will or passed as personal property by the applicable laws of intestate succession;

(4) The right shall be exclusive to:

(A) The individual, subject to the licensing of the right during the lifetime of such individual under subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-952; and

(B) The right holder:

(i) For a period of ten years after the death of the individual; and

(ii) If the right holder demonstrates active and authorized public use of the voice or visual likeness of the individual during the two-year period preceding the expiration of the ten-year period described in division (i) of this paragraph, for an additional five-year period, subject to renewal for additional five-year periods, provided that the right holder can demonstrate authorized public use of the voice or visual likeness of the individual during the two-year period preceding the expiration of each additional five-year period; and

(5) The right shall terminate on the date that is the earlier of:

(A) The date on which the ten-year period or five-year period described in division (b)(4)(B)(ii) of this Code section terminates without renewal; or

(B) The date that is 70 years after the death of the individual.

10-1-952.

(a) A license described in subparagraph (b)(4)(A) of Code Section 10-1-951:

(1) While the individual is living, is valid only to the extent that the license duration does not exceed ten years; and

(2) Shall be valid only if the license agreement:

(A) Is in writing and signed by the individual or an authorized representative of the individual; and

(B) Includes a reasonably specific description of the intended uses of the applicable digital replica.

(b) A license as described in subparagraph (b)(1)(C) of Code Section 10-1-951 involving a living individual who is younger than 18 years of age:

(1) Is valid only to the extent that the license duration does not exceed five years, but in any case terminates when the individual reaches 18 years of age;

(2) Shall be valid only if the license agreement:

(A) Is in writing and signed by the individual or an authorized representative of the individual; and

(B) Includes a reasonably specific description of the intended uses of the digital replica; and

(3) The license is approved by a court in accordance with the law of this state.

(c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section shall not apply if the license is governed by a collective bargaining agreement that addresses digital replicas.

(d) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section shall not affect terms and conditions of a license or related contract other than those described in this Code section, and the expiration of such license does not affect the remainder of the license or related contract.

10-1-953.

(a) A post-mortem transfer or license as provided in subparagraph (b)(3)(A) of Code Section 10-1-951 shall be valid only if the transfer agreement or license agreement is in writing and signed by the right holder or an authorized representative of the right holder.

(b) The renewal of a post-mortem right under division (b)(4)(B)(ii) of Code Section 10-1-951 shall be effective if, during the applicable two-year renewal period specified in said division, the right holder files a notice with the Secretary of State which shall include:

(1) The name of the deceased individual;

(2) A statement, under penalty of perjury, that the right holder has engaged in active and authorized public use of the voice or visual likeness during the applicable two-year period;

(3) The identity of and contact information for the right holder; and

(4) Such other information as the Secretary of State may prescribe by regulation.

(c) The Secretary of State shall maintain a current directory of post-mortem digital replication rights registered under this Code section. Such directory may include voluntary registrations of the post-mortem right provided in division (b)(4)(b)(i) of Code Section 10-1-951. Such directory shall be posted on the appropriate public website and available to the public for inspection. The Secretary of State may require payment of a reasonable filing fee by the registrant, which may take into consideration the costs of maintaining such directory.

(d) The right holder may voluntarily register the post-mortem right under division (b)(4)(B)(i) of Code Section 10-1-951 by filing a notice with the Secretary of State that complies with such requirements regarding form, content, and filing procedures as the Secretary of State may prescribe by regulation.
(e) The Secretary of State may make such interpretations and resolve such ambiguities as may be appropriate to carry out this article.
(f) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this article.

10-1-954.
A digital replica that is embodied in a sound recording, image, audiovisual work, including an audiovisual work that does not have any accompanying sounds, or transmission, and the use of which is authorized pursuant to the terms of a license, may continue to be utilized in a manner consistent with the terms of that license after the expiration or termination of the license.

10-1-955.
(a) Any person that engages in an activity provided in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be liable in a civil action brought under subsection (e) of this Code section.
(b) The following activities shall be prohibited pursuant to this article:
(1) The production of a digital replica without consent of the applicable right holder; or
(2) The publication, reproduction, display, distribution, transmission of, or otherwise making available to the public a digital replica without consent of the applicable right holder.
(c) To incur liability under this Code section, a person engaging in an activity shall have actual knowledge, which could be obtained through a notification that satisfies subsection (k) of this Code section, or shall willfully avoid having such knowledge, that:
(1) The applicable material is a digital replica; and
(2) The digital replica was not authorized by the applicable right holder.
(d) It shall not be a violation of subsection (a) of this Code section if:
(1) The applicable digital replica is produced or used in a bona fide news, public affairs, or sports broadcast or account, provided that the digital replica is the subject of, or is materially relevant to, the subject of such broadcast or account; or
(2) The applicable digital replica is a representation of the applicable individual in a documentary or in a historical or biographical manner, including some degree of fictionalization, unless:
(A) The production or use of that digital replica creates the false impression that the work is an authentic sound recording, image, transmission, or audiovisual work in which the individual participated; or
(B) The digital replica is embodied in a musical sound recording that is synchronized to accompany a motion picture or other audiovisual work, except to the extent that

the use of that digital replica is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

(3) The applicable digital replica is produced or used consistent with the public interest in bona fide commentary, criticism, scholarship, satire, or parody;

(4) The use of the applicable digital replica is fleeting or negligible; or

(5) The applicable digital replica is used in an advertisement or commercial announcement for any purpose described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection and the applicable digital replica is relevant to the subject of the work so advertised or announced.

(e) The exception provided in subsection (d) of this Code section shall not apply where the applicable digital replica is used to depict sexually explicit conduct, as such term is set forth in Code Section 16-12-100.

(f) No person shall be secondarily liable for a violation of this Code section for manufacturing, importing, offering to the public, providing, or otherwise distributing a product or service unless the product or service:

(1) Is primarily designed to produce one or more unauthorized digital replicas;

(2) Has only limited commercially significant purpose or use other than to produce an unauthorized digital replica; or

(3) Is marketed, advertised, or otherwise promoted by that person or another acting in concert with that person with that person's knowledge for use in producing an unauthorized digital replica.

(g) An online service shall not be liable for violating the right described in Code Section 10-1-951 by referring or linking a user to an unauthorized digital replica, or by carrying out an activity described in subsection (b) of this Code section, if, upon receiving a notification as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the online service removes or disables access to the material that is claimed to be an unauthorized digital replica as soon as is technically and practically feasible for such online service.

(h) An online service shall not be liable for violating the right described in Code Section 10-1-951 by storing third-party provided material that resides on a system or network controlled or operated by or for the online service if, upon receiving a notification that satisfies subsection (c) of this Code section, the online service:

(1) Removes, or disables access to, all instances of the material, or an activity using the material, that is claimed to be an unauthorized digital replica, as soon as is technically and practically feasible for such online service; and

(2) Having done so, takes reasonable steps to promptly notify the third party which provided the material that the online service has removed or disabled access to the material.

(i) The limitations on liability established under this Code section shall apply to an online service only if the online service has designated an agent to receive notifications under subsection (c) of this Code section by making available through the online service, including on the public website of the online service in a location accessible to the public, and by providing to the Secretary of State, substantially the following information:

(1) The name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the agent; and

(2) Other contact information that the Secretary of State may determine appropriate.

(j) The Secretary of State shall maintain a current directory of designated agents for the purposes of this Code section. The directory of designated agents shall be available to the public for inspection, including through the internet. The Secretary of State may require payment of a reasonable filing fee by the registrant, which may take into consideration the costs of maintaining the directory of designated agents.

(k) To be effective under this Code section, a notification of a claimed violation of the right described in Code Section 10-1-951 shall be a written communication provided to the designated agent of an online service that includes the following:

(1) A physical or electronic signature of the right holder, a person authorized to act on behalf of the right holder, or an eligible plaintiff under subsection (n) of this Code section;

(2) Identification of the individual, the voice or visual likeness of whom is being used in an unauthorized digital replica;

(3) Identification of the material containing an unauthorized digital replica, including information sufficient to allow the online service to locate the allegedly unauthorized digital replica;

(4) Information reasonably sufficient to permit the online service to contact the notifying party, such as an address, telephone number, and electronic mail address;

(5) A statement that the notifying party believes in good faith that the material is an unauthorized use of a digital replica;

(6) If not the right holder or an eligible plaintiff under subsection (n) of this Code section, a statement that the notifying party has the authority to act on behalf of the right holder; and

(7) For the purposes of subsection (g) of this Code section, information reasonably sufficient to:

(A) Identify the reference or link to the material or activity claimed to be an unauthorized digital replica that is to be removed or to which access is to be disabled; and

(B) Permit the online service to locate the reference or link described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(l) It shall be unlawful to knowingly materially misrepresent under subsection (k) of this Code section:

(1) That the material requested to be removed is an unauthorized digital replica;

(2) That a person has the authority to act on behalf of the right holder; or

(3) That a digital replica is not authorized by the right holder or by other law.

(m) Any person that violates subsection (l) of this Code section shall be liable for an amount equal to the greater of $5,000.00 or any actual damages, including costs and attorney's fees, incurred by the alleged violator, as well as by any online service injured by the reliance of the online service on the misrepresentation in removing or disabling access to the material or activity claimed to be an unauthorized digital replica.

(n) A civil action for a violation of this Code section may be brought by:

(1) A right holder;

(2) If the individual is younger than 18 years of age, a parent or guardian of the individual;

(3) Any other person that controls, including by virtue of a license, the right to authorize the use of the voice or visual likeness of the right holder;

(4) Any other person that owns or controls the right to authorize the use of the voice or visual likeness of a deceased individual; or

(5) In the case of a digital replica involving a sound recording artist, any person that has, directly or indirectly, entered into:

(A) A contract for the exclusive personal services of the sound recording artist as a sound recording artist; or

(B) An exclusive license to distribute or transmit one or more works that capture the audio performance of the sound recording artist.

(o) A civil action may not be brought under this Code section unless the action is commenced not later than three years after the date on which the party seeking to bring the civil action discovered, or with due diligence should have discovered, the applicable violation.

(p) It shall not be a defense in a civil action brought under this Code section that the defendant displayed or otherwise communicated to the public a disclaimer stating that the applicable digital replica was unauthorized or disclosing that the digital replica was generated through the use of artificial intelligence or other technology.

(q) In any civil action brought under this Code section:

(1) An individual or entity that engages in an activity described in subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-955 shall be liable to the injured party in an amount equal to the greater of:

(A)(i) In the case of an individual, $5,000.00 per work embodying the applicable unauthorized digital replica;

(ii) In the case of an entity that is an online service, $5,000.00 per violation; and

(iii) In the case of an entity that is not an online service, $25,000.00 per work embodying the applicable unauthorized digital replica; or

(B) Any actual damages suffered by the injured party as a result of the activity, plus any profits from the unauthorized use that are attributable to such use and are not taken into account in computing the actual damages.

(2) The plaintiff may seek injunctive or other equitable relief;

(3) In the case of willful activity in which the injured party has proven that the defendant acted with malice, fraud, knowledge, or willful avoidance of knowledge that the conduct violated the law, the court may award to the injured party punitive damages;

(4) If the party bringing the action prevails, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees. If the party defending the action prevails, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees if the court determines that the action was not brought in good faith;

(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'violation' means each display, copy, transmission, and each instance of the unauthorized digital replica being otherwise made available on the online service, unless the online service has taken reasonable steps to remove, or disable access to, the unauthorized digital replica as soon as is

technically and practically feasible for the online service upon acquiring knowledge as set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 10-1-955;

(6) An online service that has an objectively reasonable belief that material that is claimed to be an unauthorized digital replica does not qualify as a digital replica under paragraph (1) of Code Section 10-1-950 shall not be liable for statutory or actual damages exceeding $1 million regardless of whether the material is ultimately determined to be an unauthorized digital replica; and

(7) In the event that the third party that provided the material that the online service has removed or to which the online service has disabled access files a lawsuit against the sender of a notice under subsection (k) of this Code section claiming that such notice was false or deceptive as provided in subsection (l) of this Code section, the online service may, provided that the lawsuit was filed not later than 14 days after the user receives notice that the online service has removed or disabled access to the material, restore the removed material to its network for access by members of the public without monetary liability therefor to either the notice sender or the third party that provided the material that the online service had removed or disabled access.

10-1-956.

(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to abrogate causes of action under the common law.

(b) Liability under this article shall apply only to:

(1) Conduct occurring after the date of enactment of this article; and

(2) In the case of conduct covered by a license or contract, a license or contract that is executed after the date of enactment of this article.

(c) The right granted under subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-951:

(1) Shall apply to any individual, regardless of whether the individual dies before or after the date of enactment of this article; and

(2) In the case of a right holder who has died before the date of enactment of this article, shall vest in the executors, heirs, assigns, or devisees of the right holder."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 18, relating to general provisions relevant to prosecuting attorneys, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (f), paragraph (1) of subsection (j), and subsections (k), (m), and (n), and by adding new subsections to Code Section 15-18-32, relating to the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature, to read as follows:

"(4)(A) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same daily expense allowance as members of the General Assembly receive, as set forth in Code Section 28-1-8, for each day such member is in physical

attendance at a panel meeting or hearing, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public transportation or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal motor vehicle in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive, subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) Members of the commission who:

(i) Are not subject to the provisions of division (ii) of this subparagraph shall receive the daily expense allowance and travel reimbursement provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph from funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; or

(ii) Pursuant to the terms and conditions of their official position, employment, or contract with the state, are eligible to receive a daily expense allowance and travel allowance for their service on the commission shall not receive daily expense allowance and travel reimbursement provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. ~~Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, no member shall receive such expense allowance or travel reimbursement if he or she is entitled to receive an expense allowance, travel reimbursement, or salary for performance of duties as a state employee.~~

(C) Expense allowances and travel reimbursements shall be paid from ~~moneys~~ funds appropriated or otherwise available to the ~~commission~~ judicial branch of state government."

"(j)(1) All information regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a district attorney or solicitor-general shall be kept confidential by the investigative panel and commission staff before formal charges are filed; provided, however, that, if prior to filing formal charges ~~the judge~~ such district attorney or solicitor-general and investigative panel agree to a satisfactory disposition of a disciplinary matter other than by a private admonition or deferred discipline agreement, a report of such disposition shall be publicly filed in the Supreme Court."

"(k) Notwithstanding subsection (j) of this Code section, information regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a district attorney or solicitor-general may be disclosed or the confidentiality of such information may be removed when:

(1) The privilege of confidentiality has been waived by the complainant or the individual who was the subject of the commission's investigation; ~~or~~

(2) The commission's rules provide for disclosure:

(A) In the interest of justice and to protect the public;

(B) If an emergency situation exists; or

(C) If a district attorney or solicitor-general is under consideration for another state or federal position;

(3) A complaint is dismissed at any stage; provided, however, that such disclosure shall be limited to disclosing the reason for such dismissal to the complainant; or

(4) A complaint is dismissed prior to an authorization of formal investigation; provided, however, that such disclosure shall be limited to disclosing the statutory basis for such complaint to the individual who was the subject of the complaint; and,

provided, further, that such disclosure shall not include the complainant's identity or the specifics of the allegation."

"(m) A respondent ~~may~~ shall be entitled to appeal the decision of the hearing panel by submitting a petition for a full hearing to the superior court of the county where such respondent served as a district attorney or solicitor-general. Any decision rendered by the superior court shall be subject to review by the supreme court.

(m.1) A respondent who is subjected to public reprimand, censure, limitation on the performance of prosecutorial duties, suspension, retirement, or removal shall be entitled to a copy of the proposed record to be filed with the Supreme Court and, if the respondent has objections to it, to have the record settled by the hearing panel's presiding officer. ~~The hearing panel's order in a disciplinary or incapacity matter may be appealed to the Superior Court of Fulton County pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5.~~

(n) The commission shall commence by July 1, 2023~~, and the rules and regulations promulgated by such commission shall be established no later than October 1, 2023. No complaint shall be filed before October 1, 2023~~. The commission shall not receive complaint submissions regarding misconduct in office that occurred prior to ~~May 5, 2023~~ April 1, 2024, unless such alleged misconduct is related to a continuous pattern of conduct that continues beyond that date."

"(q) The commission shall be a budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act'; provided, however, that the commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(r) The individual selected to serve as director of the commission may be designated with the title of executive director by the commission."

SECTION 2-2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 26

15-26-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission.

(2) 'Special commission investigator' means an individual employed by the commission to conduct investigations by the commission and who is currently certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having met the qualifications and having completed the basic training requirements for a peace officer under Chapter 8 of Title 35.

15-26-2.

(a) The commission may employ investigators and special commission investigators to conduct investigations by the commission.

(b) A special commission investigator shall have the power of arrest in the performance of his or her duties for the commission for crimes that:

(1) Are committed within the special commission investigator's presence;
(2) Are committed within the building, parking area, or curtilage of a building where the commission's office is located; within any building, parking area, or curtilage of a building where an official meeting or hearing of the commission is being conducted; or while traveling to or from such area; and
(3) Involve the person, building, vehicle, or other personal property of any member or employee of the commission, or the person, vehicle, or other personal property of any individual attending a meeting or hearing of the commission or traveling to or from such area.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:
(1) Confer the power of arrest for crimes that may be under investigation by the commission but which are not provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section; or
(2) Affect or limit the powers or authority of investigators employed by any district attorney's office, any solicitor-general's office, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, or any sheriff or sheriff's deputy.

15-26-3.
(a) A subpoena shall state that it is issued by the commission and the title of the proceeding and shall command each person to whom it is directed to attend and give testimony or produce evidence at a time and place specified by the subpoena.
(b) A clerk of court shall make subpoenas in blank available on demand by electronic or other means to parties, or their counsel, or to the commission.
(c) An attorney representing a party in a proceeding before the commission, including investigative proceedings and hearings, may issue and sign a subpoena obtained by electronic or other means from the clerk of court as an officer of a court for any deposition, hearing, or other matter to be conducted in conjunction with such proceeding.
(d) A duly appointed officer or director of the commission may compel by subpoena the attendance of individuals at a proceeding before the commission, including investigative proceedings and hearings, and the production of pertinent books, papers, and documents for any deposition, hearing, or other matter to be conducted in conjunction with such proceeding.
(e) A subpoena shall be completed prior to being served.
(f) Subpoenas are enforceable as provided in Code Section 24-13-26.
(g) Subpoena fees and costs shall be the same as those provided for in proceedings in superior court.
(h) An individual who misuses a subpoena shall be subject to punishment for contempt of court and a fine of not more than $300.00 or not more than 20 days' imprisonment, or both, in the superior court in the county in which the attendance or production is required.
(i) Any attack on the validity of a subpoena shall be heard and determined by the body before which the matter is then pending or by the court wherein enforcement of the subpoena is being sought. Any resulting order is not appealable prior to entry of a final order in the proceeding, except appeal of a court order pursuant to the interlocutory appeal procedures set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 5-6-34."

SECTION 2-3.

Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, is amended in subsection (a) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (15), by replacing the period with a semicolon at the end of paragraph (16), and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(17) The director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, individuals on the staff of such commission specifically authorized by the director to carry a weapon or long gun, and appointed members of the investigative panel or hearing panel of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission and members of the state bar in good standing; and

(18) Former directors, attorneys, and investigators of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission who are retired in good standing from their respective positions and receiving or eligible to receive benefits from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state authority, or federal retirement system, and members of the state bar in good standing, and would otherwise be qualified to be issued a weapons carry license."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Part I of this Act shall become effective 180 days after its approval by the Governor or 180 days after its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3-2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide that the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall be funded by funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; to provide for appeals from the decisions of hearing panels of the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; to revise the date before which certain complaints of misconduct shall be barred; to provide for executive director designation; to provide generally for constitutionally or statutorily created organizations funded through the judicial branch of state government expressly authorized by law to conduct investigations to provide for special commission investigators; to provide for limited powers of arrest for such special commission investigators; to provide for subpoenas; to provide for

construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Article 1 of Chapter 18, relating to general provisions relevant to prosecuting attorneys, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (f), paragraph (1) of subsection (j), and subsections (k), (m), and (n), and by adding new subsections to Code Section 15-18-32, relating to the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission, authority, membership, ex parte communications, governance, disciplinary actions, confidentiality, and privileged nature, to read as follows:

"(4)(A) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same daily expense allowance as members of the General Assembly receive, as set forth in Code Section 28-1-8, for each day such member is in physical attendance at a panel meeting or hearing, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public transportation or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal motor vehicle in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive, subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) Members of the commission who:

(i) Are not subject to the provisions of division (ii) of this subparagraph shall receive the daily expense allowance and travel reimbursement provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph from funds appropriated or otherwise available to the judicial branch of state government; or

(ii) Pursuant to the terms and conditions of their official position, employment, or contract with the state, are eligible to receive a daily expense allowance and travel allowance for their service on the commission shall not receive daily expense allowance and travel reimbursement provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. ~~Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, no member shall receive such expense allowance or travel reimbursement if he or she is entitled to receive an expense allowance, travel reimbursement, or salary for performance of duties as a state employee.~~

(C) Expense allowances and travel reimbursements shall be paid from ~~moneys~~ funds appropriated or otherwise available to the ~~commission~~ judicial branch of state government."

"(j)(1) All information regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a district attorney or solicitor-general shall be kept confidential by the investigative panel and commission staff before formal charges are filed; provided, however, that, if prior to filing formal charges ~~the judge~~ such district attorney or solicitor-general and investigative panel agree to a satisfactory disposition of a disciplinary matter other than

by a private admonition or deferred discipline agreement, a report of such disposition shall be publicly filed in the Supreme Court."

"(k) Notwithstanding subsection (j) of this Code section, information regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a district attorney or solicitor-general may be disclosed or the confidentiality of such information may be removed when:

(1) The privilege of confidentiality has been waived by the complainant or the individual who was the subject of the commission's investigation; ~~or~~

(2) The commission's rules provide for disclosure:

(A) In the interest of justice and to protect the public;

(B) If an emergency situation exists; or

(C) If a district attorney or solicitor-general is under consideration for another state or federal position;

(3) A complaint is dismissed at any stage; provided, however, that such disclosure shall be limited to disclosing the reason for such dismissal to the complainant; or

(4) A complaint is dismissed prior to an authorization of formal investigation; provided, however, that such disclosure shall be limited to disclosing the statutory basis for such complaint to the individual who was the subject of the complaint; and, provided, further, that such disclosure shall not include the complainant's identity or the specifics of the allegation."

"(m) ~~A respondent may appeal the decision of the hearing panel by submitting a petition to the superior court of the county where such respondent served as a district attorney or solicitor-general.~~ The hearing panel's order in a disciplinary or incapacity matter may be appealed to the superior court of the county where the respondent resides. Any decision rendered by the superior court shall be subject to review by the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, as jurisdictionally appropriate.

(m.1) A respondent who is subjected to public reprimand, censure, limitation on the performance of prosecutorial duties, suspension, retirement, or removal shall be entitled to a copy of the proposed record to be filed with the Supreme Court and, if the respondent has objections to it, to have the record settled by the hearing panel's presiding officer. The hearing panel's order in a disciplinary or incapacity matter may be appealed to the Superior Court of Fulton County pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 5.

(n) The commission shall commence by July 1, 2023~~, and the rules and regulations promulgated by such commission shall be established no later than October 1, 2023. No complaint shall be filed before October 1, 2023~~. The commission shall not receive complaint submissions regarding misconduct in office that occurred prior to ~~May 5, 2023~~ April 1, 2024, unless such alleged misconduct is related to a continuous pattern of conduct that continues beyond that date."

"(q) The commission shall be a budget unit as defined in Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45, the 'Budget Act'; provided, however, that the commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(r) The individual selected to serve as director of the commission may be designated with the title of executive director by the commission."

SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 26

15-26-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Commission' means the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission.

(2) 'Special commission investigator' means an individual employed by the commission to conduct investigations by the commission and who is currently certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as having met the qualifications and having completed the basic training requirements for a peace officer under Chapter 8 of Title 35.

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(a) The commission may employ investigators and special commission investigators to conduct investigations by the commission.

(b) A special commission investigator shall have the power of arrest in the performance of his or her duties for the commission for crimes that:

(1) Are committed within the special commission investigator's presence;

(2) Are committed within the building, parking area, or curtilage of a building where the commission's office is located; within any building, parking area, or curtilage of a building where an official meeting or hearing of the commission is being conducted; or while traveling to or from such area; and

(3) Involve the person, building, vehicle, or other personal property of any member or employee of the commission, or the person, vehicle, or other personal property of any individual attending a meeting or hearing of the commission or traveling to or from such area.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to:

(1) Confer the power of arrest for crimes that may be under investigation by the commission but which are not provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section; or

(2) Affect or limit the powers or authority of investigators employed by any district attorney's office, any solicitor-general's office, the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, or any sheriff or sheriff's deputy.

15-26-3.

(a) A subpoena shall state that it is issued by the commission and the title of the proceeding and shall command each person to whom it is directed to attend and give testimony or produce evidence at a time and place specified by the subpoena.

(b) A clerk of court shall make subpoenas in blank available on demand by electronic or other means to parties, or their counsel, or to the commission.

(c) An attorney representing a party in a proceeding before the commission, including investigative proceedings and hearings, may issue and sign a subpoena obtained by

electronic or other means from the clerk of court as an officer of a court for any deposition, hearing, or other matter to be conducted in conjunction with such proceeding.
(d) A duly appointed officer or director of the commission may compel by subpoena the attendance of individuals at a proceeding before the commission, including investigative proceedings and hearings, and the production of pertinent books, papers, and documents for any deposition, hearing, or other matter to be conducted in conjunction with such proceeding.
(e) A subpoena shall be completed prior to being served.
(f) Subpoenas are enforceable as provided in Code Section 24-13-26.
(g) Subpoena fees and costs shall be the same as those provided for in proceedings in superior court.
(h) An individual who misuses a subpoena shall be subject to punishment for contempt of court and a fine of not more than $300.00 or not more than 20 days' imprisonment, or both, in the superior court in the county in which the attendance or production is required.
(i) Any attack on the validity of a subpoena shall be heard and determined by the body before which the matter is then pending or by the court wherein enforcement of the subpoena is being sought. Any resulting order is not appealable prior to entry of a final order in the proceeding, except appeal of a court order pursuant to the interlocutory appeal procedures set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 5-6-34."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin

E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 149, nays 18.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 12. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; to revise definitions; to revise provisions related to judicial enforcement of inspection requests; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to public records in the possession of private persons or entities; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, is amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 50-18-70, relating to legislative intent and definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(1.1) 'Custodian' or 'lawful custodian' means the agency that has charge, custody, care, and control over a public record or an employee of such agency who is designated as the custodian of such agency's records."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 50-18-71, relating to right of access, timing, fees, denial of requests, and impact of electronic records, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All public records shall be open for personal inspection and copying, except those which by order of a court of this state or by law are specifically exempted from disclosure. Records shall be maintained by agencies to the extent and in the manner required by Article 5 of this chapter.

(2)(A) All requests to inspect or copy public records under this article shall be made upon a custodian.

(B) Upon receiving a request to inspect or copy public records under this article, a custodian shall comply with the requirements of this Code section, including, but not limited to, the requirement to retrieve public records prepared and maintained or received by a private person or private entity in the performance of a service or function for or on behalf of an agency or transferred to a private person or private entity by an agency for storage or future governmental use; provided, however, that a custodian shall have no obligation to retrieve public records held by another agency or any other public entity. Such private persons or private entities shall be required to produce such public records to a custodian upon request from such custodian so long as such request is made within the period of time as prescribed by the statutory document retention guideline or a period of time as defined in an agreement between the private person or private entity and the agency, whichever comes later."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
E Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

SB 207. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia Crime Information Center; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating

to first offenders; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, so as to provide for the reporting of guilty pleas taken under first offender treatment to obtain employment as a firefighter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to firefighter standards and training, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) A person who pleaded guilty to a felony offense under Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 and successfully completed the terms of his or her sentence pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 may, at the council's discretion, be certified and employed as a firefighter if such person otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in this Code section. Such person shall provide information on the circumstances underlying the plea of guilty, as requested by the council, to enable the council to make an informed decision on such individual's qualification status."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield

Y Ballard	Y Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
E Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
E Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
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Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 170, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 896. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of Hall County to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 234. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 235. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Whitfield County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 332. By Senators Jones of the 10th and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create and establish in DeKalb County, Georgia, districts from which the members of the County Board of Education of DeKalb County shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4192), and an Act approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 4256), so as to provide that such board members shall only be elected by electors of the DeKalb County school district; to revise provisions related to changes in boundaries of the DeKalb County school district following certain

annexations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 336. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dade County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 685. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Bartow County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for general obligation bonds, notes, and other obligations of said districts; to provide for construction; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A. shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the boards' bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Bartow County; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purposes of said districts; to provide for definitions; to provide for boards to administer said districts; to provide for appointment or election of members of said boards; to provide for taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for the boundaries of said districts; to provide for the debt of said districts; to provide for cooperation with local governments; to provide for powers of said boards; to provide for general obligation bonds, notes, and other obligations of said districts; to provide for the form of bonds, provisions for exchange and transfer, certificates of validation, specification of interest rates in notice to the district attorney or the Attorney General, and in notice of validation hearing, etc., and definition of terms "cost of the project" or "cost of any project" as used in bond resolutions, etc.; to provide for authorized contents of agreements and instruments of the boards generally, use of proceeds of sale of bonds, notes, etc., and subsequent issue of bonds, notes, etc.; to provide for construction; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A. shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the boards' bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for dissolutions; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
Short title.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Bartow County Community Improvement Districts Act."

SECTION 2.
Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this Act shall be to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within Bartow County and within each municipality therein, and such districts shall be created for the provision of such of the following governmental services and facilities as may be provided for in the resolution activating each district created by this Act or any supplemental resolution amending same:

(1) Street and road construction and maintenance, including curbs, sidewalks, street lights, and devices to control the flow of traffic on streets and roads;
(2) Parks and recreational areas and facilities;
(3) Storm-water and sewage collection and disposal systems;
(4) Development, storage, treatment, purification, and distribution of water;
(5) Terminal and dock facilities and parking facilities; and
(6) Such other services and facilities as may be provided for by general law.

(b) No community improvement district established pursuant to this Act shall advocate or campaign for or against, or in any way communicate regarding any ballot measure, referendum, or other election to present one or more questions to the voters.

SECTION 3.
Definitions.

As used herein, the term:

(1) "Agricultural" means the growing of crops for sale or raising of animals for sale or use, including the growing of field crops, fruit or nut trees, the raising of livestock or poultry, and the operation of dairies, horse-boarding facilities, and riding stables.

(2) "Board" means the governing body created for the governance of each community improvement district herein authorized.

(3) "Bonds" or "general obligation bonds" means any bonds of a district which are authorized to be issued under the Constitution and laws of Georgia, including refunding bonds but not including notes or other obligations of a district.

(4) "Caucus of electors" means for each district the meeting of electors hereinafter provided for at which the elected board members of the district are elected. A quorum at such caucus shall consist of those electors present, and a majority of those present and voting is necessary to elect board members. No proxy votes may be cast.

(5) "Cost of the project" or "cost of any project" means and includes:

(A) All costs of acquisition (by purchase or otherwise), construction, assembly, installation, modification, renovation, or rehabilitation incurred in connection with any project or any part of any project;

(B) All costs of real property, fixtures, or personal property used in or in connection with or necessary for any project or for any facilities related thereto, including, but not limited to, the cost of all land, estates for years, easements, rights, improvements, water rights, connections for utility services, fees, franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, and certificates; the cost of securing any such franchises, permits, approvals, licenses, or certificates; and the cost of preparation of any application therefor and the cost of all fixtures, machinery, equipment (including all transportation equipment and rolling stock), furniture, and other property used in or in connection with or necessary for any project;

(C) All financing charges and loan fees and all interest on bonds, notes, or other obligations of a district which accrue or are paid prior to and during the period of construction of a project and during such additional period as the board may reasonably determine to be necessary to place such project in operation;

(D) All costs of engineering, surveying, and architectural and legal services and all expenses incurred by engineers, surveyors, architects, accountants, consultants, and attorneys in connection with any project;

(E) All expenses for inspection of any project;

(F) All fees of fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees for bondholders under any trust agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement; all expenses

incurred by any such fiscal agents, paying agents, and trustees; and all other costs and expenses incurred relative to the issuance of any bonds, notes, or other obligations for any projects;

(G) All expenses of or incidental to determining the feasibility or practicability of any project;

(H) All costs of plans and specifications for any project;

(I) All costs of title insurance and examinations of title with respect to any project;

(J) Repayment of any loans made for the advance payment of any part of any of the foregoing costs, including interest thereon and any other expenses of such loans;

(K) Administrative expenses of the board and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to any project or the financing thereof or the placing of any project in operation; and

(L) The establishment of a fund or funds for the creation of a debt service reserve, a renewal and replacement reserve or such other funds or reserves as the board may approve with respect to the financing and operation of any project and as may be authorized by any bond resolution, trust agreement, indenture of trust, or similar instrument or agreement pursuant to the provisions of which the issuance of any bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district may be authorized.

Any cost, obligation, or expense incurred for any of the foregoing purposes shall be a part of the cost of the project and may be paid or reimbursed as such out of proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations issued by the district.

(6) "District" means the geographical area designated as such by the resolution of the governing body or consenting to the creation of the community improvement district or as thereafter modified by any subsequent resolution of the governing body or bodies within which the district is or is to be located, or a body corporate and politic being a community improvement district created and activated pursuant thereto, as the context requires or permits.

(7) "Electors" means the owners of real property within the district which is then subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board, as they appear on the most recent ad valorem real property tax return records of Bartow County, or one officer or director of a corporate elector, one trustee of a trust which is an elector, one partner of a partnership elector, or one designated representative of an elector whose designation is made in writing. An owner of property subject to taxes, fees, or assessments levied by the board shall have one vote for an election based on numerical majority, and one vote for each $1,000.00 (or fraction thereof) in assessed value of the owner's property for an election based on value majority. An owner of multiple parcels has one vote, not one vote per parcel, for an election based on numerical majority, and one vote for each $1,000.00 (or fraction thereof) in assessed value of the aggregate of the owner's properties subject to taxes, fees, or assessments levied by the board, for an election based on value majority. Multiple owners of one parcel have one vote for elections based on numerical majority, and one vote for each $1,000.00 (or fraction thereof) in assessed value of the owner's property for elections based on value majority, which must be cast by one of their number who is designated in writing.

(8) "Equitably apportioned among the properties subject to such taxes, fees, and assessments according to the need for governmental services and facilities created by the degree of density of development of each such property," with reference to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board, means that the burden of the taxes, fees, and assessments shall be apportioned among the properties subject thereto based upon the values established in the most recent ad valorem tax reassessment of such properties certified by the chairperson of the Bartow County Board of Tax Assessors or may be apportioned among the properties subject thereto in direct or approximate proportion to the receipt of services or benefit derived from the improvements or other activities for which the taxes, fees, or assessments are to be expended or may be apportioned in any other manner or combination of manners deemed equitable by the board, including, but not limited to, the recognition of differential benefit which may reasonably be expected to accrue to new land development in contrast to lands and improvement already in existence at the time of creation of the community improvement district.

(9) "Forestry" means the planting and growing of trees for sale in a program which includes reforestation of harvested trees, regular underbrush and undesirable growth cleaning, fertilizing, pruning, thinning, cruising, and marking which indicate an active tree-farming operation; it does not include the casual growing of trees on land otherwise idle or held for investment, even though some harvesting of trees may occur thereon.

(10) "Hereby," "herein," "hereinafter," and "herewith" have the meanings generally ascribed to these words.

(11) "Project" means the acquisition, construction, installation, modification, renovation, or rehabilitation of land, interests in land, buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements located or to be located within the district or in another community improvement district immediately adjoining the district as to directly benefit the district, or in another community improvement district immediately adjoining the district or in another community improvement district contiguous to a community improvement district adjoining the district, such benefit to be determined by the board, and the acquisition, installation, modification, renovation, rehabilitation, or furnishing of fixtures, machinery, equipment, furniture, or other property of any nature whatsoever used on, in, or in connection with any such land, interest in land, building, structure, facility, or other improvement, for all the essential public purposes set forth in Section 2 of this Act.

(12) "Property owner" or "owner of real property" means any entity or person shown as a taxpayer for one or more parcels of real estate on the most recent ad valorem tax records of Bartow County within the district as certified by the Bartow County Tax Commissioner. Multiple owners of one parcel shall constitute one property owner and shall designate in writing one of their number to represent the whole.

(13) "Property used nonresidentially" means property or any portion thereof used for neighborhood shopping, planned shopping center, general commercial, transient lodging facilities, tourist services, office or institutional, office services, light industry, heavy industry, central business district, parking, or other commercial or business use, as well as vacant land zoned or approved for any of the uses listed in this paragraph.

(14) "Taxpayer" means any entity or person paying ad valorem taxes on real property, whether one or more parcels of property within the district. Multiple owners of one parcel shall constitute one taxpayer and shall designate in writing one of their number to represent the whole.

SECTION 4.

Creation.

Pursuant to Article IX, Section VII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, there is created one or more community improvement districts to be located in Bartow County, Georgia, either wholly within the unincorporated area thereof, or wholly within any municipality therein, or partly within one or more municipalities and partly within the unincorporated area thereof, each of which shall be activated upon compliance with the conditions provided in this Act and which shall be governed by a board as constituted pursuant to this Act. The conditions for such activation shall be:

(1) The adoption of a resolution consenting to the creation of each community improvement district by:

(A) The governing authority of Bartow County if the district is located wholly within the unincorporated area of Bartow County, which resolution shall impose such conditions on the projects and activities which may be undertaken as will ensure their compatibility with adopted county policies and planning for the area;

(B) The governing authority of the municipality if the district is located wholly within the incorporated area of a municipality; or

(C) The governing authorities of Bartow County and any municipality in which the district is partially located if it is partially located within the unincorporated area of Bartow County and partly within the incorporated area of any municipality; and

(2) Written consent to the creation of the community improvement district by:

(A) A majority of the owners of real property within the district which will be subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board of the district;

(B) The owners of real property within the district which constitutes at least 75 percent by value of all real property within the district which will be subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board and for this purpose value shall be determined by the most recent approved county ad valorem tax digest; and

(C) The written consent provided for in this paragraph shall be submitted to the Bartow County Tax Commissioner who shall certify whether subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph have been satisfied with respect to each such proposed district.

No district or board created under this Act shall transact any business or exercise any powers under this Act until the conditions of this section are met. A copy of such resolutions shall be filed with the Secretary of State who shall maintain a record of all districts activated under this Act and a second copy shall be filed with the Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 5.

Administration, appointment, and election of board members.

(a) Each district created pursuant to this Act shall be administered by a board composed of a minimum of seven members to be appointed and elected as provided in this section. Two board members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Bartow County, and one board member shall be appointed by the governing authority of each municipality within which any portion of the district lies; provided, however, that in the event the district lies entirely within a municipality, two board members shall be appointed by the governing authority of such municipality and the governing authority of Bartow County shall have no appointees. The remaining board members shall be elected by the owners of real property within the district subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board. The board shall be seven in number plus one or two members appointed by the governing authority of each municipality as provided above. The appointed board members shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body which appointed same, respectively. The initial elected board members shall serve for terms of office as follows: two shall serve for two years, and the remaining board members shall serve for four years. Thereafter, all terms of office shall be for four years and until a successor is elected and qualified, except the appointed members who serve at the pleasure of the governing body which appointed them.

(b) The initial board members to be elected as provided in this Act shall be elected in a caucus of electors, which shall be held within 60 days after the adoption of the resolutions and obtaining the written consents provided for in this Act at such time and place within the district as the governing authority of Bartow County shall designate after notice thereof shall have been given to said electors by publishing notice thereof in the legal organ of Bartow County once a week for four weeks prior to such caucus. Thereafter, there shall be conducted biennially, not later than 60 days following the last day for filing ad valorem property tax returns in Bartow County, a caucus of said electors at such time and place within the district as the board shall designate in such notice for the purpose of electing board members to those positions which have terms expiring or are vacant. If a vacancy occurs in an elected position on the board, the board shall, within 60 days thereafter, call a special election to fill the same to be held within 60 days of the call unless such vacancy occurs within 180 days of the next regularly scheduled election, in which case a special election may, but need not, be called. For any election held under the provisions of this Act, notice of said election shall be given the electors by publishing notice thereof in the legal organ of Bartow County once a week for four weeks prior to such caucus.

(c) One board member shall be elected by majority vote of the electors present and voting at the caucus on the basis of one vote for each elector. Said board member shall be elected to a term of office of two years at the initial caucus of electors when the board is first formed and to terms of office of four years thereafter. Four board members shall be elected by majority of the votes cast by the electors present and voting at the caucus, with each elector having one vote for each $1,000.00 or fraction thereof in assessed value of the property owned by the elector subject to taxes, fees, or assessments levied by the board.

All vacancies to be filled through election shall be filled by majority vote in the same manner as the board member previously holding the seat.
(d) Elected board members shall be subject to recall by the vote of a caucus of electors, said caucus being called by the board pursuant to a petition of 20 percent of the electors within the district or by a petition of holders of 20 percent of the eligible voters represented by equity electors, provided that the petition shall be from the category of voters who elected the board member to be subject to the recall election.
(e) Board members, including appointed board members, shall be electors within the district. If a board member ceases to be an elector, such board member's position shall be declared vacant as of the date of the event terminating such status.
(f) The board members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. They shall elect one of their members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson and shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer or a secretary-treasurer, either of whom may, but need not, be a member of the board.

SECTION 6.
Taxes, fees, and assessments.

(a) The board may levy taxes, fees, and assessments within the district only on real property, specifically excluding all property exempt from ad valorem taxation under the Constitution or laws of the State of Georgia and all property used for residential, agricultural, or forestry purposes and specifically excluding tangible personal property and intangible property. Any tax, fee, or assessment so levied shall not exceed 5 mills of the aggregate assessed value of all such real property. The taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board upon the properties shall be equitably apportioned among the properties according to the need for governmental services and facilities created by the degree of density of development within the district and not for the purpose of providing those governmental services and facilities provided to the county or municipality as a whole. Any tax, fee, or assessment so levied shall be collected by Bartow County in the same manner as taxes, fees, and assessments are levied by the county. Delinquent taxes shall bear the same interest and penalties as Bartow County ad valorem taxes and may be enforced and collected in the same manner. The proceeds of taxes, fees, and assessments so levied, less a fee to cover the costs of collection of 1 percent thereof, but not more than $25,000.00 in any one calendar year, shall be transmitted by Bartow County to the board and shall be expended by the board only for the purposes authorized hereby.
(b) The board shall levy the above-provided taxes and notify in writing the collecting governing body so it may include the levy on its regular ad valorem tax bills.
(c) If a parcel of real property is removed from a district or otherwise would become nontaxable, it shall continue to bear its tax millage then extant upon such event for bonded indebtedness of the district then outstanding until said bonded indebtedness then outstanding is paid or refunded.

SECTION 7.
Boundaries of the districts.

(a) The boundaries of each district shall be as designated as such by the governing authority of Bartow County if wholly within the unincorporated area of Bartow County and such municipalities within which the district may be partially located if partially within the unincorporated area of Bartow County and partially within one or more municipalities, or by the governing authority of a municipality if wholly within the incorporated area thereof, as set forth in the resolutions required in Section 4 of this Act, or as may thereafter be added as provided in this Act.
(b) The boundaries of a district may be increased after the initial creation of a district pursuant to the following:

(1) Written consent of a majority of the owners of real property within the area sought to be annexed and which will be subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board of the district is first obtained;

(2) Written consent of owners of real property within the area sought to be annexed which constitutes at least 75 percent by value of the property which will be subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board and for this purpose value shall be determined by the most recent approved county ad valorem tax digest;

(3) The adoption of a resolution consenting to the annexation by the board of the district; and

(4) The adoption of a resolution consenting to the annexation by the governing authorities of Bartow County, if any portion of the district is or is to be in the unincorporated area of Bartow County, and such municipalities as may have area within the district before or after the annexation.

SECTION 8.
Debt.

Each district may incur debt without regard to the requirements of Article IX, Section V of the Constitution of Georgia, or any other provision of law prohibiting or restricting the borrowing of money or the creation of debt by political subdivisions of the State of Georgia, which debt shall be backed by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the district, but shall not be an obligation of the State of Georgia or any other unit of government of the State of Georgia other than the district.

SECTION 9.
Cooperation with local governments.

The services and facilities provided pursuant to this Act shall be provided for in a cooperation agreement executed jointly by the board and the governing bodies of Bartow County and any municipalities within which the district is partially located. The provisions of this section shall in no way limit the authority of Bartow County or any such

municipality to provide services or facilities within the district; and Bartow County or such municipalities shall retain full and complete authority and control over any of their facilities located within their respective areas of any district. Said control shall include, but not be limited to, the modification of, access to, and degree and type of services provided through or by facilities of the municipality or county. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit or preempt the application of any governmental laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations to the district or the services or facilities provided therein.

SECTION 10.

Board and district powers.

(a) Each district and its board created pursuant hereto shall have all of the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions hereof, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power:

(1) To bring and defend actions;

(2) To adopt and amend a corporate seal;

(3) To make and execute contracts, agreements, and other instruments necessary or convenient to exercise the powers of the board or to further the public purposes for which the district is created, including, but not limited to, contracts for construction of projects, leases of projects, contracts for sale of projects, agreements for loans to finance projects, contracts with respect to the use of projects, and agreements with other jurisdictions or community improvement districts regarding multijurisdictional projects or services or for other cooperative endeavors to further the public purposes of the district;

(4) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character, or any interest therein, in furtherance of the public purposes of the district;

(5) To finance by loan, grant, lease, or otherwise and to construct, erect, assemble, purchase, acquire, own, repair, remodel, renovate, rehabilitate, modify, maintain, extend, improve, install, sell, equip, expand, add to, operate, or manage projects and to pay the cost of any project from the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district or any other funds of the district, or from any contributions or loans by persons, corporations, partnerships, whether limited or general, or other entities, all of which the board is authorized to receive, accept, and use;

(6) To borrow money to further or carry out its public purposes and to execute bonds, notes, other obligations, leases, trust indentures, trust agreements, agreements for the sale of its bonds, notes, or other obligations, loan agreements, security agreements, assignments, and such other agreements or instruments as may be necessary or desirable, in the judgment of the board, to evidence and to provide security for such borrowing;

(7) To issue bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district and use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any project and otherwise

to further or carry out the public purposes of the district and to pay all costs of the board incidental to, or necessary and appropriate to, furthering or carrying out such purposes;
(8) To grant, mortgage, convey, assign, or pledge its property, revenues, taxes, fees, or assessments to be received as security for its notes or other indebtedness and obligations;
(9) To invest its funds in such manner as it may deem prudent and appropriate, without further restriction;
(10) To create, provide, and enhance public services as may be deemed necessary, provided that such services do not conflict with or duplicate existing Bartow County or municipal services;
(11) To reimburse expenses for the creation and approval of a district;
(12) To make application directly or indirectly to any federal, state, county, or municipal government or agency or to any other source, whether public or private, for loans, grants, guarantees, or other financial assistance in furtherance of the district's public purposes and to accept and use the same upon such terms and conditions as are prescribed by such federal, state, county, or municipal government or agency or other source;
(13) To enter into agreements with the federal government or any agency thereof to use the facilities or services of the federal government or any agency thereof in order to further or carry out the public purposes of the district;
(14) To contract for any period, not exceeding 50 years, with the State of Georgia, state institutions, or a municipal corporation, county, or political subdivision of this state for the use by the district of any facilities or services of the state or any such state institution, municipal corporation, county, or political subdivision of this state, or for the use by any state institution or any municipal corporation, county, or political subdivision of the state of any facilities or services of the district, provided that such contracts shall deal with such activities and transactions as the district and any such political subdivision with which the district contracts are authorized by law to undertake;
(15) To receive and use the proceeds of any tax levied by any county or any municipal corporation to pay the costs of any project or for any other purpose for which the board may use its own funds pursuant hereto;
(16) To receive and administer gifts, grants, and devises of money and property of any kind and to administer trusts;
(17) To use any real property, personal property, or fixtures or any interest therein or to rent or lease such property to or from others or make contracts with respect to the use thereof or to sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, or otherwise dispose of or grant options for any such property in any manner as it deems to be to the best advantage of the district and the public purposes thereof;
(18) To appoint, select, and employ engineers, surveyors, architects, urban or city planners, fiscal agents, attorneys, accountants, consultants, and others and to fix their compensation and pay their expenses;

(19) To encourage and promote the improvement and development of the district and to make, contract for, or otherwise cause to be made long-range plans or proposals for the district in cooperation with Bartow County and any municipal corporations in which the district is wholly or partially located;

(20) To adopt bylaws governing the conduct of business by the board, the election and duties of officers of the board, and other matters which the board determines to deal with in its bylaws;

(21) To exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations which is not in conflict with the public purposes of the district; and

(22) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred hereby.

(b) The powers enumerated in each paragraph of this section are cumulative of and in addition to those powers enumerated herein and elsewhere in this Act; and no such power limits or restricts any other power of the board.

SECTION 11.

Bonds - generally.

(a) Notes or other obligations issued by a district, other than general obligation bonds, shall be paid solely from the property pledged to pay such notes or other obligations. General obligation bonds issued by any district shall constitute a general obligation of the district to the repayment of which the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the district shall be pledged.

(b) All bonds, notes, and other obligations of any district shall be authorized by resolution of its board.

(c) Bonds, notes, or other obligations shall bear such date or dates, shall mature at such time or times but not more than 40 years from their respective dates, shall bear interest at such rate or rates which may be fixed or may fluctuate or otherwise change from time to time, shall be subject to redemption on such terms, and shall contain such other terms, provisions, covenants, assignments, and conditions as the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds, notes, or other obligations may permit or provide. The terms, provisions, covenants, assignments, and conditions contained in or provided or permitted by any resolution of the board authorizing the issuance of such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall bind the board members of the district then in office and their successors.

(d) The board shall have power from time to time and whenever it deems it expedient to refund any bonds by the issuance of new bonds, whether or not the bonds to be refunded have matured, and may issue bonds partly to refund bonds then outstanding and partly for any other purpose permitted hereunder. The refunding bonds may be exchanged for the bonds to be refunded, with such cash adjustments as may be agreed upon, or may be sold and the proceeds applied to the purchase or redemption of the bonds to be refunded.

(e) There shall be no limitation upon the interest rates of any maximum interest rate or rates on any bonds, notes, or other obligations of the district; and the usury laws of this state shall not apply to bonds, notes, or other obligations of these districts.

(f) Bonds issued by a district may be in such form, either coupon or fully registered, or both coupon and fully registered, and may be subject to such exchangeability and transferability provisions as the bond resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or any indenture or trust agreement may provide.
(g) Bonds shall bear a certificate of validation. The signature of the clerk of the Superior Court of Bartow County may be made on the certificate of validation of such bonds by facsimile or by manual execution, stating the date on which such bonds were validated; and such entry shall be original evidence in any court in this state.
(h) In lieu of specifying the rate or rates of interest which such bonds are to bear, and the principal amount and maturities of such said bonds, the notice to the district attorney or the Attorney General, the notice to the public of the time, place, and date of the validation hearing, and the petition and complaint for validation may state that the bonds when issued will bear interest at a rate not exceeding a maximum per annum rate of interest, which may be fixed or may fluctuate or otherwise change from time to time, and that the principal amount will not exceed and the final maturity date will not be later than as specified in such notices and petition and complaint or may state that, in the event the bonds are to bear different rates of interest for different maturity dates, none of such rates will exceed the maximum rate, which may be fixed or may fluctuate or otherwise change from time to time, so specified; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting or restricting the right of a board to sell such bonds at a discount, even if in doing so the effective interest cost resulting therefrom would exceed the maximum per annum interest rate specified in such notices and in the petition and complaint.
(i) The terms "cost of the project" and "cost of any project" shall have the meaning prescribed herein whenever those terms are referred to in bond resolutions of a board, in bonds, notes, or other obligations of the districts, or in notices of proceedings to validate such bonds, notes, or other obligations of a district.

SECTION 12.

Authorized contents of agreements and instruments of the board generally; use of proceeds of sale of bonds, notes, etc.; subsequent issues of bonds, notes, etc.

(a) Subject to the limitations and procedures provided by this section and Section 11 of this Act, the agreements or instruments executed by a board may contain such provisions not inconsistent with law as shall be determined by such board.
(b) The proceeds derived from the sale of all bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by a district shall be held and used for the ultimate purpose of paying, directly or indirectly as permitted herein, all or part of the cost of any project, or for the purpose of refunding any bonds, notes, or other obligations issued in accordance hereunder.
(c) Issuance by a board of one or more series of bonds, notes, or other obligations for one or more purposes shall not preclude it from issuing other bonds, notes, or other obligations in connection with the same project or with any other project; but the proceeding wherein any subsequent bonds, notes, or other obligations are issued shall recognize and protect any prior loan agreement, security agreement, or other agreement or instrument made for

any prior issue of bonds, notes, or other obligations, unless in the resolution authorizing such prior issue the right is expressly reserved to the board to issue subsequent bonds, notes, or other obligations on a parity with such prior issue.

SECTION 13.

Construction; applicability of Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Securities Act of 1973"; notice, proceeding, publication, referendum.

This Act shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. The offer, sale, or issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations by a district shall not be subject to regulation under Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008." No notice, proceeding, or publication, except those required hereby, shall be necessary to the performance of any act authorized hereby, nor shall any such act be subject to referendum.

SECTION 14.

Dissolution.

(a) Any district activated under the provisions of this Act may be dissolved. The conditions for such dissolution shall be:

(1) The adoption of a resolution approving of the dissolution of each community improvement district by the governing authority of Bartow County if wholly within the unincorporated area of Bartow County and such municipalities within which the district may be located if partially within the unincorporated area of Bartow County and partially within one or more municipalities, or by the governing authority of a municipality if wholly within the incorporated area thereof; and

(2) The written consent to the dissolution of the community improvement district by:

(A) Two-thirds (67 percent) of the owners of real property within the district which are subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board of the district; and

(B) The owners of real property constituting at least 75 percent by value of all real property within the district which are to be subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board and for this purpose value shall be determined by the most recent approved county ad valorem tax digest.

The written consent provided for in this paragraph shall be submitted to the Bartow County Tax Commissioner, who shall certify whether subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph have been satisfied with respect to each proposed district dissolution.

(b) At such time as the board determines appropriate within each six-year period following the creation of the district, the question shall be put before a caucus of electors as to whether or not to dissolve the district. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the electors present and voting, who shall represent at least 75 percent of the votes cast on the basis of value, the board shall send a ballot to each owner of property subject to taxes, fees, and assessments levied by the board for a vote on the dissolution. Upon receipt of ballots consenting to the dissolution from a majority of the property owners, who shall represent

at least 75 percent of the assessed value of said properties, the board shall request dissolution by the governing authority and shall forward said ballots to the Bartow County Tax Commissioner for certification.

(c) In the event that successful action is taken pursuant to this section to dissolve the district, the dissolution shall become effective at such time as all debt obligations of the district have been satisfied. Following a successful dissolution action and until the dissolution becomes effective, no new projects may be undertaken, obligations or debts incurred, or property acquired.

(d) Upon a successful dissolution action, all noncash assets of the district other than public facilities or land or easements to be used for such public facilities, as described in Section 2 of this Act, shall be reduced to cash and, along with all other cash on hand, shall be applied to the repayment of any debt or other obligations of the district. Any cash remaining after all outstanding obligations are satisfied shall be refunded to each property owner in direct proportion to the total amount in taxes, fees, or assessments paid by the property relative to the total revenues paid by all properties in the district in the most recent tax year.

(e) When a dissolution becomes effective, the county governing authority, or the governing authority of a municipality if wholly within the incorporated area thereof, shall take title to all property previously in the ownership of the district and all taxes, fees, and assessments of the district shall cease to be levied and collected.

(f) A district may be reactivated in the same manner as an original activation.

SECTION 15.

Repealer.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

HB 750. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, McDonald III of the 26th, Clark of the 100th, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for the selection of a chief

judge; to provide for duties of the chief judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), is amended by revising subsection (a) of and adding new subsections to Section 3 to read as follows:

"(a) Effective July 1, 2026, there shall be three judges of the State Court of Forsyth County who shall be selected as provided in this section."

"(e) The third judge of the State Court of Forsyth County shall be appointed by the Governor for an initial term of office beginning on July 1, 2026, and continuing through December 31, 2028, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. All future successors to said judge shall be elected by the qualified voters of Forsyth County at a nonpartisan election to be held and conducted jointly with the general primary in 2028 and quadrennially thereafter pursuant to Code Section 21-2-138 of the O.C.G.A. The judge thus elected shall serve a four-year term and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

(f)(1) There is hereby created the position of chief judge of the State Court of Forsyth County. The chief judge shall be the judge who has served the longest continuous period of time in office as a judge of said court.

(2) The duties of the chief judge shall include:

(A) Regularly meeting with all judges of the court to discuss issues affecting the courts, to collaborate on best practices regarding case management and sentencing, and to improve operational efficiencies;

(B) In consultation with the chief judge of the Superior Court of Forsyth County, managing the available courtroom space, including any courtrooms in ancillary facilities, in order to maximize secure courtrooms for criminal trials and other criminal proceedings, including assigning judges to a particular courtroom on a permanent or temporary basis;

(C) In consultation with the chief judge of the Superior Court of Forsyth County, annually identifying present and projected courtroom and administrative space and other facility needs to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners after consultation with all of the judges of the court;

(D) Working with the court administrator, the county manager of Forsyth County, the local governing authorities, and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to eliminate duplication of functions and achieve greater operational efficiencies;

(E) Preparing and presenting the court's budget to state and local authorities after conferring with all of the judges of the court;

(F) After consulting with all of the judges of the court, establishing criteria and qualifications for the employment, discipline, and dismissal of employees assigned to the courts and each judge;

(G) Devising and implementing a personnel system that ensures fair and lawful treatment of all court personnel, including judicial staff, while preserving the authority of each judge to manage and direct his or her selected employees in accordance with applicable guidelines;

(H) Managing assignments for visiting state court judges; and

(I) Performing all other duties required by law or that are necessary or convenient for performing the duties set forth in this subsection.

(3) The chief judge shall be permitted to obtain assistance from the other judges of the court and from judicial staff to perform the duties set forth in this subsection."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Cox of the 28th et al. offer the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 750 (LC 61 0261S) by replacing lines 1 through the end with the following:

To amend an Act to create the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to add a judge to the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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SECTION 1.

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judge thus elected shall serve a four-year term and until his or her successor is elected and qualified."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, on the agreement to the Senate substitute, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute as amended by the House, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	E Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	Y Smith, M
N Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	Y Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	N Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	E Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	N Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, on the agreement to the Senate substitute, and on the agreement to the Senate substitute as amended by the House, the ayes were 112, nays 59.

HB 896 and SB 332, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

SB 234, SB 235, and SB 336, having failed to receive the requisite constitutional majority, were lost.

The House has agreed to the Senate Substitute to HB 685, and the House has agreed to the Senate Substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 750.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 7:00 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker Pro Tem called the House to order.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House reconsider its action in failing to give the requisite constitutional majority to the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 234. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Dalton independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 235. By Senator Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Whitfield County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 336. By Senator Moore of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Dade County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	E Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Anderson	Crawford	Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
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E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Dawson	Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
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Y Barton	Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
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Bell	Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Parsons	Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
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Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 135, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the Senate, having previously been read, were again taken up for consideration:

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Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
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Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	Williams, A
E Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 147, nays 2.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 330 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute as amended to the following bill of the House:

HB 155. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House:

HB 352. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Mathis of the 133rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Reese of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, so as to revise coverage criteria to include Medicaid recipients with gestational diabetes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 422. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require the state employees' health insurance plan include high deductible health plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 360. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 25th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to authorize the credit to be claimed in the taxable year the year a certificate of occupancy is obtained for certain preapproved rehabilitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 238. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gunter of the 8th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of police officers, so as to require the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to create and maintain an at-risk adult training course focusing on officer response to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia; to provide for requirements for such course; to provide for collaborative course development with the Division of Aging Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following resolution of the House:

HR 7. By Representative Campbell of the 171st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. George C. Trulock, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 330. By Senators Esteves of the 35th, Halpern of the 39th, McLaurin of the 14th, Kemp of the 38th and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older with an aggregate maximum of $487,804,878.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	N Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Alexander	N Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	E Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	N Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	N Smith, V
Y Berry	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas

Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	N Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	N Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 150, nays 7.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 54. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Jones of the 47th, Powell of the 33rd, Barrett of the 24th, Mathiak of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 31, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, health, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services to patients of licensed home health agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for the approval of continuing education regarding death certificates for certain physician assistants by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and for certain advanced practice registered nurses by the Georgia Board of Nursing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Titles 16, 31, 43, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, health, professions and businesses, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services to patients of home health agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for the approval of continuing education regarding death certificates;

to provide for authorizing job descriptions; to provide for tax credits for qualified caregiving expenses to include advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising paragraph (4.2) of Code Section 16-13-72, relating to the sale, distribution, or possession of dangerous drugs, as follows:

"(4.2) A registered professional nurse licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 26 of Title 43 who is employed or engaged by a licensed home health agency may possess sterile saline, sterile water, and diluted heparin for use as intravenous maintenance for use in a home health setting, and such nurse may administer such items to patients of the home health agency upon the order of a licensed physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant provided that the individual ordering the home health services does not have an ownership interest in an entity to which they are referring. acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103. The State Board of Pharmacy shall be authorized to adopt regulations governing the storage, quantity, use, and administration of such items; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph or in such regulations shall be construed to restrict any authority of nurses existing under other provisions of law;"

SECTION 2.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising paragraph (20) of Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions relative to state health planning and development, as follows:

"(20) 'Home health agency' means a public agency or private organization, or a subdivision of such an agency or organization, which is primarily engaged in providing to individuals who are under a written plan of ~~care of a physician~~ treatment ordered by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant provided that the individual ordering the home health services does not have an ownership interest in an entity to which they are referring. acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103, on a visiting basis in the places of residence used as such individuals' homes, part-time or intermittent nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse, and one or more of the following services:

(A) Physical therapy;
(B) Occupational therapy;
(C) Speech therapy;
(D) Respiratory therapy;
(E) Skilled nursing care;

~~(D)~~(F) Medical social services under the direction of a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant provided that the individual ordering the home health services does not have an ownership interest in an entity to which they are referring. acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103; or

~~(E)~~(G) Part-time or intermittent services of a home health aide."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-150, relating to definitions, as follows:

"31-7-150.

As used in this article, the term:

(.5) 'Advanced practice registered nurse' has the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-26-3.

(1) 'Branch office' means a location or site, identified in the application or endorsement thereto, from which a home health agency provides services within a portion of the total geographic area served by the parent agency and which is part of the home health agency and is located sufficiently close to share administration, supervision, and services in a manner that renders it unnecessary for the branch independently to meet the requirements of this article.

~~(1.1)~~(2) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Home health agency' means a public, nonprofit, or proprietary organization, whether owned or operated by one or more persons or legal entities, which is engaged in furnishing home ~~health~~ healthcare services.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Home ~~health~~ healthcare services' means those items and services furnished to an individual according to a written plan of treatment signed by the patient's physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103, by a home health agency, or by others under arrangement with the home health agency on a visit or hourly basis, in a place of temporary or permanent residence used as the individual's home, as follows:

(A) Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing care as ordered by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant provided that the individual ordering the home health services does not have an ownership interest in an entity to which they are referring. acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103 and provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse and at least one other service listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) of this paragraph;

(B) Physical, occupational, or speech therapy;

(C) Medical social services; and

(D) Home health aide services.

~~(4)~~(5) 'License' means a license issued by the department.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Licensee' means the individual, corporation, or public entity with whom rests the ultimate responsibility for maintaining approved standards for the home health agency.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Parent home health agency' means the agency that develops and maintains administrative controls of subunits or branch offices.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Physician' means an individual currently licensed or authorized to practice medicine, surgery, or osteopathy in this state.

(9) 'Physician assistant' means an individual licensed pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 and acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103.

~~(8)~~(10) 'Plan of treatment' means a plan written, signed, and reviewed at least every two months by the patient's physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant provided that the individual ordering the home health services does not have an ownership interest in an entity to which they are referring. acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103 prescribing items and services for the patient's condition.

~~(9)~~(11) 'Registered nurse' means an individual who is currently licensed as a registered professional nurse in this state.

~~(10)~~(12) 'Subunit' means a semiautonomous organization which serves patients in a geographic area different from that of the parent agency and which, by virtue of the distance between it and the parent agency, is judged incapable of sharing administration, supervision, and services on a daily basis with the parent agency and ~~must~~ shall, therefore, independently meet the licensing requirements for a home health agency and shall be separately licensed."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-153, relating to standards for patient care and agency operation, regulations as to issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses, and hearings, as follows:

"31-7-153.

The department shall promulgate regulations which define standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare, and comfort of patients served by home health agencies and for the maintenance and operation of home health agencies which will promote safe and adequate care and treatment of the patients. These regulations shall be no less stringent than those required for participation of home health agencies in the Title XVIII ~~medicare~~ Medicare program and shall include, but not be limited to, a provision requiring the agency to have policies established by a professional group which includes at least one physician and one registered nurse and appropriate representation from other professional disciplines; provisions governing the services the agency provides; provisions for the supervision of services by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or registered nurse, as appropriate, and maintenance of clinical records on all patients, including a plan of treatment ~~prescribed by a physician~~. The department is authorized to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses in accordance with

regulations promulgated pursuant to this Code section. Such regulations shall also include hearing procedures related to denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-154, relating to inspections, as follows:

"31-7-154.

Each home health agency for which a license has been issued shall be periodically inspected by an authorized representative of the department. Such inspections shall be for the purpose of ensuring that this article is being followed. The department is directed to ensure by inspection that the licensee is providing quality care to its patients in accordance with the orders of the patient's physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant; provided, however, that an agency shall be exempt from an additional on-site licensure inspection if certified in a federal program for reimbursement of ~~medicare~~ Medicare or Medicaid services."

SECTION 6.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-34-23, relating to the delegation of authority to nurse or physician assistant, and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(b)(1)(A) A physician may delegate the authority contained in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph to:

(i) A physician assistant in accordance with a job description; or

(ii) A nurse recognized by the Georgia Board of Nursing as a certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health in accordance with a nurse protocol.

(B) A physician may delegate to those healthcare professionals identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph:

(i) The authority to order controlled substances selected from a formulary of such drugs established by the board and the authority to order dangerous drugs, medical treatments, and diagnostic studies;

(ii) The authority to request, receive, and sign for professional samples and to distribute professional samples to patients. The office or facility at which the healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is working shall maintain a general list of the professional samples approved by the delegating physician for request, receipt, and distribution by the healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph as well as a complete list of the specific number and dosage of each professional sample and medication voucher received. Professional samples that are distributed by a healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be so noted in the patient's medical record. In addition to the requirements of this Code section, all professional

samples shall be maintained as required by applicable state and federal laws and regulations; and

(iii) The authority to sign, certify, and endorse all documents relating to healthcare provided to a patient within his or her scope of authorized practice, including, but not limited to, documents relating to physical examination forms of all state agencies and verification and evaluation forms of the Department of Human Services, the State Board of Education, local boards of education, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Corrections; provided, however, that a healthcare professional identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not have the authority to assign a percentage of a disability rating.

(1.1) Healthcare professionals identified in subparagraph (A) of ~~this paragraph must~~ paragraph (1) of this subsection shall complete biennial continuing education regarding the recognition and documentation of the causes of death and appropriate execution of death certificates, as approved by the board for a physician assistant as identified in division (b)(1)(A)(i) of this Code section or by the Board of Nursing for a healthcare professional identified in division (b)(1)(A)(ii) of this Code section."

SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant, authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(m) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted by Code Section 43-34-23, a physician may delegate to a physician assistant, in accordance with a job description, the authority to order home healthcare services to a patient."

SECTION 8.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-29.2, relating to tax credits for qualified caregiving expenses, as follows:

"(1) 'Qualified caregiving expenses' means payments by the taxpayer for home health agency services, personal care services, personal care attendant services, homemaker services, adult day care, respite care, or healthcare equipment and supplies which equipment and supplies have been determined to be medically necessary by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant provided that the individual ordering the home health services does not have an ownership interest in an entity to which they are referring. acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103, which services, care, or equipment and supplies are:

(A) Provided to the qualifying family member; and

(B) Purchased or obtained from an organization or individual not related to the taxpayer or the qualifying family member."

SECTION 9.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Clark of the 100th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 54 (LC 52 0844S), as amended by Amendment 1 (AM 52 0071) and Amendment 1A, by striking all matter from Amendment 1A and by striking all matter from Amendment 1 from line 1 to the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Amend HB 54 (LC 52 0844S) by adding "advanced practice registered nurses and" *before* "physician assistants" *on lines 3 and 6.*

By inserting ", an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25," *before* "or a physician assistant" *on lines 17, 30, 39 and 40, 63 and 64, 80, and 178.*

By inserting between lines 46 and 47 the following:
(.5) 'Advanced practice registered nurse' has the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 43-26-3.

By replacing lines 58 through 60 with the following:
individual according to a written plan of treatment signed by the patient's physician, an advanced practice registered nurse acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-25, or a physician assistant acting pursuant to the authority of Code Section 43-34-103, by a home health agency, or by others under arrangement with the home health agency, on

By adding at the end of line 81 between "condition" *and the period the following:*
, provided that the healthcare professional prescribing home healthcare services does not have an ownership interest in the entity to which he or she is referring

By replacing line 104 with the following:
services by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or registered nurse, as appropriate, and

By replacing line 118 with the following:
with the orders of the patient's physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant; provided, however, that

Representative Clark of the 100th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 54.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	E Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	E Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Bell	E Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Berry	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 253. By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Gaines of the 120th, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code Georgia Annotated, relating to the

juvenile code and general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, so as to enact "Ethan's Law"; to provide limitations on ordering a child to be sent to a family reunification program; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, so as to prohibit the court from ordering family reunification treatments or services in cases in which the custody of a child is at issue; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ethan's Law."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to child custody proceedings, is amended by revising paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-9-3, relating to the establishment and review of child custody and visitation, as follows:

"(7) The judge is authorized to order a psychological custody evaluation of the family or an independent medical evaluation~~.~~; provided, however, that the judge shall not order family reunification treatments or services. In addition to the privilege afforded a witness, neither a court appointed custody evaluator nor a court appointed guardian ad litem shall be subject to civil liability resulting from any act or failure to act in the performance of his or her duties unless such act or failure to act was in bad faith."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 19-9-6, relating to definitions relative to child custody proceedings, by adding a new paragraph, to read as follows:

"(3.1) 'Family reunification treatments or services' means any therapeutic intervention which requires:

(A) Court ordered restrictions on contact between a child and a parent or legal guardian;

(B) Overnight stays for a child in an out-of-state facility, hotel, motel, or camp;

(C) The use of private youth transporters or private transportation agents engaged in the use of force, threat of force, physical obstruction, or coercion against a child; and
(D) The attendance of, or participation in, educational or experimental workshops."

SECTION 4.
This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Clark of the 100th offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate Committee on Children and Families substitute to HB 253 (LC 57 0272S) by deleting lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
To amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to enact "Ethan's Law"; to provide limitations on ordering a child to be sent to a family reunification program; to revise provisions relating to safe places for newborns; to authorize ambulance services to accept physical custody of a newborn; to authorize the placement of newborn safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited liability; to provide for transport of newborns to nearest medical facility; to provide for specifications for newborn safety devices; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.
This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Ethan's Law."

SECTION 2.
Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-9-3, relating to establishment and review of child custody and visitation, as follows:
"(2) The judge hearing the issue of custody shall make a determination of custody of a child and such matter shall not be decided by a jury. The judge may take into consideration all the circumstances of the case, including the improvement of the health of the party seeking a change in custody provisions, in determining to whom custody of the child should be awarded. The duty of the judge in all such cases shall be to exercise discretion to look to and determine solely what is for the best interest of the child and what will best promote the child's welfare and happiness and to make his or her award accordingly. The judge shall not order family reunification or unification treatments, programs, or services, including, but not limited to, camps, workshops,

therapeutic vacations, or educational programs, that, as a condition of enrollment or participation, require or result in any of the following:

(A) Violation of a court order requiring that a child have no contact with his or her parent or legal guardian;

(B) The use of private youth transporters or private transportation agents engaged in the use of force, the threat of force, physical obstruction, acutely distressing circumstances, or circumstances that place the safety of the child at risk;

(C) A no-contact period between the child and his or her parent or legal guardian; or

(D) An out-of-state stay."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Chapter 10A, relating to safe place for newborns, as follows:

"CHAPTER 10A

19-10A-1.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Safe Place for Newborns Act of 2002.'

19-10A-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Ambulance service' means an ambulance provider licensed pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 31.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Fire station' means a facility of any fire department which is authorized to exercise the general and emergency powers enumerated in Code Sections 25-3-1 and 25-3-2.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Medical facility' means any licensed general or specialized hospital, institutional infirmary, health center operated by a county board of health, or facility where human births occur on a regular and ongoing basis which is classified by the Department of Community Health as a birthing center, but shall not mean physicians' or dentists' private offices.

(4) 'Newborn safety device' means an enclosed, locked, and monitored receptacle that meets the requirements of Code Section 19-10A-8 in which a newborn child can be safely placed.

~~(3)~~(5) 'Police station' means a facility of any sheriff's office, municipal police department, or county police department.

19-10A-3.

It is the express purpose and intent of the General Assembly in enacting this chapter to prevent injuries to and deaths of newborn children that are caused by a mother who abandons the newborn.

19-10A-4.
A mother shall not be prosecuted for violating Code Section 16-5-70, 16-12-1, or 19-10-1 because of the act of leaving her newborn child, provided that the newborn child is no more than 30 days old:

(1) In ~~in~~ the physical custody of an employee, agent, or member of the staff of a medical facility, fire station, ~~or~~ police station, or ambulance service who is on duty, whether there in a paid or volunteer position, provided that ~~the newborn child is no more than 30 days old and~~ the mother shows proof of her identity, if willing, to the person with whom the newborn is left and provides her name and address, if willing; or

(2) In a newborn safety device.

19-10A-5.
The Department of Human Services shall investigate and report to the General Assembly as to children left with a medical facility, fire station, ~~or~~ police station, or ambulance service or in a newborn safety device pursuant to Code Section 19-10A-4, including in such report the desirability and cost effectiveness of a dedicated toll-free telephone line for providing information to and answering questions from the public and employees and staff members of medical facilities, fire stations, ~~and~~ police stations, and ambulance services concerning the acts and consequences thereof contemplated in Code Section 19-10A-4.

19-10A-6.
A medical facility which accepts a newborn child for inpatient admission pursuant to Code Section 19-10A-4 or a fire station, ~~or~~ police station, or ambulance service which accepts a newborn child ~~left~~ or receives a child placed in a newborn safety device pursuant to Code Section 19-10A-4 shall be reimbursed by the Department of Human Services for all reasonable medical and other reasonable costs associated with the child prior to the child being placed in the care of the department. A medical facility, fire station, ~~or~~ police station, or ambulance service shall immediately arrange for transport of the newborn child to the nearest medical facility and notify the Department of Human Services at such time as the child is left and at the time the child is medically ready for discharge. Upon notification that the child is medically ready for discharge, the Department of Human Services shall take physical custody of the child within six hours. The Department of Human Services upon taking physical custody shall promptly bring the child before the juvenile court as required by Code Section 15-11-145.

19-10A-7.
Medical facilities, fire stations, ~~and~~ police stations, and ambulance services and their employees, agents, and staff members shall not be liable for civil damages or subject to criminal prosecution for failure to discharge the duties provided for in this chapter. The immunity provided in this chapter shall in no way be construed as providing immunity for any acts of negligent treatment of the child taken into custody.

19-10A-8.

~~The Department of Human Services shall develop standards for a sign that shall be posted at any medical facility, fire station, or police station to inform the general public that such facility is an authorized location to leave a newborn child as provided in this chapter. The Department of Human Services shall provide by rule and regulation for the size and type of such sign and where such sign should be located within or outside of such facility.~~

(a) A medical facility, fire station, police station, or ambulance service shall be authorized to install a newborn safety device if the device is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to employees, agents, or staff members of such facility or station and such facility or station is staffed by an emergency medical services provider on a 24 hour, seven days per week basis.

(b) A newborn safety device installed pursuant to this Code section shall include a dual alarm system that meets or exceeds the following specifications:

(1) One alarm shall connect the newborn safety device to the facility or station and shall be tested at least once per month, and the second alarm shall monitor the device's interior and shall be checked at least twice per day to ensure that the dual alarm system functions properly; and

(2) The dual alarm system shall include the functionality to dispatch the nearest ambulance service to retrieve a newborn child if all medical facility, fire station, police station, or ambulance service employees, agents, or staff members have been dispatched to an emergency or are otherwise off site."

SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Clark of the 100th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 253.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Smith, M

E Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	E Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	P Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	E Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 146, nays 15.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker called the House to order for the purpose of receiving the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian P. Kemp.

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp appeared upon the floor of the House and addressed the members.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 513. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to revise provisions related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services be borne by unincorporated residents; to provide for

annual reports thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to authorize continuance of existing local ordinances related to video surveillance at gas stations; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to revise provisions related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services be borne by unincorporated residents; to provide for annual reports thereof; to provide for review and revisions to approved strategies; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising Code Section 36-60-32, relating to video surveillance equipment at locations where the retail sale of automotive gasoline occurs, as follows:

"36-60-32.

A county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government shall not require the placement of video surveillance equipment in the interior or exterior of any business or location where the retail sale of automotive gasoline, as that term is defined in Code Section 10-1-232, occurs; provided, however, that a county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government which, prior to May 6, 2024, has adopted one or more ordinances related to the placement of video surveillance equipment at any business or location where the retail sale of automotive gasoline occurs is authorized to continue regulating the placement of said video surveillance equipment pursuant to any such ordinances adopted prior to May 6, 2024."

SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, is amended by revising Code Section 36-70-24, relating to criteria for service delivery strategy, as such Code section becomes effective on January 1, 2026, as follows:

"36-70-24.

In the development of a service delivery strategy, the following criteria shall be met:

(1) The strategy shall promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner. The strategy shall identify steps which will be taken to remediate or avoid overlapping and unnecessary competition and duplication of service delivery and shall identify the time frame in which such steps shall be taken. When a municipality provides a service at a higher level than the base level of service provided throughout the geographic area of the county by the county, such service shall not be considered a duplication of the county service;

(2)(A) The strategy shall provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider shall not be arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers receiving such service which are located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider.

(B) If a governing authority disputes the reasonableness of water and sewer rate differentials imposed within its jurisdiction by another governing authority, that disputing governing authority may hold a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the rate differential. Following the preparation of a rate study by a qualified engineer, the governing authority may challenge the arbitrary rate differentials on behalf of its residents in a court of competent jurisdiction. Prior to such challenge, the dispute shall be submitted to some form of alternative dispute resolution;

(3)(A) The strategy shall ensure that the cost of any service which a county provides primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county shall be borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive the service. Further, when the county and one or more municipalities jointly fund a county-wide service, the county share of such funding shall be borne by the unincorporated residents, individuals, and property owners that receive the service.

(B) Such funding shall be derived from:

(i) Any one or more of the following sources:

~~(i)~~(I) Special service districts created by the county in which ad valorem property taxes, assessments, or user fees are levied or imposed;

~~(ii)~~(II) Grants;

~~(iii)~~(III) Any one or more of the following taxes and fees: solid waste franchise fees, cable ~~Cable~~ franchise fees, alcohol excise taxes, alcohol licensing fees, financial institution taxes, hotel-motel taxes, occupation taxes, railroad equipment taxes, insurance premium taxes, rental car excise taxes, impact fees, stormwater fees, zoning fees, or title ad valorem taxes, but excluding any amounts of such taxes ~~or~~ and fees to the extent such amount is derived from incorporated areas of the county; and

~~(iv)~~(IV) Revenues apportioned to the county as part of an intergovernmental agreement from the county and one or more municipalities; or

~~(v)~~(ii) Through such other mechanism agreed upon by the parties approving the strategy which complies with the intent of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph~~; and~~.

(C)(i) The strategy shall require the county to provide an annual report to each party to the strategy that:

(I) Identifies the total amount of funds received by the county from the funding sources utilized under division (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for the provision of county services provided primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county and the county's share of any countywide service funded with one or more municipalities; and

(II) The total cost to the county of providing the services described in subdivision (I) of this division.

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph shall not require any party to the strategy to establish separate accounts for such funds; and

(4)(A) Local governments within the same county shall, if necessary, amend their land use plans so that such plans are compatible and nonconflicting, or, as an alternative, they shall adopt a single land use plan for the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county.

(B) The provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction shall be consistent with all applicable land use plans and ordinances."

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 36-70-28, relating to review and revision of approved strategy, as such Code section becomes effective on January 1, 2026, as follows:

"36-70-28.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'affected municipality' means the county seat and each municipality of at least 500 persons.

(b) In addition to the ten-year update required by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21, each county and affected municipality shall review and revise the approved strategy:

(1) Whenever necessary due to changes in revenue distribution arrangements;

(2) In the event of the creation, abolition, or consolidation of local governments;

(3) When the existing service delivery strategy agreement expires; and

(4) Whenever the county and affected municipalities agree to revise the strategy.

(b.1)(1) In the event that a change in service delivery or revenue distribution arrangements affects less than all of the local governments that are parties to the approved strategy, an amendment to the strategy limited to such changed service or services or revenue distribution arrangements between only those specific local governments may be submitted solely by the affected local governments and without the approval of the other nonimpacted county and affected municipalities in the county whose approval would otherwise be required under subsection (b) of Code Section 36-70-25.

(2) Any amendments to the approved strategy or revenue distribution arrangement which affect less than all of the local governments that are parties to the approved strategy shall be subject to review and revision whenever the service delivery strategy affecting the county and all municipalities within the county becomes subject to review

and revision under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-70-21 or subsection (b) of this Code section.

(c) No amendment to Code Section 36-70-24 made by the General Assembly shall constitute an event necessitating review and revision to an approved strategy under subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) In the event that a county or an affected municipality located within the county refuses to review and revise a strategy in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, then any of the parties may use the mediation or nonbinding arbitration processes provided for in this article."

SECTION 4.

(a) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative LaHood of the 175th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 513.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook

Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	E Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

HB 645. By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to repeal certain provisions requiring COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 645 (LC 46 1108) by replacing line 3 with the following:*
requiring COVID-19 testing and to authorize influenza vaccinations; to provide for

By inserting between lines 11 and 12 the following:
Said article is further amended in Code Section 31-7-18, relating to vaccinations for influenza and related items, by replacing "50" with "18" in subsection (a).

SECTION 3.

Representative LaHood of the 175th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 645.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott

Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 399. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Burnough of the 77th, Blackmon of the 146th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 233. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, DeLoach of the 167th, Sainz of the 180th, Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate Brunswick stew as the official state stew; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 and Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances and state government, respectively, so as to designate the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia; to designate Brunswick stew as the official state stew; to designate cornbread as the official state bread; to provide for legislative findings; to prohibit companies owned or operated by a foreign country of concern from submitting a proposal for a contract with a state agency for goods or services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Making sugarcane syrup has been a part of family farm tradition for generations, particularly in Georgia;

(2) The increase in production costs, competition from artificial syrups, and the decreasing number of farmers who still make sugarcane syrup, however, has led some to refer to the making of sugarcane syrup as a dying art;

(3) Establishing a "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia would help to preserve the art of making sugarcane syrup by honoring those who continue with this longstanding family farm tradition and by raising public awareness of the differences between natural sugarcane syrup and artificial syrups;

(4) Designating the fourth Friday in November of each year, the day after Thanksgiving, as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" is particularly fitting, as it is not only a time when

families gather and celebrate together, but also a time when some say sugarcane is at its sweetest in Georgia; and

(5) It is, therefore, abundantly fitting and proper that the State of Georgia appropriately recognize and honor the family farm tradition of making sugarcane syrup by designating the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia.

SECTION 1-2.

Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"1-4-27.

The fourth Friday in November of each year is designated as 'National Sugarcane Syrup Day' in Georgia."

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

The General Assembly of Georgia finds and determines that:

(1) Brunswick stew is a rich, thick stew noted for its signature ingredients of meat, tomatoes, and fresh vegetables, such as sweet corn;

(2) A plaque on an old iron pot in Brunswick, Georgia, declares the first Brunswick stew was made in it on July 2, 1898, on nearby St. Simons Island; and

(3) Contrary to claims by other states, Georgia, and specifically Brunswick, Georgia, is the birthplace of Brunswick stew.

SECTION 2-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-3-94.

Brunswick stew is designated as the official Georgia state stew."

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The colorful history and traditions of the State of Georgia are inextricably associated with the food traditions of corn, and among the many legacies of this proud heritage is the delicious bread known as cornbread;

(2) Relied upon by indigenous people to sustain themselves, cornbread has transcended its humble origins to take a place of honor at such events as the Prater's Mill Country Fair in Whitfield County;

(3) With thousands of participants and visitors, such celebrations include cornbread cooked on a wood-burning stove and served with collard greens and pinto beans;

(4) Corn is grown, ground, and made into cornmeal at historic mills like Prater's Mill, Berry College Mill, and Ogeechee River Mill and modern mills like Southeastern Mills and Logan Turnpike Mill;

(5) Cornmeal is then sold in stores and served in eating establishments throughout the state, and cornbread is enjoyed by young and old at home and in restaurants;

(6) Cornbread enjoys a singular stature in Georgia history and culture that is rivaled only by its undeniable appeal as a versatile and satisfying food; and

(7) Accordingly, it is abundantly fitting and proper that cornbread be designated as the official Georgia state bread so as to fully recognize the importance of this product to this state.

SECTION 3-2.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-3-95.

Cornbread is designated as the official Georgia state bread."

PART IV
SECTION 4-1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising Code Section 50-5-84.2, relating to contracting with companies owned by China, as follows:

"50-5-84.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Company' means any sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority owned subsidiaries, or parent companies~~, or affiliates~~ of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit.

~~(2) 'Government of China' means the People's Republic of China led by the Chinese Communist Party.~~

(2) 'Foreign country of concern' means a country whose government is designated as a foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4.

(3) 'Scrutinized company' means any company owned or operated by ~~the government of China~~ a foreign country of concern or any company in which the government of a foreign country of concern has an ownership stake.

(b) A scrutinized company shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on or submit a proposal for a contract, directly or through a third-party seller, with a state agency for goods or services, including, but not limited to, a contract for the procurement or purchase of computers, printers, connecting cables, or interoperable videoconferencing services used in connection with an office environment.

(c) A state agency shall require a company that submits a bid or proposal with respect to a contract for goods or services to certify that the company is not a scrutinized company.
(d) If the Department of Administrative Services determines that a company has submitted a false certification under subsection (c) of this Code section:
(1) The company shall be liable for a civil penalty in an amount that is equal to the greater of $250,000.00 or ~~twice~~ triple the amount of the ~~contract for which a bid or proposal was submitted~~ entire purchase value;
(2) The state agency or the Department of Administrative Services shall terminate the contract with the company; and
(3) The company shall be ineligible to, and shall not, bid on a state contract."

PART V
SECTION 5-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Sanchez of the 42nd asked the Speaker to rule on the germaneness of the Senate Substitute.

The Speaker ruled the Senate Substitute germane.

Representative Townsend of the 179th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 233.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	E McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	E New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	N Stinson
E Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	N Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	E Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	E Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 113, nays 51.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Townsend of the 179th et al., Reeves of the 99th et al., Jackson of the 68th et al., Mathiak of the 82nd et al., Stinson of the 150th, Hagan of the 156th, Tran of the 9th, Hilton of the 48th, Kendrick of the 95th et al., and Roberts of the 52nd.

By unanimous consent, the Rules were temporarily suspended in order that the following Bills and Resolutions of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 922. By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Stephens of the 164th, Ford of the 170th, McDonald III of the 26th, Powell of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding identification and regulation of motor vehicles and traffic, so as to prohibit local governments from regulating energy sources of motor vehicles and watercraft; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to create and establish a purpose for the Georgia Boating Access Task Force; to provide for duties related to ensuring safe and adequate boating access on any waters of this state; to provide for composition and manner of appointment of such task force and compensation for members; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

HB 923. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Silcox of the 53rd, Ridley of the 22nd and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to require pharmacies to furnish patients with written informational material when dispensing certain prescription drugs; to require pharmacies to provide a means to safely dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HB 924. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th, Stephens of the 164th, Burns of the 159th and Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System, so as to match the retirement benefit amounts payable to former legislators upon retirement and to currently retired legislators in retirement to those benefits which are payable upon retirement to legislators who were in office on or after January 1, 2022; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 925. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Scott of the 76th, Bazemore of the 69th, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 31, 33, 34, 37, 45, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, insurance, labor and industrial relations, mental health, public officers and employees, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to enact the "Georgia Maternal Health Momnibus Act"; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for a short title; to repeal Code Section 31-2A-19, relating to pilot program for home visitation during pregnancy and early childhood, reporting, and funding requirement; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 926. By Representative Campbell of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the General Assembly, so as to revise the oath of office to require that members conduct themselves with civility; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

HB 927. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, Miller of the 62nd, McQueen of the 61st and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to include certain relatives within mammogram coverage criteria for females at risk for breast cancer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 928. By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, McQueen of the 61st, Jackson of the 165th and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide that utilization review by an insurer shall not be required in the instance in which a physician has determined the existence of dense breast tissue and the medical necessity of a breast ultrasound; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance.

HB 929. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health generally, so as to provide for a three-year pilot program for dietetics services for public elementary and secondary school students and patients at federally qualified health centers; to provide for reimbursement; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for termination of the pilot

program and automatic repeal of the statute; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public and Community Health.

HB 930. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33, 34, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, labor and industrial relations, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for a refundable tax credit for grocery, transportation, and utility costs; to provide for a refundable tax credit for certain workforce development training expenses; to provide for the collection and administration of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 931. By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to establish a framework to control the high costs of prescription drugs in this state; to provide for definitions; to establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Board; to provide for such board's membership, powers, duties, and meetings; to provide for assessments;; to provide for penalties; to provide for annual reports; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for programs receiving certain funds to negotiate specialist rates; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

HR 950. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2025 as Foster Parent Appreciation Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HR 951. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Smith of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Juvenile.

HR 952. By Representatives Willis of the 55th and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Risks Associated with Hair Straightening Products; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 360. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 25th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to revise a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to authorize the credit to be claimed in the taxable year the year a certificate of occupancy is obtained for certain preapproved rehabilitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 360 (LC 50 1163S) by replacing on line 3* "the credit" *with* "a reduced credit".

By deleting "(1)" *on line 13.*

By replacing "2027, 2028, or 2029" *on lines 15 and 16 with* "2027 or 2028".

By replacing lines 19 through 24 with the following:

on or before July 1, 2026; provided, however, that any taxpayer that claims tax credits pursuant to this subsection in tax year 2026 shall only be allowed to claim such credits in an amount:

(A) Not to exceed 90 percent of the amount otherwise allowed pursuant to this Code section if such credit was preapproved for tax year 2027; or

(B) Not to exceed 85 percent of the amount otherwise allowed pursuant to this Code section if such credit was preapproved for tax year 2028."

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 360.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
E Buckner	Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	E Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
E Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 158, nays 5.

The motion prevailed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR #2
FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 40th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

UNCONTESTED HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HR 40	House Study Committee on Reinsurance for Essential Industries; create (SRules-Douglas-78th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 59 0182S)
HR 72	House Study Committee on Cancer Care Access; create (Hth-Hawkins-27th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1254S)
HR 304	House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking; create (P&CH-Au-50th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 4817S)
HR 429	House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 9-1-1; create (EU&T-Martin-49th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1255S)
HR 557	House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds; create (Substitute)(W&M-Kendrick-95th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0423S)
HR 558	House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; create (Substitute)(MotV-Corbett-174th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1257S)
HR 611	House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge; create (P&CH-Dempsey-13th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0424S)
HR 711	House Study Committee on Student Attendance in PreK-12 Education; create (Ed-Erwin-32nd)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 0861S)
HR 753	House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Rural Areas; create (RDev-Donatucci-105th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3208S)
HR 847	House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health; create (Substitute)(P&CH-Taylor-173rd) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 0862S)
HR 885	House Study Committee on Election Procedures; create (Rules-Anderson-10th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 57 0290S)
HR 887	House Study Committee on Reducing and Prioritizing Mandates for Public School Administration; create (Ed-Blackmon-146th)

DEBATE CALENDAR

Modified Structured Rule

SB 148 Public School Property and Facilities; outdoor learning spaces pilot program; provide (Substitute)(Ed-Hong-103rd) Hatchett-50th
(Rules Committee Substitute LC 61 0264S)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Parrish of the 158th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 40. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Williams of the 148th, Holcomb of the 101st, Taylor of the 173rd, Hugley of the 141st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Reinsurance for Essential Industries; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Reinsurance for Essential Industries; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, continual increases in both the frequency and severity of claims will increase the cost of the property and casualty reinsurance market, which results in higher premiums and lower coverage; and

WHEREAS, commercial property and casualty insurance brokers have reported quarterly price increases of an average of six percent, which can pressure insured entities to purchase inadequate products that do not reflect their actual exposure; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners states that rising claims costs driven primarily by increased frequency of severe storms and rising replacement costs continued to challenge United States property and casualty insurers; and

WHEREAS, these increasing prices disproportionally affect small businesses who may be forced to purchase lower limits that do not cover their replacement costs; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Tyler Harper and Governor Brian P. Kemp, the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the Georgia Forestry Commission announced the preliminary estimate of Hurricane Helene's economic impact on Georgia agriculture is $6.46 billion; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Tyler Harper stated, "The future is uncertain for thousands of Georgia farmers and farm families who were devastated by Hurricane Helene"; and

WHEREAS, increased capacity in Georgia's commercial property and casualty reinsurance market will significantly reduce the overhead costs for all businesses, especially small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Reinsurance for Essential Industries.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of seven members.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the House of Representatives who are members of the House Committee on Insurance.

(C) The Speaker shall also appoint an additional two nonlegislative members of the committee as follows:

(i) The Commissioner of Insurance, or his or her designee; and

(ii) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or his or her designee.

(D) The Speaker shall also designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.**

(A) The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above and the terms and conditions necessary for public-private partnerships in Georgia's commercial property and casualty reinsurance market, under which the Georgia Department of Insurance will calculate reinsurance payments to issuers participating in Georgia's Reinsurance for Essential Industries Program.

(B) The committee shall identify:

(i) Ways in which the state can facilitate special risk pools with public-private funds;

(ii) The approximate amount of funding necessary for premium reductions for special risk pools;

(iii) Criteria to identify essential industries of strategic interest in the state facilitated special risk pools; and

(iv) Industries whose premium reductions would be the most beneficial for Georgia's economy.

(C) The committee shall recommend any action or legislation which it deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 72. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Silcox of the 53rd and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Cancer Care Access; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Cancer Care Access; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, rural Georgians and minority populations in this state often lack access to quality cancer care and there is a need to evaluate and make recommendations for such care; and

WHEREAS, ideas and incentives to increase cancer screenings statewide should be evaluated, including a return on investment assessment of prevention and early detection efforts, to determine quality cancer care; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact and significance of cancer care centers and other care facilities in Georgia needs to be explored; and

WHEREAS, medical education programs that attract and retain cancer physicians, nurses, advance practice providers, and clinical researchers are important to this state; and

WHEREAS, workforce development initiatives for cancer care providers including those described herein as well as licensed clinical social workers, community health workers, and navigators may benefit this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Cancer Care Access.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall also appoint an additional seven members of the committee as follows: two representatives of Georgia's medical or public health schools; one primary care physician; one community oncologist practicing in a rural community; and one representative from Georgia's federally qualified health centers; and two others representing cancer survivors, hospitals or medical centers, caregivers, navigators, or other areas of expertise. The Speaker shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee shall hold four such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairpersons and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 304. By Representatives Au of the 50th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, smoking leads to disease and disability and harms nearly every organ of the body; and

WHEREAS, more than 16 million Americans are living with a disease caused by smoking; and

WHEREAS, for every person who dies because of smoking, at least 30 people live with a serious smoking related illness; and

WHEREAS, smoking causes cancer, heart disease, vascular disease, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Smoking also increases risk for tuberculosis, certain eye diseases, and problems of the immune system, including rheumatoid arthritis; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke exposure contributes to approximately 41,000 deaths among nonsmoking adults and 400 deaths in infants each year. Secondhand smoke causes stroke, lung cancer, coronary heart disease, and reproductive health complications in adults. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, middle ear disease, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, and slowed lung growth; and

WHEREAS, smoking related illness in the United States costs more than $300 billion each year, including more than $225 billion for direct medical care for adults and more than $156 billion in lost productivity, including $5.6 billion in lost productivity due to secondhand smoke exposure; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to examine the cost of smoking, including short-term and long-term health care costs, the impact on Medicaid and Medicare, childhood health costs resulting from secondhand smoke exposure, and the loss of worker productivity attributed to smoking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee**. There is created the House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint all members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as chairperson.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairpersons and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment**. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 429. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Parsons of the 44th, Drenner of the 85th, Crowe of the 118th and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 9-1-1; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 9-1-1; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's current 9-1-1 system does not fully realize the advancements in technology and communications to serve 9-1-1 callers in this state as effectively as possible; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 240 million calls are made to 9-1-1 in the United States each year and an estimated 85 percent of all calls made to 9-1-1 originate from a mobile device; and

WHEREAS, Next Generation 9-1-1 is an advanced system that modernizes and enhances the capabilities of current 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's current 9-1-1 infrastructure has remained largely unchanged since its inception in 1968, and the state's current 9-1-1 funding model was created and authorized by the Georgia General Assembly in 1977; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Georgia and its residents to establish a committee dedicated to a comprehensive review of the state's current 9-1-1 funding provisions and to study and identify any reforms necessary to provide adequate funding to support the transition from legacy 9-1-1 centers to modern Next Generation 9-1-1 centers in a manner that will ensure that their current and future operations can be fully realized in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 9-1-1.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 557. By Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Holcomb of the 101st, Jones of the 25th, Evans of the 57th and Stephens of the 164th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia has been named the best place to do business for several years in a row; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of this state is striving to make Georgia one of the top investment capitals of the world; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has a thriving business community that seeks to attract more investment capital and examine conditions for potential enhancement of growth capital investments; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the General Assembly created the Invest Georgia fund to increase the amount of investment available to early stages of business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives. The members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Two members shall be appointed from the Minority Caucus. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(E) The report shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by January 14, 2026.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2025.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia has been named the best place to do business for several years in a row; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of this state is striving to make Georgia one of the top investment capitals of the world; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has a thriving business community that seeks to attract more investment capital and examine conditions for potential enhancement of growth capital investments; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the General Assembly created the Invest Georgia fund to increase the amount of investment available to early stages of business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives. The members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Two members shall be appointed from the Minority Caucus. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(E) The report shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by January 14, 2026.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 558. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Jones of the 25th and Mathis of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of illegal temporary operating permits issued by Georgia licensed dealers in this state and in other states; and

WHEREAS, the department reports that a substantial number of licensed dealers are selling temporary operating permits, which is illegal, and improperly issuing multiple temporary operating permits to customers when the dealers cannot timely process the title application; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers and industry leaders have expressed concerns over the abuse of dealer plates with how the plates are used to avoid the payment of title ad valorem taxes on luxury motor vehicles and to avoid personal responsibility for citations for moving violations and unpaid tolls; and

WHEREAS, the department reports that it has discovered licensed motor vehicle dealers selling or renting their dealer plates, which is illegal, and even sharing forged copies of their dealer plates; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials report that criminals in Georgia and other states have used illegally issued temporary operating permits, rented dealer plates, and forged copies of dealer plates to move stolen motor vehicles and drugs, avoid payment of title ad valorem tax and title and registration fees, operate vehicles without passing required federal emissions standards, and operate vehicles without minimum liability insurance; and

WHEREAS, although temporary operating permits and motor vehicle dealer license plates are overseen by the Department of Revenue, used car dealers are currently regulated by the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers which is overseen by the Secretary of State's office; and

WHEREAS, study is needed to determine whether regulation of the used motor vehicle industry would be best suited within the same agency that is responsible for issuing license plates that are essential for the operation of such business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House Committee on Motor Vehicles and one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House Committee on Regulated Industries. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also designate one of such members as chairperson;

(B) The Secretary of State or his or her designee;

(C) The commissioner of the Department of Revenue or his or her designee;

(D) One representative from a state or local law enforcement agency with experience in motor vehicle crimes, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(E) One member of the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of illegal temporary operating permits issued by Georgia licensed dealers in this state and in other states; and

WHEREAS, the department reports that a substantial number of licensed dealers are selling temporary operating permits, which is illegal, and improperly issuing multiple temporary operating permits to customers when the dealers cannot timely process the title application; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers and industry leaders have expressed concerns over the abuse of dealer plates with how the plates are used to avoid the payment of title ad valorem taxes on luxury motor vehicles and to avoid personal responsibility for citations for moving violations and unpaid tolls; and

WHEREAS, the department reports that it has discovered licensed motor vehicle dealers selling or renting their dealer plates, which is illegal, and even sharing forged copies of their dealer plates; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials report that criminals in Georgia and other states have used illegally issued temporary operating permits, rented dealer plates, and forged copies of dealer plates to move stolen motor vehicles and drugs, avoid payment of title ad valorem tax and title and registration fees, operate vehicles without passing required federal emissions standards, and operate vehicles without minimum liability insurance; and

WHEREAS, although temporary operating permits and motor vehicle dealer license plates are overseen by the Department of Revenue, used car dealers are currently regulated by the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers which is overseen by the Secretary of State's office; and

WHEREAS, study is needed to determine whether regulation of the used motor vehicle industry would be best suited within the same agency that is responsible for issuing license plates that are essential for the operation of such business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House Committee on Motor Vehicles and one of whom shall be the chairperson of the House Committee on Regulated Industries. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also designate one of such members as chairperson;

(B) The Secretary of State or his or her designee;

(C) The commissioner of the Department of Revenue or his or her designee;

(D) One representative from a state or local law enforcement agency with experience in motor vehicle crimes, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(E) One member of the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 611. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Crawford of the 89th and Hatchett of the 155th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, study is needed to provide gap analysis of community services and resources provided by the public, nonprofit, and private sectors to better support minors being discharged from psychiatric hospitalization and acute hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, exploration is also needed into the availability of step-down services, community-based support services, and evidence-based prevention and treatment services and to identify shortfalls in such services; and

WHEREAS, clearly defined and delineated responsibilities of the state, hospital providers, and health insurers should be determined regarding their obligations to serve minors admitted and discharged from psychiatric hospitalization or any other type of out-of-home care; and

WHEREAS, exploration is needed to understand how to engage care coordination more effectively to better serve minors being discharged from psychiatric hospitalization or any other type of out-of-home care; and

WHEREAS, better determinations are needed of the costs associated with meeting the needs of Georgia children with mental health issues seeking services; and

WHEREAS, exploration is needed of programs that will prevent parents' disengagement, and abandonment, and that will assist parents in achieving goals concerning service, treatment, and reunification plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the challenges faced by abandoned children following discharge from psychiatric hospitalization or other types of out-of-home care.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary

or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 711. By Representatives Erwin of the 32nd, Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Cheokas of the 151st and Cannon of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Student Attendance in PreK-12 Education; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Student Attendance in PreK-12 Education; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10 percent or more of school days, is a critical barrier to student achievement and negatively impacts literacy rates, academic performance, and long-term education and career outcomes; and

WHEREAS, literacy and workforce readiness are key priorities for the state, and evidence based programs aimed at improving student achievement cannot be effective if students are not consistently present to benefit from instruction; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia had a chronic absenteeism rate of 21.7 percent in 2024, with significant outliers in both rural and urban schools; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta Public Schools reported a chronic absenteeism rate of 35.4 percent in the 2022-2023 school year, a sharp increase from 21 percent in the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, Decatur County Schools reported a chronic absenteeism rate of 38.1 percent in the 2023-2024 school year, a sharp increase from 22.1 percent in the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, absenteeism can be attributed to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, health issues, family instability, socioeconomic barriers, transportation difficulties, and school climate concerns; and

WHEREAS, addressing chronic absenteeism requires a collaborative and multifaceted approach that involves school administrators, educators, parents, policymakers, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that early intervention and targeted support programs can significantly reduce chronic absenteeism and its negative effects; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2024, the Department of Education demonstrated its commitment to addressing this issue by hosting a summit which was attended by representatives from multiple state agencies, education organizations, and local school systems in an effort to raise awareness and develop collaborative solutions; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of student attendance in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 education is needed for legislators, education leaders, and community stakeholders to examine the root causes of chronic absenteeism, evaluate best practices for improving student attendance and engagement, and recommend legislative and policy initiatives to improve student attendance and engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Student Attendance in PreK-12 Education.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker House of Representatives. The Speaker House of Representatives shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 753. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th and Clifton of the 131st:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Rural Areas; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

SECTION 1.

Creating the House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Underserved Areas; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, 75 percent of Georgia counties are considered rural; and

WHEREAS, rural Georgian communities often lack access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, one in ten Georgians live in a county with no more than a single physician; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have reported that approximately 40 counties, making up roughly one-quarter of Georgia's total county count, have no internal medicine physician; and

WHEREAS, Georgia ranked fortieth among all states in the ratio of active patient care physicians to the population, with one physician for every 480 people; and

WHEREAS, as of last year, 142 of Georgia's 159 counties are healthcare professional shortage areas, meaning there are 3,500 or more patients for every one provider; and

WHEREAS, rural communities within the state are challenged with recruiting and retaining healthcare providers and staff; and

WHEREAS, transportation is not always accessible in rural areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, three out of four counties in Georgia are considered health transportation shortage areas; and

WHEREAS, health transportation shortage areas experience increased levels of transportation barriers to healthcare, such as public transportation availability and high household poverty rates; and

WHEREAS, a study committee is needed to thoroughly evaluate the most prudent and cost-effective ways to increase access to internal medicine in rural Georgian communities, with particular focus on those rural communities experiencing health transportation shortages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Underserved Areas.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of eight members.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the House of Representatives.

(C) The Speaker shall also appoint an additional three nonlegislative members of the committee who are licensed healthcare providers in this state and who are familiar with the needs of rural Georgia.

(D) The Speaker shall also designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

SECTION 2.

Creating the House Study Committee on the Affordability and Accessibility of Georgia's Legitimation Process; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, in Georgia, a biological father who is not married to the mother of his child at the time of such child's birth must file a separate legal petition in order to legitimate the child and obtain legal rights as a parent; and

WHEREAS, the benefit of having two parents responsible for a child is known to have a positive effect on a child's welfare; and

WHEREAS, in Georgia, biological fathers who wish to obtain parental rights to their children are discouraged from doing so, often due to a lack of resources or awareness of the costs associated with legitimation; and

WHEREAS, it is worth considering whether the legitimation process in Georgia may be improved in a way that yields it more affordable and accessible, particularly for those biological fathers with limited financial resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on the Affordability and Accessibility of Georgia's Legitimation Process.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.

Creating the House Study Committee on Gaming in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly has long considered multiple legislative measures to permit the voters of Georgia to decide whether or not to allow the state and its counties to decide whether or not to authorize or opt in to land based destination resort casinos, pari-mutuel and fixed-odds horse racing, and whether or not to permit digital, retail, and on-premise sports betting; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs to determine how legalization of gaming in this state if approved by the people and enabled by the General Assembly would contribute to the economy and workforce development of this state as to revenue expectations and quality of jobs being available when weighed against what social and societal ills may come to Georgia if gaming is approved by the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs to determine if the legalization of gaming would also increase tax revenues for Georgia and aid in meeting the budgetary demands of government; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens travel substantial distances to engage in gaming activities and enjoy the resort atmosphere in states such as Nevada, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, and Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, if gaming was expanded in this state, the money spent in other states might remain with the industries and tax revenues of this state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a large agricultural industry that contributes significantly to the economy of this state and a portion of that industry is involved with the breeding, raising, and training of horses; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in this state could aid in the further development and expansion of Georgia's horse breeding and raising industry and foster its contribution to the economy of this state; and

WHEREAS, the financial implications for the state of such potential legalization as well as previously considered measures by the General Assembly to improve Georgia's economy deserve to be further considered and studied along with the social, fiscal, and economic impacts and the financial viability of such endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Gaming in the State of Georgia.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members. The members of the committee shall be the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means, the House Committee on Regulated Industries, and the House Committee on Economic Development and four other members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to serve as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee shall hold at least four public hearings at various locations throughout this state and at least one meeting to discuss and finalize findings. Such hearings and meeting shall be conducted at such places and at such times as deemed necessary or convenient to enable the committee to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.** The committee shall adopt specific findings or recommendations that include proposed legislation, and the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 847. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Dempsey of the 13th, Parrish of the 158th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia's health security and financial well-being depend on a growing, fully funded state and local public health system; and

WHEREAS, as the former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop once said, "Health care is vital to all us some of the time, but public health is vital to all of us all of the time"; and

WHEREAS, increases in public health spending have been shown to reduce preventable deaths, and healthier communities support stronger economies; and

WHEREAS, public health has historically been underfunded, specifically when compared with healthcare. In fact, less than one in every ten state general fund dollars spent on Georgia's three primary health agencies goes to the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, additional support may be necessary to shape a state public health budget that contributes to a sustainable public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study how Georgia's public health system is structured and funded and to evaluate what services such system currently provides to determine whether action by the state is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia's health security and financial well-being depend on a growing, fully funded state and local public health system; and

WHEREAS, as the former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop once said, "Health care is vital to all us some of the time, but public health is vital to all of us all of the time"; and

WHEREAS, increases in public health spending have been shown to reduce preventable deaths, and healthier communities support stronger economies; and

WHEREAS, public health has historically been underfunded, specifically when compared with healthcare. In fact, less than one in every ten state general fund dollars spent on Georgia's three primary health agencies goes to the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, additional support may be necessary to shape a state public health budget that contributes to a sustainable public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study how Georgia's public health system is structured and funded and to evaluate what services such system currently provides to determine whether action by the state is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 885. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Thomas of the 21st, Fleming of the 114th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Election Procedures; and for other purposes.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the House Study Committee on Election Procedures; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the elective franchise is the cornerstone of our representative government; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution provides that elections in Georgia shall be conducted in accordance with procedures provided by law; and

WHEREAS, over the years Georgia election laws have divided responsibility for administering and overseeing elections to a variety of state-wide and local officials and boards, including but not limited to the Secretary of State, the State Election Board, and local election superintendents and registrars; and

WHEREAS, while certain provisions of the Georgia Election Code, Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., have been updated and modernized in recent years, other provisions have remained unchanged since the original adoption of the state-wide Election Code in 1964; and

WHEREAS, further study and evaluation of the laws, policies, and procedures utilized in administering Georgia elections is warranted; and

WHEREAS, the state has a compelling governmental interest in ensuring that Georgia has the most secure and effective electoral system in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

(1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee on Election Procedures.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of a number of members of the House of Representatives as determined and appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate the chairperson of the House Committee on Governmental Affairs as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee; provided, however, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives may set a maximum number of meetings that the committee may conduct. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the

committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2025.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to, by substitute.

HR 887. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Erwin of the 32nd and Horner of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Reducing and Prioritizing Mandates for Public School Administration; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Resolutions.

On the adoption of the Resolutions, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	E Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser

Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolutions, the ayes were 166, nays 0.

The Resolutions, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were adopted.

SB 148. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Rahman of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 11 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school property and facilities, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and withdrawn:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to remove the requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs; to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Article 11, relating to public school property and facilities, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

(a) The Department of Education is authorized to establish a pilot program, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, to provide for the development and study of outdoor learning spaces on elementary and secondary school property. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine whether and how to implement best practices and design standards for outdoor learning spaces.

(b) The Department of Education is authorized to select elementary or secondary schools with sufficient existing or potential outdoor learning spaces for participation in the pilot program as pilot schools. Private, nonprofit, and local school system funding may be utilized by such pilot schools for community engagement, school grounds design support, and capital construction costs. The local board of education for each pilot school shall agree to implement a program to incorporate outdoor learning spaces into the existing curriculum and to continue to provide such program for a period no shorter than three years.

(c) The Department of Education shall provide for an evaluation regarding the success and impact of the pilot program upon completion of the third year of the pilot program and shall report the results of such evaluation to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee."

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillators required in high schools, requirements, and funding, as follows:

"20-2-775.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuously recording cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Emergency action plan' means the plan established pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section to provide for an emergency response to a person in cardiac arrest.

(3) 'Internal response team' means the team of school personnel established pursuant to paragraph ~~(7)~~(6) of subsection (c) of this Code section responsible for oversight of an emergency response to a person in cardiac arrest and implementation of the emergency action plan.

(4) 'School' means a public school in this state which provides K-12 education.

(b) No later than July 1, 2025, each school in this state shall have at least one functional automated external defibrillator on site at such school at all times and easily accessible during all school hours and during any school related function, including athletic

practices, athletic competitions, and other occasions where students and others will be present, for use during emergencies.

(c) Each school shall:

(1) Ensure that each member of the internal response team and any other expected users of the automated external defibrillator receive American Heart Association or American Red Cross training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use or complete an equivalent nationally recognized course;

(2) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and location of each automated external defibrillator prior to said automated external defibrillator being placed in use;

(3) Ensure that the automated external defibrillator is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

~~(4) Ensure that there is involvement of a licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board in the site's automated external defibrillator program to ensure compliance with requirements for training, notification, and maintenance;~~

~~(5)~~(4) Establish a written emergency action plan that adheres to nationally recognized standards and that establishes specific steps to take during a cardiac emergency in a school setting. Such plan shall be designed to provide for an effective system for communication between members of the internal response team and other school officials, ensuring that the internal response team or other designated personnel activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator and ~~report any clinical use of the automated external defibrillator to the licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board who is supervising the program, and~~ ensuring that emergency medical services personnel are led directly to the exact location of the person in cardiac arrest;

~~(6)~~(5) Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, conduct a minimum of two emergency action plan practice drills per school year, with at least one per semester. One such practice drill may be a tabletop drill to walk through a hypothetical scenario and the courses of action a school will need to take before, during, and after a cardiac emergency. The emergency action plan practice drills shall include various locations on school grounds and responses to different hypothetical situations;

~~(7)~~(6) Establish a designated internal response team composed of:

(A) At least five school staff members;

(B) One or more designated team leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use and responsible for oversight of an emergency response;

(C) One or more designated cardiopulmonary resuscitation leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use;

(D) One or more designated automated external defibrillator leads, responsible for knowing the location of automated external defibrillators, retrieving automated external defibrillators, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators; and

(E) One or more designated communication leads responsible for activating the emergency medical services system, facilitating directions to the person in cardiac arrest for emergency medical services personnel upon arrival at the school, and coordinating communications with the designated team lead or leads; and

~~(8)~~(7) Apprise all school personnel of the location of automated external defibrillators and the members of the internal response team.

(d) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the Department of Education shall provide funds to local school systems to assist in the purchase of automated external defibrillators pursuant to this Code section.

(e) The department and local school systems shall use diligent efforts to identify private sources of funding or donation of funding and equipment to meet the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-851, relating to use of accumulated sick leave for personal or professional reasons, as follows:

"20-2-851.

During any school year, personnel may utilize up to a maximum of ~~three~~ five days of any accumulated sick leave for the purpose of absenting themselves from their duties for personal or professional reasons if prior approval of their absence is given by the local school superintendent or his or her authorized representative; provided, however, that the absence is not in conflict with a local board of education policy concerning school days on which the presence of the personnel requesting absence is essential for effective school operation. No grant of approval for an absence permitted under this Code section shall be conditioned upon disclosure of the specific purpose for which such absence is sought, nor shall any such grant of approval be withheld or denied because of the failure or refusal of personnel to disclose the specific purpose for which such an absence is sought; provided, however, that personnel may be requested to state whether the absence is sought under the category of 'personal' or 'professional' absence."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following substitute, offered by the Committee on Rules, was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that local boards of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12; to provide for the adoption of content standards by the State Board of Education; to provide that local boards of education may establish a curriculum in hunting safety; to provide for instructor

requirements; to provide for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program; to provide for a pilot program evaluation and report; to remove the requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs; to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended in Part 14 of Article 6, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," by revising Code Section 20-2-308, which is reserved, as follows:

"20-2-308.

(a) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each local board of education shall be authorized to provide instruction in hunting safety in grades six through 12, which instruction may be incorporated into an existing course of study.

(b) No later than April 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall adopt content standards for such instruction in hunting safety.

(c) Each local board of education shall be authorized to establish a curriculum for instruction in hunting safety, which curriculum shall be based on the hunter education courses offered by the Department of Natural Resources.

(d) Instruction in hunting safety offered pursuant to this Code section shall be taught by an individual who is certified as a hunter education instructor by the Department of Natural Resources. ~~Reserved.~~"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Article 11, relating to public school property and facilities, by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 4

20-2-590.

(a) The Department of Education is authorized to establish a pilot program, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, to provide for the development and study of outdoor learning spaces on elementary and secondary school property. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine whether and how to implement best practices and design standards for outdoor learning spaces.

(b) The Department of Education is authorized to select elementary or secondary schools with sufficient existing or potential outdoor learning spaces for participation in the pilot program as pilot schools. Private, nonprofit, and local school system funding may be utilized by such pilot schools for community engagement, school grounds design support,

and capital construction costs. The local board of education for each pilot school shall agree to implement a program to incorporate outdoor learning spaces into the existing curriculum and to continue to provide such program for a period no shorter than three years.

(c) The Department of Education shall provide for an evaluation regarding the success and impact of the pilot program upon completion of the third year of the pilot program and shall report the results of such evaluation to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillators required in high schools, requirements, and funding, as follows:

"20-2-775.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated external defibrillator' means a defibrillator which:

(A) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

(B) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

(C) Is capable of continuously recording cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

(2) 'Emergency action plan' means the plan established pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section to provide for an emergency response to a person in cardiac arrest.

(3) 'Internal response team' means the team of school personnel established pursuant to paragraph ~~(7)~~ (6) of subsection (c) of this Code section responsible for oversight of an emergency response to a person in cardiac arrest and implementation of the emergency action plan.

(4) 'School' means a public school in this state which provides K-12 education.

(b) No later than July 1, 2025, each school in this state shall have at least one functional automated external defibrillator on site at such school at all times and easily accessible during all school hours and during any school related function, including athletic practices, athletic competitions, and other occasions where students and others will be present, for use during emergencies.

(c) Each school shall:

(1) Ensure that each member of the internal response team and any other expected users of the automated external defibrillator receive American Heart Association or American Red Cross training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use or complete an equivalent nationally recognized course;

(2) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and location of each automated external defibrillator prior to said automated external defibrillator being placed in use;

(3) Ensure that the automated external defibrillator is maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

~~(4) Ensure that there is involvement of a licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board in the site's automated external defibrillator program to ensure compliance with requirements for training, notification, and maintenance;~~

~~(5)~~(4) Establish a written emergency action plan that adheres to nationally recognized standards and that establishes specific steps to take during a cardiac emergency in a school setting. Such plan shall be designed to provide for an effective system for communication between members of the internal response team and other school officials, ensuring that the internal response team or other designated personnel activate the emergency medical services system as soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator and ~~report any clinical use of the automated external defibrillator to the licensed physician or other person authorized by the Georgia Composite Medical Board who is supervising the program, and~~ ensuring that emergency medical services personnel are led directly to the exact location of the person in cardiac arrest;

~~(6)~~(5) Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, conduct a minimum of two emergency action plan practice drills per school year, with at least one per semester. One such practice drill may be a tabletop drill to walk through a hypothetical scenario and the courses of action a school will need to take before, during, and after a cardiac emergency. The emergency action plan practice drills shall include various locations on school grounds and responses to different hypothetical situations;

~~(7)~~(6) Establish a designated internal response team composed of:

(A) At least five school staff members;

(B) One or more designated team leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use and responsible for oversight of an emergency response;

(C) One or more designated cardiopulmonary resuscitation leads trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use;

(D) One or more designated automated external defibrillator leads, responsible for knowing the location of automated external defibrillators, retrieving automated external defibrillators, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators; and

(E) One or more designated communication leads responsible for activating the emergency medical services system, facilitating directions to the person in cardiac arrest for emergency medical services personnel upon arrival at the school, and coordinating communications with the designated team lead or leads; and

~~(8)~~(7) Apprise all school personnel of the location of automated external defibrillators and the members of the internal response team.

(d) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the Department of Education shall provide funds to local school systems to assist in the purchase of automated external defibrillators pursuant to this Code section.

(e) The department and local school systems shall use diligent efforts to identify private sources of funding or donation of funding and equipment to meet the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-851, relating to use of accumulated sick leave for personal or professional reasons, as follows:

"20-2-851.

During any school year, personnel may utilize up to a maximum of ~~three~~ five days of any accumulated sick leave for the purpose of absenting themselves from their duties for personal or professional reasons if prior approval of their absence is given by the local school superintendent or his or her authorized representative; provided, however, that the absence is not in conflict with a local board of education policy concerning school days on which the presence of the personnel requesting absence is essential for effective school operation. No grant of approval for an absence permitted under this Code section shall be conditioned upon disclosure of the specific purpose for which such absence is sought, nor shall any such grant of approval be withheld or denied because of the failure or refusal of personnel to disclose the specific purpose for which such an absence is sought; provided, however, that personnel may be requested to state whether the absence is sought under the category of 'personal' or 'professional' absence."

SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, by substitute.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
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Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend

Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 165, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 652. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Holcomb of the 101st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to provide for an exception for collection of motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 296. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and

renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 224. By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Blackmon of the 146th, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 138th, Sainz of the 180th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to highways, bridges, and ferries, so as to authorize the construction or maintenance of roads upon military bases or installations by the Department of Transportation when done so through agreement with and when paid for by the United States Department of Defense or other federal entity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Bill of the House was taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 651. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Corbett of the 174th, Erwin of the 32nd, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, so as to revise provisions relative to the use of

automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to revise standards for signs warning of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to repeal exceptions to making a case based upon use of speed detection devices; to provide for investigations relative to complaints and violations; to provide for penalties for misuse or unauthorized use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to authorize revocation of permits relating to such devices; to include civil monetary penalties collected for violations of speed limits enforced by automated traffic enforcement safety devices for consideration of the maximum percent of a law enforcement agency's budget; to provide for hearing rights upon revocation of permits for operation of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for appeal; to provide for the ability of a local government to decrease time frames for issuing citations for the violation of posted speed limit by ten miles per hour or more in a school zone through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to revise application procedure for a permit to operate such devices; to prohibit the assessment of late fees, surcharges, and taxes relating to civil monetary penalties; to provide standards for notice sent for imposition of a civil monetary penalty; to provide for distribution of moneys collected; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to speed detection devices, is amended in Code Section 40-14-6, relating to warning signs required and signage requirements, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) In addition to the signs required under subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, each law enforcement agency using an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for in Code Section 40-14-18 shall erect signs warning of the use of ~~a stationary speed detection~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within ~~the~~ an approaching school zone. Such signs shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in area, shall be visible plainly from every lane of traffic, shall be viewable in all traffic conditions, and shall not be placed in such a manner that the view of such sign is subject to being obstructed by any other vehicle on such highway. Automated traffic enforcement safety device warning ~~Such~~ signs shall be placed within 500 feet prior to ~~the~~ any warning sign announcing the reduction of the speed limit for the school ~~speed~~ zone. Such signs shall include lights which flash yellow in accordance with any rule or regulation established by the Department of Transportation when the automated traffic enforcement safety device is authorized to issue citations pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such signs are properly installed pursuant to this subsection at the time of any alleged violation under this article."

SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-8, relating to when case may be made and conviction had, as follows:

"40-14-8.

~~(a)~~ No county, city, or campus officer shall be allowed to make a case based on the use of any speed detection device, unless the speed of the motor vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit by more than ten miles per hour and no conviction shall be had thereon unless such speed is more than ten miles per hour above the posted speed limit.

~~(b) The limitations contained in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply in properly marked school zones one hour before, during, and one hour after the normal hours of school operation or programs for care and supervision of students before school, after school, or during vacation periods as provided for under Code Section 20-2-65, in properly marked historic districts, and in properly marked residential zones. For purposes of this chapter, thoroughfares with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or more shall not be considered residential districts. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'historic district' means a historic district as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 44-10-22 and which is listed on the Georgia Register of Historic Places or as defined by ordinance adopted pursuant to a local constitutional amendment.~~"

SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-11, relating to investigations by commissioner of public safety, issuance of order suspending or revoking permit, and ratio of speeding fines to agency's budget, as follows:

"40-14-11.

(a) Upon a complaint being made to the commissioner of public safety that any county, municipality, college, ~~or~~ university, or agent is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of the public health, welfare, and safety or in a manner which violates this chapter or violates its speed detection device permit, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee is authorized and empowered to conduct an investigation into the acts and practices of such county, municipality, college, ~~or~~ university, or agent with respect to speed detection devices. If, as a result of ~~this~~ such investigation, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee finds that there is probable cause to suspend or revoke the speed detection device permit of such county, municipality, college, or university, he or she shall issue an order to that effect.

(b) Upon the suspension or revocation of any speed detection device permit for the reasons set forth in this Code section, the commissioner of public safety shall notify the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council of the action taken. When the speed detection device is an automated traffic enforcement safety device, the commissioner of public safety shall send a copy of such order to the commissioner of transportation.

(c) Upon receipt from the executive director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council that ~~an~~ a peace officer's certification to operate speed detection devices has been withdrawn or suspended pursuant to Code Section 35-8-12, the commissioner

of public safety or the commissioner's designee shall suspend the speed detection device permit for the employing agency. The period of suspension or revocation shall be consistent with the action taken by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

(d) Upon the conclusion of an investigation pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, any agent, law enforcement agency, or governing body found to have intentionally violated any provision of this chapter relating to automated traffic enforcement safety devices, including, but not limited to, the unauthorized issuance of a civil monetary penalty for a violation of this title other than as provided for in this chapter, shall be assessed a fine of $2,500.00 for the first violation and $5,000.00 for a second violation by the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner of public safety shall be further authorized to suspend all speed detection device permits relating to the operation of automated traffic enforcement safety devices for a jurisdiction upon a third or subsequent finding of a violation of this chapter. The commissioner of public safety shall notify the Department of Transportation of any such suspension, and the Department of Transportation shall suspend the operating permit for an automated traffic enforcement safety device for such jurisdiction upon receipt of such notice and for a period not to exceed 12 months.

(e) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement agency is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of the public health, welfare, and safety if the fines or civil monetary penalties levied based on the use of speed detection devices for speeding offenses are equal to or greater than 35 percent of a municipal or county law enforcement agency's budget. For purposes of this Code section, fines collected for citations issued for violations of Code Section 40-6-180 shall be included when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency; provided, however, that fines for speeding violations exceeding 20 miles per hour over the established speed limit ~~and civil monetary penalties for speeding violations issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18~~ shall not be considered when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency."

SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-12, relating to administrative hearing upon permit suspension or revocation, as follows:

"40-14-12.

(a) Upon issuance by the commissioner of public safety of an order suspending or revoking the speed detection device permit of any county, municipality, college, or university, the county, municipality, college, or university affected shall be afforded a hearing, to be held within ten days of the effective date of the order. The hearing shall be held before the commissioner or deputy commissioner of public safety, and, following ~~the~~ such hearing, the county, municipality, college, or university affected shall be served with a written decision announcing whether the permit shall remain revoked or whether it shall be reinstated.

(b) Upon issuance of an order by the commissioner of transportation suspending or revoking an operating permit for an automated traffic enforcement safety device, the affected governing body shall be afforded a hearing, to be held within ten days of the effective date of the order. The hearing shall be held before the commissioner of transportation, and, following such hearing, the affected governing body shall be served with a written decision announcing whether the permit shall remain revoked or whether it shall be reinstated."

SECTION 5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-13, relating to administrative and judicial appeal of decision suspending or revoking permit, as follows:

"40-14-13.

(a) Any county, municipality, college, or university aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner or deputy commissioner of public safety suspending or revoking its speed detection device permit may appeal that decision within 30 days of its effective date to the Board of Public Safety, which shall schedule a hearing with respect ~~thereto~~ to such hearing before the board. Following a hearing before the board, the county, municipality, college, or university affected shall be served with a written decision announcing whether the permit shall remain revoked or whether it shall be reinstated. An adverse decision of the board may be appealed by the county, municipality, college, or university to the superior court with appropriate jurisdiction, but the ~~municipality,~~ county, municipality, college, or university shall be denied the use of the speed detection device until after such appeal is decided by the court.

(b) Any governing body aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner of transportation suspending or revoking its operating permit for an automated traffic enforcement safety device may appeal such decision within 30 days of its effective date to the superior court with appropriate jurisdiction; provided, however, that the governing body shall be denied the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device until after such appeal is decided by the court."

SECTION 6.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, as follows:

"40-14-18.

(a)(1) The speed limit within any school zone ~~as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and~~ marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced by using ~~photographically~~ recorded images for violations which occurred only on a school day during the time in which instructional classes are taking place and for one hour before such classes are scheduled to begin and for one hour after such classes have concluded ~~when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit~~; provided, however, that a governing body of a county or municipality shall be authorized to enact an ordinance or resolution which provides for further limitations upon the hours when

enforcement may take place than as authorized by this paragraph. Violations enforced pursuant to this paragraph shall be based upon the ten miles per over the reduced speed limit when a reduction for the speed limit for a school zone is in effect and ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit for the school zone when no reduced speed limit is in effect.

(2) Prior to the placement of ~~a~~ an automated traffic enforcement safety device within a school zone, ~~each school within whose school zone~~ the governing body of the county or municipality whose law enforcement agency is authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone where such ~~automated traffic enforcement safety~~ device is to be placed and which holds a valid permit for the operation of speed detection devices issued by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Code Section 40-14-2 shall first apply for and secure a permit from the Department of Transportation for the use of such automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such permit shall be awarded based upon need. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this paragraph.

(b) For the purpose of enforcement pursuant to this Code section:

(1) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the governing body of the law enforcement agency ~~provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection~~ authorized to enforce the speed limit within the school zone where an automated traffic enforcement safety device is located if such motor vehicle is found, as evidenced by ~~photographically~~ recorded images, to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of the posted speed limit within ~~any~~ a school zone and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such civil monetary penalty shall be $75.00 for a ~~first violation and $125.00 for a second or any subsequent~~ violation, in addition to fees associated with the electronic processing of such civil monetary penalty which shall not exceed ~~$25.00~~ five percent when payment is made by credit card, check, or money order; provided, however, that for a period of 30 days after the first automated traffic enforcement safety device is introduced ~~by a law enforcement agency~~ within a school zone, the ~~driver~~ owner of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for a civil monetary penalty but shall be issued a civil warning for disregard or disobedience of the posted speed limit within the school zone;

(2) A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone~~,~~ or an agent ~~working on behalf of a law enforcement agency or governing body,~~ shall send by ~~first class~~ first-class mail in an envelope which prominently displays the name and seal or logo of the governing body and addressed to the owner of the motor vehicle within 30 days after obtaining the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle from the Department of Revenue or other official state agency which registers motor vehicles for a motor vehicle registered in another state but no later than 60 days after the date of the alleged violation:

(A) A citation for the alleged violation, which shall include the date and time of the violation, the location of the infraction, the maximum speed at which such motor vehicle was traveling ~~in photographically~~ as evidenced by recorded images, the maximum speed applicable within such school zone, the civil warning or the amount

of the civil monetary penalty imposed, and the date by which a civil monetary penalty shall be paid;

(B) An image taken from the ~~photographically~~ recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the infraction;

(C) A website address where ~~photographically~~ recorded images showing the motor vehicle involved in the infraction and a duplicate of the information provided for in this paragraph may be viewed;

(D) A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of the school zone and stating that, based upon inspection of ~~photographically~~ recorded images, the owner's motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law;

(E) A statement of the inference provided by paragraph (4) of this subsection and of the means specified therein by which such inference may be rebutted;

(F) Information advising the owner of the motor vehicle of the manner in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested ~~through an administrative hearing~~ which shall include a statement which reads: 'YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO CONTEST LIABILITY IN COURT'; and

(G) A warning that failure to pay the civil monetary penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall waive any right to contest liability;

(3) Proof that a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit of the marked school zone ~~shall be~~ as evidenced by ~~photographically~~ recorded images~~. A~~ accompanied by a copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency ~~and~~ stating that, based upon inspection of ~~photographically~~ recorded images, a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained therein; and

(4) Liability under this Code section shall be determined based upon a preponderance of the evidence. Prima-facie evidence that the motor vehicle described in the citation issued pursuant to this Code section was operated in violation of the speed limit of the school zone, together with proof that the defendant was, at the time of such violation, the registered owner of the motor vehicle, shall permit the trier of fact in its discretion to infer that such owner of the motor vehicle was the ~~driver~~ operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Such an inference may be rebutted if the owner of the motor vehicle:

(A) Testifies under oath in open court or submits to the court a sworn notarized statement that he or she was not the operator of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; or

(B) Presents to the court a certified copy of a police report showing that the motor vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation.

(c) A violation for which a civil warning or a civil monetary penalty is imposed pursuant to this Code section shall not be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil warning or civil monetary penalty pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage. A civil monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this Code section shall not be taxed nor shall any additional penalty, fee, or surcharge to such penalty be assessed other than as authorized by this Code section.

(d) If a person issued and mailed a citation pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section fails to pay the civil monetary penalty for the violation or has not filed a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section in no less than 30 nor more than 60 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency, the agent or law enforcement agency shall send to such person by ~~first class~~ first-class mail a second notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. No late fee shall be imposed for any unpaid civil monetary penalty imposed under this Code section. The second notice shall include all information required in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and shall include a new date ~~of return~~ by which the civil monetary penalty shall be paid which shall be no less than 30 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency. If such person notified by second notice again fails to pay the civil monetary penalty or file a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section by the new date ~~of return~~ included in the notice, such person shall have waived the right to contest the violation and shall be liable for the civil monetary penalty provided for under this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed.

(e) Notices mailed by ~~first class~~ first-class mail pursuant to this Code section shall be adequate notification of the ~~fees and~~ penalties imposed by this Code section. No other notice shall be required for the purposes of this Code section.

(f) Any court having jurisdiction over violations of ~~subsection (a) of this Code section~~ traffic laws within a jurisdiction where recorded images were produced shall have jurisdiction over cases arising under this ~~subsection~~ Code section and shall be authorized to impose the civil monetary penalty provided by this ~~subsection~~ Code section. Except as otherwise provided in this ~~subsection~~ Code section, the provisions of law governing jurisdiction, procedure, defenses, adjudication, appeal, and payment and distribution of penalties otherwise applicable to violations of ~~subsection (a) of this Code section~~ traffic laws within a jurisdiction where recorded images were produced shall apply to

enforcement under this Code section ~~except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section~~; provided, however, that any appeal from superior or state court shall be by application in the same manner as that provided by Code Section 5-6-35.

(g) If a ~~violation~~ citation issued pursuant to this Code section has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, the agent or governing body shall send to the person who is the registered owner of the motor vehicle a final notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty authorized by this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The notice shall inform the registered owner that the agent or governing body shall send a referral to the Department of Revenue if the assessed penalty is not paid within 30 days after the final notice was mailed and of the consequences for failure to pay such penalty ~~and any late fee~~.

(h) The agent or governing body shall send ~~a~~ the referral authorized by subsection (g) of this Code section to the Department of Revenue not sooner than 30 days after the final notice required under such subsection ~~(g)~~ was mailed if a violation has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The referral to the Department of Revenue shall include the following:

(1) Any information known or available to the agent or governing body concerning the license plate number, year of registration, and the name of the owner of the motor vehicle;

(2) The date on which the violation occurred;

(3) The citation number issued for the violation; and

(4) The date when the notice required under this Code section was mailed.

(i) If the Department of Revenue receives a referral under subsection (h) of this Code section, such referral shall be entered into the motor vehicle ~~data base~~ database within five days of receipt and the Department of Revenue shall refuse to renew the registration of the motor vehicle unless and until the civil monetary penalty ~~plus any late fee~~ is paid to the agent or governing body.

(j) The Department of Revenue shall remove the penalty on a vehicle registration if any person presents the Department of Revenue with adequate proof from the agent or governing body that the penalty ~~and any late fee, if applicable,~~ has been paid.

(k) Recorded images made for purposes of this Code section shall not be a public record for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(l) A civil warning or civil monetary penalty under this Code section on the owner of a motor vehicle shall not be imposed if the operator of the motor vehicle was arrested or issued a citation and notice to appear by a certified peace officer for the same violation.

(m) The money collected and remitted to the governing body pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall only be used by such governing body to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives. This subsection shall not authorize the use of such funds for salaries of law enforcement officers or personnel and shall not

preclude the appropriation of a greater amount than collected and remitted under this subsection."

SECTION 7.

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in Code Section 15-9-155, relating to prosecuting attorney's duties and authority in probate courts in counties in which there are no state courts, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) In the prosecution of any violation of the laws or ordinances of such county which is within the jurisdiction of such probate court and punishable by confinement or a fine or both or by a civil penalty authorized by Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18;"

SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-6, relating to duties of district attorney, by revising paragraph (6) as follows:

"(6) To prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18 and to prosecute or defend any other civil action in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested, unless otherwise specially provided for;"

SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-66, relating to duties and authority of solicitors-general of state courts, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) To prosecute civil actions to enforce any civil penalty set forth in Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18 and when authorized by law to prosecute or defend any civil action in the state court in the prosecution or defense of which the state is interested, unless otherwise specially provided for;"

SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 15-18-96, relating to authority of prosecuting attorney of municipal courts, by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) In the prosecution of any violation of the laws or ordinances of such municipality which is within the jurisdiction of such municipal court and punishable by confinement or a fine or both or by a civil penalty authorized by Code Section 40-6-163 or 40-14-18; and"

SECTION 11.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Powell of the 33rd offers the following amendment:

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 651 (LC 39 4807S) as amended by AM 39 0478 by replacing lines 12 through 22 with the following:

appeal; to provide for time frames for issuing citations for the violation of speed limit by ten miles per hour or more in a school zone through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to revise application procedure for a permit to operate such devices; to prohibit the assessment of late fees, surcharges, and taxes relating to civil monetary penalties; to provide standards for notice sent for imposition of a civil monetary penalty and penalties for nonpayment; to provide for distribution of moneys collected; to provide a definition; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By replacing lines 37 through 40 with the following:

the speed limit for the school ~~speed~~ zone. Such signs shall include a sign or device which provides the operator of a motor vehicle approaching such sign with an accurate depiction of the speed of such motor vehicle and lights which flash yellow in accordance with any rule or regulation established by the Department of Transportation when the automated traffic enforcement safety device is authorized to issue citations pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that

By replacing lines 158 through 170 with the following:

(a)(1) The speed limit within any school zone ~~as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and~~ marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced as provided for in this Code section by using ~~photographically~~ recorded images for violations that are in excess of ten miles per hour over posted the speed limit and which occurred only on a school day ~~during the time~~ in which instructional classes are taking place ~~and one hour before such classes are scheduled to begin and for one hour after such classes have concluded when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit~~. For permits for the operation of an automated traffic enforcement safety device issued on or after July 1, 2025, the governing body of a county or municipality where such automated traffic enforcement safety device is located shall be authorized to enact an ordinance or resolution which provides for the time on school days when instructional classes are taking place that automated traffic enforcement safety devices shall be authorized to be operated pursuant to this article. When no such ordinance or resolution is enacted, automated traffic enforcement safety devices shall be authorized to be operated on school days when instructional classes are taking place one hour prior to and one hour after the school's official starting time and one hour prior to and one hour after the school's official dismissal time. Violations enforced pursuant to this paragraph shall be based upon the ten miles per over the reduced speed limit when a reduction for

the speed limit for a school zone is in effect and ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit for the school zone when no reduced speed limit is in effect.

By replacing line 178 with the following:

traffic enforcement safety device. Such permit shall be awarded based upon need; provided, however, that a permit issued for placement upon any highway with more than two lanes shall require a demonstration of prior history which justifies such need and no permit shall be issued for placement upon a highway within a school zone with four lanes that does not have a crosswalk across such lanes. The

By replacing lines 228 through 230 with the following:

(G) A warning that failure to pay the civil monetary penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall waive any right to contest liability and include a statement which reads: 'FAILURE TO PAY THIS FINE OR CONTEST LIABILITY IN COURT SHALL RESULT IN THE INABILITY TO RENEW YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR THIS VEHICLE';

By replacing lines 296 through 304 with the following:

(g) If a ~~violation~~ citation issued pursuant to this Code section has not been contested and the assessed penalty has not been paid, the agent or governing body shall send to the person who is the registered owner of the motor vehicle a final notice of any unpaid civil monetary penalty authorized by this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil monetary penalty shall be imposed. The notice shall ~~inform the registered owner that the agent or governing body shall send a referral to the Department of Revenue if the assessed penalty is not paid within 30 days after the final notice was mailed and of the consequences for failure to pay such penalty and any late fee~~ include a statement which reads: 'FAILURE TO PAY THIS FINE OR CONTEST LIABILITY IN COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS SHALL RESULT IN THE INABILITY TO RENEW YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR THIS VEHICLE'.

By replacing lines 331 through 336 with the following:

(m)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'school safety purposes' means activities incident to the establishment, procurement, or maintenance of safety measures within public or private elementary or secondary schools that enhance and ensure the protection of students, staff, and visitors to such a school, including, but not limited to, access control systems, communication systems, cybersecurity measures, perimeter security systems, surveillance systems, visitor management systems, employment of crossing guards, and safety protocol training. Such purposes may further include mental health support services in collaboration with law enforcement to address safety concerns proactively.

(2) The ~~money~~ moneys collected and remitted to the governing body pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall only be used by such governing body ~~to fund local law enforcement or public safety initiatives~~ for school safety purposes for schools within the jurisdiction of the governing body.

(3) This subsection shall not preclude the appropriation of a greater amount than collected and remitted under this subsection."

By inserting the following between lines 365 and 366:

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 12.

Pursuant to Rule 133, Representative Neal of the 79th was excused from voting on HB 651.

Representative Powell of the 33rd moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to HB 651.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	N Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	N Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	N Dickey	Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	N Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Y Stinson
N Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	N Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	N Jasperse	Y Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Y Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	N Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
Y Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A

N Carter	Y Greene	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 140, nays 29.

The motion prevailed.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitute as amended by the Senate to the following bill of the Senate:

SB 207. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 26, 31, 33, and 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, food, drugs, and cosmetics, health, insurance, and professions and businesses; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to firefighter standards and training; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Georgia Crime Information Center; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to first offenders; to amend Code Section 17-10-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacating of sentence for trafficking victim defendants; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the following bill of the House:

HB 491. By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Rhodes of the 124th, Howard of the 71st, Mathis of the 133rd, Ridley of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 and Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting and noncommercial fishing, respectively, so as to remove an exception for the use of air guns to hunt wildlife; to revise provisions concerning the taking

of catfish by bow and arrow; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 516. By Representatives New of the 40th, Hawkins of the 27th, Ballard of the 147th, Scoggins of the 14th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 443. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Rhodes of the 124th, DeLoach of the 167th, Stephens of the 164th, Franklin of the 160th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to provide for recreational and commercial fishing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House stood at ease until 9:50 o'clock, this evening.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 953. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the cultural architects and sound innovators of Bankhead; and for other purposes.

HR 954. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Algebra Blessett; and for other purposes.

HR 955. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring T.I. for his contributions to Bankhead, Atlanta, and global culture; and for other purposes.

HR 956. By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Bonner of the 73rd, Fleming of the 114th, Camp of the 135th, Schofield of the 63rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the longstanding partnership between the Province of Québec and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 957. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 5, 2025, as Run Atlanta 5K Day; and for other purposes.

HR 958. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Rich Kidz for their cultural contributions to Bankhead and 404 Day; and for other purposes.

HR 959. By Representatives Willis of the 55th and Dickey of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kendall Rae Johnson; and for other purposes.

HR 960. By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd and Bonner of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Nancy Nell Spires Tarlano; and for other purposes.

HR 961. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Bennett of the 94th, Hugley of the 141st, Willis of the 55th, Kendrick of the 95th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Sherilyn P. Bell; and for other purposes.

HR 962. By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Reese of the 140th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring King B of On Deck Records and The Shop Boyz in Recognition of 404 Day and the Cultural Legacy of Bankhead; and for other purposes.

HR 963. By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Willis of the 55th, Hugley of the 141st and Barnes of the 86th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Darlene Williams-Roberts; and for other purposes.

HR 964. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Toles, Temple & Wright, Inc., as the 2025 Heart of the Community Business Award recipient; and for other purposes.

HR 965. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Marquita Levette Wright-Davis; and for other purposes.

HR 966. By Representative Anderson of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Carl Stokes upon his retirement as Chairman of the Rabun County Republican Party; and for other purposes.

HR 967. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Board of Governors Award recipient, Wanda Whitten; and for other purposes.

HR 968. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Mimi Weed; and for other purposes.

HR 969. By Representatives New of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Gullett of the 19th, Smith of the 18th and Momtahan of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION commending Shayna Harris, South Paulding High School's 2025 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 970. By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Wilkerson of the 38th, McQueen of the 61st, Sanchez of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jerrica Richardson; and for other purposes.

HR 971. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Stephanie Ratliff, Chattooga County High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 972. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Stephanie Dean; and for other purposes.

HR 973. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jayla Rich, Chattooga County High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 974. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Laura Bryant, Trion High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 975. By Representative Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Jesse Blankenship, Trion High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 976. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Heart of the Community Young Heart Award recipient, Ciara McKnight; and for other purposes.

HR 977. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Lynn Green; and for other purposes.

HR 978. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Sara Grace Abernathy, Model High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 979. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Roy Mitchell, Coosa High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 980. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Virginia Barrow Harman; and for other purposes.

HR 981. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Victoria Payne, Coosa High School's 2025 STAR Student; and for other purposes.

HR 982. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Barton of the 5th and Dempsey of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Rachel Jones, Model High School's 2025 STAR Teacher; and for other purposes.

HR 983. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Carson of the 46th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Gullett of the 19th and Parsons of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of Judge Reuben Green; and for other purposes.

HR 984. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Roberts of the 52nd, Draper of the 90th, Kendrick of the 95th, Drenner of the 85th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Janel Jeras Green; and for other purposes.

HR 985. By Representatives Romman of the 97th, Holly of the 116th, Frye of the 122nd, Park of the 107th, Lim of the 98th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of the Very Reverend Father George Shukri Makhlouf; and for other purposes.

HR 986. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Newspaper Publishers Association; and for other purposes.

HR 987. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jackie Trim on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 988. By Representatives Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Savannah Tribune; and for other purposes.

HR 989. By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gloria Dubberly upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

HR 990. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Barton of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Dave Roberson; and for other purposes.

HR 991. By Representatives Powell of the 33rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Washburn of the 144th, Crowe of the 118th and Donatucci of the 105th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Craig Coffee; and for other purposes.

HR 992. By Representatives Holcomb of the 101st, Evans of the 57th, Buckner of the 137th, Kendrick of the 95th and Oliver of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life, leadership, and legacy of Gail Hirschorn Evans and recognizing her for her extraordinary contributions to journalism, civic life, and mentorship in Georgia; and for other purposes.

HR 993. By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bennett of the 94th, McQueen of the 61st and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kimberly Seals Allers and recognizing April 11, 2025, as Irth Day; and for other purposes.

HR 994. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Prince of the 132nd, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Dubnik of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dixon Frederick Parker; and for other purposes.

The following Bills of the House were taken up for the purpose of considering the Senate action thereon:

HB 399. By Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Olaleye of the 59th, Burnough of the 77th, Blackmon of the 146th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 74 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local enforcement boards created on or after January 1, 2003, so as to require that certain information regarding the property managers of certain properties is provided upon request of a code enforcement officer; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, so as to require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications related to such properties; to amend Chapter 40 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate brokers and salespersons, so as to revise provisions related to persons exempted from such chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 2 of Chapter 74 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local enforcement boards created on or after January 1, 2003, is amended in Code Section 36-74-30, relating to other enforcement methods and probable cause for investigation required, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) No local government is authorized to perform investigations or inspections of residential rental property unless there is probable cause to believe there is or has been a violation or violations of applicable codes, and in no event may a local government require the registration of residential rental property. Conditions which appear to be code violations which are in plain view may form the basis for probable cause. If there is probable cause to believe that there is or has been a violation or violations of applicable codes on such a property managed by a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 40 of Title 43, upon request of a code enforcement officer, the tenant of such property shall provide the name, license number, and contact information for the property manger."

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlords and tenants in general, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-7-25.

(a) Any landlord that is not a resident of this state that owns or operates single-family or duplex residential rental properties in this state shall employ a broker licensed pursuant to Chapter 40 of Title 43, that may or may not reside within this state. If the broker does not reside within this state, the broker shall employ at least one person, to be located within this state, who shall be responsible for receiving, coordinating, managing, and responding to communications from tenants of such landlord related to maintenance and other issues related to such properties.

(b) The exemptions set forth in paragraphs (7) and (8) of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-40-29 shall not apply to any landlord that is not a resident of this state that owns or operates single-family or duplex residential rental properties as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section."

SECTION 3.

Chapter 40 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate brokers and salespersons, is amended in Code Section 43-40-29, relating to exceptions to operation of chapter, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided, this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Any person who, as owner, as the spouse of an owner, as the family member of an owner, as that term is defined in rules promulgated by the Commission, as general partner of a limited partnership as an officer of a limited liability company, as lessor, or as prospective purchaser or their regular employees, performs any act with reference to property owned, leased, or to be acquired by such owner, limited partnership, lessor, or prospective purchaser where such acts are performed in the regular course of, or as incident to, the management of such property and the investment therein or any person who manages residential apartment complexes under a contract approved by any federal agency for an organization which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, provided that such person was engaged in managing such property under such type contract prior to January 1, 1989;

(2) An attorney in fact under a duly executed power of attorney to convey real estate from the owner or lessor;

(3) A licensed practicing attorney acting solely as an incident to the practice of law;

(4) Any person acting as receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, administrator, executor, or guardian or acting under a court order or under the authority of a will or of a trust instrument;

(5) Any officer or employee of a government agency in the conduct of official duties;

(6) Any person employed by a public or private utility who performs any act with reference to property owned, leased, or to be acquired by the utility employing that person, where such acts are performed in the regular course of, or as incident to, the management of such property and the investment therein;

(7) Any person who, as owner ~~or through another person engaged by such owner on a full-time basis or as owner of a management company whose principals hold a controlling ownership of such property~~, provides property management services or community association management services, buys, sells, leases, manages, auctions, or otherwise deals with property owned by such person;

(8) ~~Any person employed on a full-time basis by the owner of property for the purpose of providing property management services or community association management services, selling, buying, leasing, managing, auctioning, or otherwise dealing with such property;~~

~~(8.1)~~ Any person employed on a full-time basis by a community association for the purpose of providing community association management services;

(9) Any person acting as a referral agent who is not involved in the actual negotiations, execution of documents, collection of rent, management of property, or other related activity which involves more than the mere referral of one person to another and who:

(A) Does not receive a fee for such referral from the party being referred;

(B) Does not charge an advance fee; and

(C) Does not act as a referral agent in more than three transactions per year;

(10) Any individual employed by a broker to assist in property management services on property on which the broker has a written management agreement that the broker procured from and negotiated with the owner, provided that such individual's activities are explicitly authorized by the broker in a written agreement between the broker and the employee and provided that such activities are limited to one or more of the following:

(A) Delivering a lease application, a lease, or any amendment thereto to any person;

(B) Receiving a lease application, a lease, or any amendment thereto, a security deposit, rental payment, or any related payment for delivery to and made payable to the broker or the owner;

(C) Showing a rental unit to any person, provided that the employee is acting under the direct instructions of the broker, and executing leases or rental agreements;

(D) Providing information authorized by the broker about a rental unit, a lease application, or a lease;

(E) Providing information to a tenant about the status of such tenant's security deposit or rent payments or to an owner about the owner's financial accounts and payments from the owner's tenants; and

(F) Performing any ministerial acts that are explicitly authorized by the broker in a written agreement between the broker and the employee.

Any broker utilizing the services of such an employee shall be held responsible under this chapter for the activities of that individual;

(11) Any person who provides property management services on properties available for less than 90 days' occupancy by guests or occupants and meets all of the following conditions:

(A) The property manager enters into a written agreement with the owner specifying all terms and conditions under which the property is to be managed, the reporting of income and expenses, and the remitting of income to the owner;

(B) The management agreement between the property manager and the owner does not allow the property manager to rent or lease the property and any agreement between the property manager and the guest or occupant is not a lease or rental agreement;

(C) Any applicable zoning laws do not prohibit short-term occupancy uses of the property;

(D) The guest's or occupant's occupancy is for less than 90 days;

(E) No deposit exceeds the cost of the rental required for the minimum rental period;

(F) The guest or occupant pays any required state or local sales taxes or excise taxes on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations and the property manager has any required state or local business licenses or permits;

(G) The property manager has the authority to specify rooms or units that the guest or occupant will occupy;

(H) No extra charge is made for basic utilities;

(I) Notice is not required for a guest or occupant to terminate occupancy of the room or unit, except as provided under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 21 of this title; and

(J) The room or unit is not the permanent residence of the guest or occupant;

(12) Any person who is a member of a community association and who provides community association management services only to one community association of which such person is a member;

(13) Any person who performs only physical maintenance on a property; or

(14) A licensed certified public accountant acting solely as an incident to the practice of public accounting."

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Oliver of the 84th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 399.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	N Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	N Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	N Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 159, nays 5.

The motion prevailed.

HB 296. By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Blackmon of the 146th, Wiedower of the 121st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to issuance, expiration, and renewal of drivers' licenses, so as to provide that presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format satisfies the requirement to possess a driver's license while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the compelling of a licensee to produce a wireless telecommunications device to a law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend HB 296 (LC 39 4667S) by inserting after* "formats;" *on line 14 the following:*
to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, so as to provide for an alternative method for payment of title ad valorem tax for certain modified rental vehicles; to provide for definitions;

By inserting after line 111 the following:
Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, is amended in subsection (d) by repealing paragraph (7.1) and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(19)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'For-hire charter bus or motor coach' means a motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 15 passengers and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

(ii) 'Special modified rental vehicle' means a motor vehicle that has been significantly modified at a manufacturing facility in this state, provided that:

(I) Such manufacturing facility is operated by the owner of such motor vehicle;

(II) Such owner primarily uses such motor vehicle by renting or leasing it without a driver to businesses;

(III) Such rental or lease transactions are subject to Georgia state and local sales and use taxes; and

(IV) Such owner provides the department with an affidavit affirming that the vehicle has been significantly modified and that the other qualifications of this definition have been met for such vehicle.

(B) In the case of for-hire charter buses or motor coaches or special modified rental vehicles, the person applying for a certificate of title shall be required to pay title ad valorem tax fees in the amount of 50 percent of the amount which would otherwise be due and payable under this subsection at the time of filing the application for a certificate of title, and the remaining 50 percent shall be paid within 12 months following the filing of such application."

SECTION 6.

Representative Gaines of the 120th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to HB 296.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF

Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 3.

The motion prevailed.

HB 652. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Smith of the 138th, Holcomb of the 101st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor fuel tax, so as to provide for an exception for collection of motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), as amended, so as to extend the effective date of provisions relative to regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture and revenue and taxation; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for an exception for collection of sales and use taxes and motor fuel taxes relative to electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act relating to regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations, approved May 2, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 5-1 as follows:

"(b) Part II of this Act, which provides for the regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture, and Part III of this Act, relating to revenue and taxation, shall become effective on January 1, 2027."

SECTION 2.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (104), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (105) with "; or", and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(106) Sale or use of exempt special fuel as such term is defined in Code Section 48-9-2."

SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-8-3.1, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax for motor fuels, as follows:

"48-8-3.1.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, sales of motor fuels as defined in ~~paragraph (9) of~~ Code Section 48-9-2 shall be exempt from the state sales and use taxes levied or imposed by this article.

(b) Sales of motor fuel, other than gasoline and exempt special fuel as such term is defined in Code Section 48-9-2, purchased for purposes other than propelling motor vehicles on public highways as defined in Article 1 of Chapter 9 of this title shall be fully subject to the state sales and use taxes levied or imposed by this article unless otherwise specifically exempted by this article.

(c) It is specifically declared to be the intent of the General Assembly that taxation imposed on sales of motor fuel wholly or partially subject to taxation under this Code section shall not constitute motor fuel taxes for purposes of any provision of the Constitution providing for the automatic or mandatory appropriation of any amount of funds equal to funds derived from motor fuel taxes."

SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-9-2, relating to definitions relative to motor fuel tax, by revising subparagraph (G) of paragraph (5), by revising paragraph (5.3), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(G) Consumes, uses, or sells electricity as a motor fuel through an electric vehicle charging station for both highway and nonhighway use; provided, however, that such term shall not include the consumption, use, or sale of exempt special fuel;"

"(5.3) 'Exempt special fuel' means fuel dispensed from an electric vehicle charging station in operation as of January 1, 2025, that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that delivers electricity for no exchange of consideration or payment, and that is located upon a federal interstate right of way.

(5.4) 'Export and import' means:

(A) When motor fuels are sold for export and delivered across the boundaries of this state by or for the seller, such action is presumed to be an export from the place of origin and an import into the destination state or country by the seller; and

(B) When motor fuels are purchased for export and transported across the boundaries of this state by or for the purchaser, such action is presumed to be an export from the place of origin and an import into the destination state or country by the purchaser."

SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-9-3, relating to levy of excise tax, rate, taxation of motor fuels not commonly sold or measured by gallon, rate, prohibition of tax on motor fuel by political subdivisions, exception, and exempted sales, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(7)(B)(ii)(I) as follows:

"(2) In the event any motor fuels which are not commonly sold or measured by the gallon or which are not otherwise provided for by this Code section are used in any motor vehicles on the public highways of this state, the commissioner may assess, levy, and collect a tax upon such fuels, under such regulations as the commissioner may promulgate, in accordance with and measured by the nearest power potential equivalent to that of one gallon of regular grade gasoline; provided, however, that no tax shall be imposed upon exempt special fuel. Any determination by the commissioner of the power potential equivalent of such motor fuels shall be prima-facie correct. Upon each such quantity of such fuels used upon the public highways of this state, a tax at the same rate per gallon imposed on motor fuel under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be assessed and collected."

"(ii)(I) Any special fuel sold by a distributor to a purchaser who has a storage receptacle which has a connection to a withdrawal outlet that may be used for highway use, as defined in ~~paragraph (8) of~~ Code Section 48-9-2, and any special fuel delivered from an electric vehicle charging station, is not exempt from the motor fuel and road taxes imposed by this article unless: ~~(1) the~~

(a) The purchaser is at the time of sale a valid licensed distributor of that type of motor fuel;~~, or (2) an~~

(b) The fuel is an exempt special fuel; or

(c) An exemption certificate has been obtained on forms furnished by the Department of Revenue showing that there is no highway use of such fuels and the person obtaining such fuel is not a reseller of such fuels. Each exemption certificate shall be valid for a period of not more than three years and shall be kept by the distributor as one of the records specified in Code Section 48-9-8. It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to notify the distributor when the purchaser is no longer qualified for the nonhighway exemption. All applicable taxes ~~must~~ shall be charged the purchaser until the purchaser is granted a valid distributor's license for that type of motor fuel."

SECTION 6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

(b) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 7.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Jones of the 25th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 652.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	E Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 422. By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require the state employees' health insurance plan include high deductible health plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require that the state employees' health insurance plan include high deductible health plans; to provide for certain employees enrolled in such high deductible health plans to have the ability to make pretax contributions to health savings accounts through deductions from the salary, wages, or other compensation payable to such employees; to authorize deductions from the salary, wages, or other compensation of such employees for such accounts; to encourage other governmental entities that employ other employees enrolled in such high deductible health plans to provide such other employees the ability to make pretax contributions to health savings accounts through deductions from the salary, wages, or other compensation payable to such other employees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-3.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Covered employee' means an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (D) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 45-18-1.

(2) 'High deductible health plan' shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 223 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

(b) On or before January 1, 2028, the board shall ensure that at least two high deductible health plans are included in the health insurance plan or plans established under this part that are offered by different insurance providers that each have an affiliated custodian for health savings accounts authorized under Section 223 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, provided that any bid proposals accepted by the board for such high deductible health plans are cost neutral.

(c) On or before January 1, 2026, the board shall ensure that each covered employee who is enrolled in a high deductible health plan that is included in the health insurance plan or plans established under this part has the ability to make pretax contributions, through

deductions from the salary, wages, or other compensation payable to such covered employee, to a health savings account, as authorized under Section 223 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, that is maintained by a custodian affiliated with the health insurance provider that offers such high deductible health plan.

(d) The State Accounting Office or the head of any state governmental entity that employs a covered employee who is enrolled in a high deductible health plan included in the health insurance plan or plans established under this part shall be authorized to deduct or reduce from the salary, wages, or other compensation payable to such covered employee amounts voluntarily designated by such covered employee for the purpose of making contributions to a health savings account, as authorized under Section 223 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

(e) Any governmental entity that employs individuals who do not meet the definition of a covered employee as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section but who are included in the health insurance plan or plans established under this part, including, but not limited to, any local board of education, is encouraged to ensure that any such individuals who are enrolled in a high deductible health plan included in the health insurance plan or plans established under this part can make pretax contributions, through deductions from the salary, wages, or other compensation payable to such individuals, to a health savings account, as authorized under Section 223 of the United States Internal Revenue Code."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative McCollum of the 30th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 422.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
E Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Oliver	Y Tarvin

Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

HB 155. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Cannon of the 172nd, Thomas of the 21st, Cox of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to revise procedures for the selection and objection to arbitrators; to revise how arbitration panels report their findings and recommendations; to revise provisions relating to compensation of arbitrators; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate amendment was read:

The Senate moves to *amend the amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 155 (AM 47 0153) by replacing lines 1 through 18 with the following:*

Amend the Senate substitute to HB 155 (HB 155/SCSFA) by inserting after "arbitrators;" *on line 4 the following:*
to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to provide that county development authorities for certain counties shall not operate within certain municipalities; to provide for a definition;

By inserting after line 195 the following:

SECTION 1-3.

Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-62-4.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'massively municipalized county' means any county without a consolidated or unified government in which the corporate limits of two or more municipalities cover 95 percent or more of the land area of the county.

(b) No county development authority for a massively municipalized county shall purchase or accept title to any real or personal property in connection with a property tax incentive project within the parts of such county that are within the corporate limits of any municipality that is located north of the northernmost corporate limit of the municipality in which the county site of such county is located if the governing authority of the municipality in which such property is located has adopted a resolution to limit such development authority from operating within such municipality.

(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to any project approved by a development authority prior to January 1, 2026, nor shall any amendments, refinancing, renewals, or the transfer of any property related to such prior projects be affected by this Code section."

By replacing lines 424 through 437 with the following:

"(c) If, at the time annexation procedures are initiated, the entire area to be annexed is owned by the municipal governing authority to which the area is to be annexed and if the annexation of municipally owned property is approved by resolution of the governing authority of the county wherein the property is located, then the term 'contiguous area' shall mean any area which, at the time annexation procedures are initiated, abuts directly on the municipal boundary or which would directly abut on the municipal boundary if it were not otherwise separated from the municipal boundary by lands owned by the municipal corporation or some other political subdivision, by lands owned by this state, or by the definite width or by the length of:

(1) Any street or street right of way;

(2) Any creek or river; or

(3) Any right of way of a railroad or other public service corporation

which divides the municipal boundary and any area proposed to be annexed; provided, however, that an annexation by the length of paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection shall also be approved by a majority of the qualified voters of such county voting on a referendum to approve such annexation."

Representative Anderson of the 10th moved that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 155.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	N McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
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Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
Y Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	N Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 117, nays 49.

The motion prevailed.

HB 352. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Cooper of the 45th, Mathis of the 133rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Reese of the 140th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, so as to revise coverage criteria to include Medicaid recipients with gestational diabetes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, so as to revise coverage criteria to include Medicaid recipients with gestational diabetes; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 49-4-159.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for continuous glucose monitors, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) On and after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025, the department shall include coverage for continuous glucose monitors as a benefit under Medicaid via the most cost-effective benefit delivery channel. The criteria for such coverage shall be updated to align with current standards of care and shall include, but shall not be limited to, requirements that:

(1) The recipient has been diagnosed with diabetes mellitus by a treating practitioner;

(2) The recipient's treating practitioner has concluded that the recipient or the recipient's caregiver has had sufficient training in using a continuous glucose monitor as evidenced by the provision of a prescription therefor; and

(3) The recipient:

(A) Is treated with at least one daily administration of insulin; ~~or~~

(B) Has gestational diabetes; or

(C) Has a history of problematic hypoglycemia with documentation of at least one of the following:

(i) Recurrent level 2 hypoglycemic events (glucose less than 54 mg/dL (3.0 mmol/L)) that persist despite two or more attempts to adjust medication, modify the diabetes treatment plan, or both; or

(ii) A history of a level 3 hypoglycemic event (glucose less than 54 mg/dL (3.0 mmol/L)) characterized by altered mental or physical state requiring third-party assistance for treatment for hypoglycemia."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Seabaugh of the 34th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 352.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	Y Romman
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
Y Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	Y McClain	Y Sampson
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Herring	Y McCollum	Y Sanchez
Y Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	Y Santos
E Baker	Y Cummings	Y Hitchens	Y McQueen	Y Schofield
Y Ballard	Y Davis	Y Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	Y Dawson	Y Holland	Y Miller	Y Scott
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Holly	Y Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	Y Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	Y Moore	Y Silcox
Y Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	Y Myles	Y Smith, L
Y Beckles	Y Douglas	Y Howard, K	Y Neal	Y Smith, M
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
Y Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Y Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, D	Y Olaleye	Y Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, E	Y Oliver	Y Tarvin
Y Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	Y Panitch	Y Taylor, R
Y Burnough	Y Evans	Y Jenkins	Y Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	Y Jones, A	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	Y Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	N Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Kendrick	Y Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	Y Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Martin	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	Y Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 163, nays 2.

The motion prevailed.

HB 516. By Representatives New of the 40th, Hawkins of the 27th, Ballard of the 147th, Scoggins of the 14th, Persinger of the 119th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county and regional library

boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to designate the Attorney General as an applicable elected representative who may approve issuance of certain private activity bonds; to establish procedures for public notices and hearings relative to such bonds; to authorize county and regional library boards and community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-1-14.

The Attorney General is designated as an applicable elected representative, as provided for in 26 U.S.C. Section 147(f)(2)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code, who may approve the issuance of one or more private activity bonds to finance or refinance a state charter school facility after a public hearing following reasonable notice in accordance with 26 U.S.C. Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state and federal rules. Within 60 days of the Attorney General receiving a written request for a public hearing, he or she or his or her designee shall hold such hearing, as required by 26 U.S.C. Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code. Within 30 days of such hearing, the Attorney General shall approve the issuance of private activity bonds to finance or refinance a state charter school facility if the applicable charter school is authorized by Article 31A of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and is an organization described under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and such state charter school facility to be financed or refinanced by such private activity bonds will be owned or principally used by such state charter school."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, is amended by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h)(1) The following bodies and committees thereof shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference, provided that any such meeting shall be considered to be conducted in compliance with this chapter so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and, if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting:

(A) Development authorities created pursuant to or authorized by the provisions of Chapter 42 or Chapter 62 of Title 36, by or pursuant to Article IX, Section VI, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, or by or pursuant to any amendment to the Constitution continued pursuant to the authority of Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV of the Constitution;

(B) Community improvement districts created pursuant to the provisions of Article IX, Section VII of the Georgia Constitution;

(C) Hospital authorities created pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31; ~~and~~

(D) The board of trustees or other governing body of any large retirement system as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-84;

(E) The board of trustees of any county or regional public library created pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 20; provided, however, that such meetings:

(i) Shall be held at a physical location with at least 50 percent of the board members physically present; and

(ii) Shall provide one or more methods for public viewing of such meetings and providing commentary at such meetings without being physically present at such meetings; and

(F) Community service boards created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 37; provided, however, that such meetings:

(i) Shall be held at a physical location with at least 50 percent of the board members physically present; and

(ii) Shall provide one or more methods for public viewing of such meetings and providing commentary at such meetings without being physically present at such meetings.

(2) The participation by teleconference of members of such bodies or committees thereof means full participation in the same manner as if such members were physically present. In the event such teleconference meeting is a public hearing, and if fewer than a quorum of the members of a body or committee thereof are physically present, then members of the public shall be afforded the means to participate fully in the same manner as if such members of the public were physically present."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative New of the 40th moved that the House agree to the Senate substitute to HB 516.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Mathiak	N Romman
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Heffner	Y Mathis	Y Sainz
N Alexander	Y Cox	E Henderson	McClain	N Sampson
Y Anderson	N Crawford	N Herring	Y McCollum	N Sanchez
N Au	Y Crowe	Y Hilton	Y McDonald	N Santos
E Baker	N Cummings	Y Hitchens	N McQueen	N Schofield
Y Ballard	N Davis	N Holcomb	Y Meeks	Y Scoggins
Y Ballinger	N Dawson	N Holland	N Miller	N Scott
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	N Holly	N Mitchell	Y Seabaugh
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Hong	Y Momtahan	N Sharper
Y Barton	Y Dickey	E Horner	N Moore	Y Silcox
N Bazemore	Y Donatucci	Y Howard, J	N Myles	Y Smith, L
N Beckles	N Douglas	N Howard, K	N Neal	N Smith, M
N Bell	N Draper	Y Huddleston	Y New	Y Smith, TP
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hugley	Y Newton	Y Smith, V
N Berry	Y Dubnik	E Hutchinson	N Okoye	Y Stephens
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, D	N Olaleye	Stinson
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, E	N Oliver	Y Tarvin
N Buckner	Y Ehrhart	E Jackson, M	Y O'Steen	Y Taylor, D
Y Burchett	Y Erwin	Y Jasperse	N Panitch	N Taylor, R
N Burnough	N Evans	Y Jenkins	N Paris	Y Thomas
N Byrd	Y Fleming	N Jones, A	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Cameron	N Flournoy	Y Jones, J	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Camp	Y Ford	E Jones, S	Y Parsons	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Franklin	Y Jones, T	Y Persinger	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Kahaian	Y Petrea	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y Kelley	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	N Kendrick	N Prince	E Wiedower
E Carpenter	E Gilliard	Y LaHood	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Glaize	Y Leverett	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
N Carter	Y Greene	E Lewis-Ward	Y Rhodes	N Williams, MF
Y Chastain	Y Griffin	N Lim	Y Rice	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lumsden	Y Richardson	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	N Lupton	E Ridley, Jas	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Martin	N Ridley, Jor	Y Yearta
Y Clifton	Y Hatchett	Y Martinez	N Roberts	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 94, nays 71.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Tripp, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following bills of the Senate:

SB 5. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 12. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; to revise definitions; to revise provisions related to judicial enforcement of inspection requests; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 20. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Summers of the 13th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 24th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to provide for student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine and veterinarians who practice in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; to create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements for participation in the loan repayment program; to provide for maximum total and annual repayment amounts; to provide for terms for repayment agreements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 63. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to provide for notice

requirements; to prohibit additional qualifications; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 82. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions; to require the Office of Charter School Compliance to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions; to revise reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 85. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 99. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-1-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for a definition of law enforcement officer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 101. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Williams of the 25th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to require testing for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in the newborn screening system; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 105. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; to authorize licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teletriage under certain circumstances; to authorize licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine under certain circumstances; to provide for the regulation of the practice of veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 125. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Setzler of the 37th, Kennedy of the 18th, Strickland of the 42nd, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 132. By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 41st and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insanity and mental incapacity, so as to require a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial; to provide for the release of reports of such evaluations; to establish different procedures in cases where the subject has been accused only of one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, including automatic dismissal in some cases, subject to exceptions; to provide for such different procedures and such exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 193. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hatchett of the 50th, Harbison of the 15th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to authorize the State Board of the Technical College System

of Georgia to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 201. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, so as to provide increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; to provide for certain contractual requirements; to provide for notice language; to amend Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, so as to prohibit the assignment of benefits in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 244. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, Robertson of the 29th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the assessment and payment of costs of criminal proceedings, so as to provide for the award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon such defendant making a successful motion to disqualify the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case; to provide for procedures for assessing and paying such fees and costs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 255. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to codify a process for the authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; to provide for oaths and subpoena powers related to such investigatory powers; to provide for confidentiality of certain materials; to explicitly preserve any authority,

immunity, privilege, or power granted to or possessed by the General Assembly or its members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 291. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting or supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations and qualified motor vehicles or drivers with proceeds deposited into the general fund, so as to establish an "America First" specialty license plate; to provide for conditions for the production of such license plates; to provide for discontinuing the manufacture of such license plates in certain instances; to provide for the disposition of funds to the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 298. By Senator Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 331. By Senators Dixon of the 45th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating and establishing a joint airport authority for the City of Winder and the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3087), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5518) and an Act approved March 16, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3764); to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has agreed to the House substitutes to the following resolutions of the Senate:

SR 8. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Brandon Cunningham and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

SR 231. By Senators Albers of the 56th, McLaurin of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Jeremy Labonte and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, all Bills and Resolutions on the General Calendar were recommitted to the Committee from whence they came.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn sine die, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to SR 6, adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned sine die.

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Health; medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; expand .... SB 130

Health; prohibit certain health care providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to their vaccine status....HB 522
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Health; right to contraception for individuals; provide....HB 872
Health; rural assistance; expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program to include optometrists....HB 659
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House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; create....HR 948
House Study Committee on Risks Associated with Hair Straightening Products; create....HR 952
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Insurance; certain consumer protections contingent upon repeal of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; provide....HB 658
Insurance; coverage for comprehensive maternal mental health screening and care; provide....HB 649
Insurance; mammogram coverage criteria for females at risk for breast cancer; include certain relatives....HB 927
Insurance; medically necessary expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause an impairment of fertility; require coverage....HB 94
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Official Code of Georgia Annotated; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code.....SB 153
Persons and their rights; life from the moment of conception is accorded same rights and protections guaranteed to all persons; provide.....HB 122
Pregnancy Center Fraud Prevention Act; enact.....HB 488
Professions and Businesses; a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; create.....SB 207
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Public Health, Department of; continue operation of Georgia Tobacco Quit Line, subject to appropriations of funds; require.....HB 605
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State employees; annual public report on the amount of prescription drug rebates and other price concessions applied to premium reductions; provide ..... HB 101
State government; designate Attorney General as a representative who approves issuance of certain private activity bonds; authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference ..... HB 516
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Pharmacy benefits managers; duty of care to insureds, health plans, and providers; provide ..... HB 690
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Biomedical Research Day; every third Thursday in April; recognize ..... HR 69
Community Activist Day; April 8, 2025; recognize ..... HR 13
Community Activist Month; April; designate ..... HR 12
Holidays; April of each year as Georgia Native Plant Month; designate ..... HB 444

Holidays; first day of the legislative session each year as Civility Day; designate ..... HB 881
Holidays; October 9 of each year as PANDAS Day; designate ..... HB 878
Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; month of May; designate ..... HR 395
State holidays; Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day; designate ..... HB 620
State holidays; fourth Friday in November as National Sugarcane Syrup Day; designate ..... HB 166
State holidays; Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day; designate April 29 of each year ..... HB 366
State holidays; month of April as Black Women's History Month; designate ..... HB 146
State holidays; second Monday of each August as Local Elected Officials Day in Georgia; designate ..... HB 259
Women's Golf Week; first week of April each year; provide ..... HB 718

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Georgia Licensed Midwife Act; enact ..... HB 520
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Health; licensed general hospitals and birthing centers make available a water safety education video to parents or guardians of newborn infants; require ..... HB 471
Health; lower the age from 50 to 18 years old at which hospitals shall offer inpatient vaccinations for the influenza virus prior to discharge ..... HB 218
Health; medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; expand ..... SB 130
Health; require COVID-19 testing and authorize influenza vaccinations; repeal certain provisions ..... HB 645
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Courts; require person qualifying as a candidate for sheriff to be a peace officer; require notice by prosecuting attorneys that intend to question credibility of peace officer and place name on a Giglio list; provisions..... HB 288

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Crimes and offenses; uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers; provide ..... HB 384
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